



Clarke Inquiry into the case of Dr Mohamed Haneef

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On 30 April 2008 in a Preliminary Hearing I set out the manner in which I intended to conduct this Inquiry. Since that time the business of the Inquiry has proceeded along the lines I indicated. Each of those departments and agencies heard at the Preliminary Hearing has provided the Inquiry with documents and submissions. I have also received a submission on behalf of Dr Haneef. The Inquiry has been fully engaged on the examination and analysis of documents in preparation for interviews and consideration of my Terms of Reference. In the course of this analysis several other departments and agencies have been requested to produce documents and each has complied with that request. Overall a very large volume of documents has been produced. The sensitivity of most of these documents has complicated and delayed their timely and convenient production to the Inquiry. Consequently the organization and analysis of documents has been long and continues to be a complex and time consuming task.

In response to a general invitation issued on 19 April 2008 in press notices and via this website to make submissions to the Inquiry on matters relevant to the Terms of Reference, I have received a some twenty submissions which have provided considerable assistance to the Inquiry. A number of these submissions will be published to the website.

I have today authorised the publication of a number of submissions provided to this Inquiry. They are in number fewer than I have received. Publication of some submissions has been withheld at this stage because, of necessity, they contain material which either has a bearing on national security matters or may be prejudicial to pending trials. Consistent with my undertakings in this regard those submissions will not be released. I have however requested each department or agency thus affected to produce a further submission in a form which can be released to the public as a matter of priority.

Practice Note No. 2 which I have issued today sets out the procedures to be followed in the conduct of interviews before the Inquiry. It reinforces the position indicated in my Opening Statement of 30 April. At this stage interviews are scheduled to commence in the week beginning 21 July 2008.

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