

UNDER

THE INQUIRIES ACT 2013

IN THE MATTER OF

A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO  
OPERATION BURNHAM AND  
RELATED MATTERS

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MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR THE CROWN

28 March 2019

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**MAY IT PLEASE THE INQUIRY:**

1. In Minute number 8, the Inquiry directed the Crown agencies to provide two background papers for the purpose of the public hearing on module 1, to be held on 4 April 2019. These papers are as follows:
  - 1.1 A paper from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade providing a brief overview of the recent history of Afghanistan and New Zealand's relationship with Afghanistan.
  - 1.2 A paper from the New Zealand Defence Force, with input from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, outlining Cabinet decisions concerning the deployment of New Zealand forces to Afghanistan after 9/11, and an overview of the involvement of New Zealand forces with Afghanistan since 2001.
2. These papers are enclosed with this memorandum.

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