



**RESTRICTION ORDER
FOR OPEN RMP HEARINGS
HEARD IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2026**

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(1) and (2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

Any breach of this Order, failure to comply with it or threat to do so, can be certified to the High Court or Court of Session under section 36 of the Act, and the Court will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

PENAL NOTICE

The High Court and the Court of Session have the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order is made on 9 October 2026 and will remain in force indefinitely unless varied or revoked.
2. The Chair may vary or revoke this Order by making a further Order at any point.
3. Any breach of this Order, failure to comply or threat to do so, by any means whatsoever, shall be notified in writing to the Solicitor to the Inquiry (“STI”) immediately upon identification of the breach or other issue.

4. In accordance with the [general Restriction Order for Inquiry hearings](#) dated 23 October 2023, which remains in force, no person may make an audio or video recording of Inquiry proceedings or take a photograph in any room in which Inquiry proceedings are taking place and at a time the Inquiry is sitting, without the express permission of the Chair. This extends to any media annex.
5. In accordance with the [general Restriction Order for Inquiry hearings](#) dated 23 October 2023, no person may disclose, publish or broadcast, in any form or by any means, anything that is said or done in the Inquiry hearing room until ten minutes after it takes place.
6. In respect of each of the witnesses' evidence, a redacted witness statement and bundle of documents has been provided to Core Participants subject to confidentiality undertakings pending the publication of that material by the Inquiry.
7. This Order prohibits by restriction publication or dissemination of all material that has been redacted from the redacted hearing bundle and the publication or dissemination (other than via the delayed recorded stream of evidence) of *any* evidence within the hearing bundle until such time as it is published by the Inquiry. For the avoidance of doubt, where a document published by the Inquiry (or shown on the screen during an OPEN hearing) has been redacted and a gist or a cipher has been placed over the redacted material, the Inquiry is restricting from publication or dissemination the underlying information.
8. In particular, under the Chair's open Ruling on the approach to RMP witness hearings dated 8 October 2026:
 - (i) Where a witness is required to give evidence which falls within the [RMP Restriction Order](#) dated 21 August 2023 made following the Chair's [Ruling on Restriction Orders and Special Advocates dated 21 August 2023](#), the Chair may receive that evidence in CLOSED session, in accordance with the terms of the RMP Restriction Order. Paragraphs 191-213 of that Ruling detail the three broad categories that would require a CLOSED session.
 - (ii) Where a witness is required to give evidence which falls within the categories of sensitive evidence described within the Chair's [Ruling on](#)

[Restriction Orders and Special Advocates dated 21 August 2023](#), the Chair may receive that evidence in CLOSED session, in accordance with the terms of that Ruling. Paragraphs 77-78 and 151-166 of the August 2023 Ruling detail the national security damage categories that would require a CLOSED session.

- (iii) The witness known as cipher N73 will give their evidence with special measures in place for the reasons set out in the Chair's OPEN Ruling on the approach to RMP restriction hearings dated 8 October 2026. This Order prohibits the publication or dissemination of any evidence which discloses, directly or indirectly, the identity of N73, or seeks directly or indirectly to undermine the special measures in place.
- (iv) The witness Mark Dempster will give his evidence with special measures in place for the reasons set out in the Chair's OPEN Ruling on the approach to RMP restriction hearings dated 8 October 2026. This Order prohibits the publication or dissemination of any evidence which discloses, directly or indirectly, the identity of Mark Dempster, or seeks directly or indirectly to undermine the special measures in place.

9. Counsel to the Inquiry (or the Solicitor to the Inquiry) must be informed of any request to make an application for a Restriction Order in relation to any restricted information that has been spoken of or referred to in the Inquiry hearing room in the preceding ten minutes. Once such an application has been made, anything that was said or done during that period will then be subject to a Restriction Order prohibiting its disclosure, repetition or duplication until the Chair has finally determined the application.
10. Where such a request is made, the court room may be cleared for the Chair to consider whether there has been a breach of any Restriction Order and both the live video link to the annex and the live stream YouTube recording will be temporarily stopped.
11. Once the Chair has determined the matter in CLOSED, the live video link to the annex room and to YouTube will be recommenced. The Chair will confirm if a Restriction Order is to be made and what steps, if any, are to be taken to ensure compliance.

**The Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Haddon-Cave
Chair**

Dated 9 October 2026