



The Rt Hon. Dr Andrew Murrison MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence People,
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Ministry of Defence
Main Building

Sent *via* Stephen Brown of GLD

23rd October 2023

Dear Dr. Murrison,

Thank you for ensuring that the necessary formalities for the Inquiry are completed, namely the provision of the formal written instrument confirming my appointment pursuant to s.4(1) of the Inquiries Act 2005 and specifying the formal setting-up date pursuant to s.5(1) of the Act.

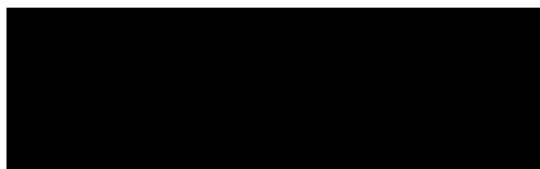
As you know, the Inquiry commences its formal evidential hearings on Monday 23rd October 2023, when the first witness will be the Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Sir Antony Radakin KCB ADC.

The Terms of Reference require me to take all necessary steps to protect sensitive material and the security of witnesses. Having further considered the materials that have been placed before me, I confirm all the Restriction Orders which have been published on the Inquiry's website.

I am pleased that the work that has been done by the Inquiry team, and the co-operation of the legal teams of the Core Participants, has enabled the Inquiry to make an early start to evidential hearings.

I am grateful for your continuing expressions of support and those of the past and current Secretary of State, the Senior Military and Senior Officials.

Yours sincerely,



The Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Haddon-Cave
Chair of the Independent Inquiry