



Inquiry into Operation Burnham – Public Hearing Module 4 (resumed) 15, 16, 18 October 2019 Outline of proceedings

Venue: Royal Society of New Zealand, 11 Turnbull St, Thorndon, Wellington

The Inquiry into Operation Burnham will resume proceedings of [Public Hearing Module 4](#) on Tuesday 15 October 2019. The hearing, which was adjourned on Thursday 19 September 2019, examines 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.

The Inquiry will take evidence from a number of current and former NZDF personnel as detailed in [Minute No 20](#) and be heard over three days – 15,16 and 18 October 2019.

Witnesses (in appearance order)

Witness	Position held by witness in relation to the events their evidence is being given on
Colonel (Retired) Jim Blackwell	Director of Special Operations
Captain (Retired) Christopher Hoey	Director of Coordination
Colonel (Retired) Michael Thompson	Deputy Chief of Staff
Commodore (Retired) Ross Smith	Chief of Staff
Lieutenant General (Retired) Rhys Jones	Chief of Defence Force
Air Marshal Kevin Short	Vice Chief of Defence Force
Hon Dr Wayne Mapp	Minister of Defence

Jim Blackwell and Air Marshal Kevin Short will be cross-examined on behalf of the Inquiry by one of the Counsel Assisting - Kristy McDonald QC and Andru Isac QC. One counsel, Davey Salmon, will have up to 30 minutes to conduct supplementary cross examination for non-Crown core participants following Counsel Assisting. Counsel for NZDF, Paul Radich QC, may also re-examine these witnesses. The same procedure will also apply to Christopher Hoey who has already filed an affidavit which was read into the record at the hearing.

The re-called witnesses – Ross Smith, Michael Thompson and Rhys Jones – will be cross-examined by Counsel Assisting and then questioned by the Inquirers.

The Inquiry has agreed that Dr Wayne Mapp will appear to respond to evidence to be presented by NZDF. He will be cross-examined by Counsel Assisting. Counsel for NZDF and Mr Salmon will be able to conduct supplementary cross-examination for up to 30 minutes each.

Timings:

- Proceedings will begin daily at 9.30am.

- 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.

Note: An order remains in place excluding witnesses from the hearing until after they have given evidence. As further evidence will be given by witnesses at the resumed hearing, no transcript of the proceedings will be publicly available until after the hearing is completed.