

**Government Inquiry into Operation Burnham
Public Hearing Module 4
Monday 16 September – Friday 20 September 2019**

Outline of proceedings

Venue: The Thorndon Hotel, 24 Hawkestone Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Public Hearing Module 4 will examine the public statements made by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and the advice it provided ministers in relation to the issue of civilian casualties resulting from Operation Burnham. This is outlined in [Minute No 19](#).

The Inquiry will hear from 12 witnesses who are current and former NZDF personnel.

Witnesses will be cross-examined on behalf of the Inquiry by Counsel Assisting, Kristy McDonald QC and Andru Isac QC. One counsel, Davey Salmon, will have up to 30 minutes to conduct supplementary cross examination of each witness for non-Crown core participants following Counsel Assisting. Counsel for NZDF may also re-examine each witness.

Witnesses (in appearance order)

Witness	NZDF position held by witness in relation to the events their evidence is being given on
Lieutenant General (Retired) Sir Jeremiah Mateparae	Chief of Defence Force
Commodore (Retired) Ross Smith	Chief of Staff
Colonel Rian McKinstry	Senior National Officer
Brigadier Christopher Parsons	Senior National Officer
Major General (Retired) Peter Kelly	Director of Special Operations
Colonel Karl Cummins	Deputy Director of Special Operations
Rear Admiral (Retired) Jack Steer	Vice Chief of Defence Force
Colonel (Retired) Michael Thompson	Deputy Chief of Staff
Captain (Retired) Christopher Hoey*	Director of Coordination
Lieutenant General (Retired) Rhys Jones	Chief of Defence Force
Lieutenant General (Retired) Timothy Keating	Chief of Defence Force
Air Marshal Kevin Short	Vice Chief of Defence Force

*may provide evidence by way of affidavit only

Timings:

- Proceedings will begin daily at 9.30am and conclude at 5.00pm.
- Lunch will generally be 1.00pm-2.00pm with up to 15 minute adjournments for morning and afternoon tea at 11.30am and 3.30pm respectively.