

The Fingerprint Inquiry | Scotland

Oral hearings

Dates: **Chairman opens hearings:** Tuesday 2 June 2009 at 10.30am
Main business 2/3 June - Inquiry Counsel's Opening Statement
Oral evidence hearings: begin 9 June 2009 at 10.15am

Venue: Maryhill Community Central Hall, 304 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 7YE

Chairman: Sir Anthony Campbell

Media attendance

The Inquiry anticipates that all the hearings will be in public. Representatives of the media are invited to attend.

Media representatives should register at the Inquiry office, 308 Maryhill Road from 9am daily. The office is accessed from the street, immediately to the left of the main door to the Community Central Hall.

An area of the public seating in the hearing room has been reserved for media representatives.

Mobile phones must not be used in the hearing room.

A room has been allocated for media use at the rear of the Community Central Hall building. Directions will be given on registration. The proceedings in the hearing room can be viewed in the media room.

The building remains open to the public for other purposes than the Inquiry.

Private rooms within the building have been set aside for use by the Inquiry team, core participants and their representatives and witnesses.

Doors will normally open at 9am.

The normal hearing hours will be set out on the Inquiry website. The Inquiry will not normally sit on Mondays.

There is a café in the building which is open from 9am until 3pm.

Chairman's introduction and Inquiry Counsel's Opening Statement – Tuesday 2 June 2009 – Wednesday 3 June 2009

The hearing on Tuesday 2 June will commence at 10.30am and is likely to last until around 4pm.

Sir Anthony will make a short introduction. This will be followed by an opening statement by Senior Counsel to the Inquiry which will include a public presentation of the material collected by the Inquiry. Inquiry Counsel's statement is expected to continue into Wednesday.

Other business on Wednesday 3 June/Thursday 4 June

After Inquiry Counsel's opening statement, on Wednesday 3 June and/or Thursday 4 June there may be opening statements by core participants' representatives followed by any submissions from them.

Broadcasting

By law, (the Inquiries Act 2005), it is a matter for the Chairman to decide whether or not proceedings at an Inquiry may be recorded or broadcast. Sir Anthony has agreed to permit broadcasting of his introductory remarks at 10:30am on Tuesday 2 June. There will then be a short interval for broadcasters to remove their equipment before Inquiry Counsel begins the opening statement.

Security

Except with the Chairman's express permission, no cameras or recording devices are permitted within the building. The use of mobile phones for taking photographs in the building is not permitted.

Oral evidence hearings – Tuesday 9 June 2009

Oral evidence hearings will commence on Tuesday 9 June at 10.15 am.

Sir Anthony will give more information about the likely hearing timetable in his introduction on Tuesday 2 June, and updates will be announced on the Inquiry website (www.thefingerprintinginquiryscotland.org.uk) in due course.

Witness statements

Statements provided by witnesses to the Inquiry will be uploaded on the Inquiry website as the Inquiry proceeds.

Transcripts

Transcripts of hearings will be uploaded on the Inquiry website at the end of each day's proceedings. (www.thefingerprintinginquiryscotland.org.uk)

Other documents

In addition to witness statements and transcripts of proceedings at the hearings, other relevant documents, statements and information will be posted on the Inquiry website when the Inquiry Chairman considers it appropriate to do so.

The Inquiry is using a number of electronic systems and aims to minimise the use of paper. It does not have the resources to provide hard copies of documents to representatives of the media or others on demand.

Media wishing to attend the hearings should note their interest by contacting:

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