

UNDER

THE INQUIRIES ACT 2013

IN THE MATTER

A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO OPERATION BURNHAM  
AND RELATED MATTERS

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MP  


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Ronald  
Statutory Declaration of Kevin ~~Roland~~ Short, Air Marshal and Chief of Defence Force,  
concerning production of material to the Inquiry

28 March 2019

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Mr  
RJ


Ronald

1. I, Kevin ~~Roland~~ Short, of Wellington, Air Marshal, Chief of the Defence Force, solemnly and sincerely declare:
2. That I was appointed the Chief of Defence Force on 1 July 2018 by warrant of appointment from the Governor-General bearing the same date.
3. That during the period from 5 December 2009 to 6 June 2011, I held the appointment of Assistant Chief Strategic Commitments and Intelligence, and from 7 June 2011 to 24 February 2013, I was the Deputy Chief of Air Force.
4. That my duties in both positions did not involve responsibilities for operational matters in Afghanistan. As a consequence, I have limited direct knowledge of the military operations that are the subject of this Inquiry.
5. That I therefore arranged for actions to be undertaken within the NZDF regarding the examination and production of all material related to matters within the Inquiry's Terms of Relevance. Based on these actions, I understand that the NZDF has now produced to the Inquiry all material it has located of potential relevance to the Terms of Reference, excluding those items for which the consent of foreign partners is still required. This process has balanced a robust search and identification process with the need to meet the Inquiry's timelines.
6. That I believe to the best of my knowledge that the information provided to the Inquiry represents all relevant material to date held by the NZDF on matters within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, pursuant to the Inquiry's Order in Minute No 6.

Mr  
RJ

7. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Declared at Wellington, New Zealand, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

  
Ronald  
Kevin ~~Ronald~~ Short

Before me:



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