

THE CONCLUSION OF PHASE ONE ORAL EVIDENCE

The purpose of this note is to outline the processes and deadlines by which the final oral evidence and presentations in Phase One will be taken by the Inquiry.

1. Phase One hearings will conclude on Thursday 16th December.
2. Thereafter, and in accordance with the Chairman's Opening Statement, those witnesses who choose to do so, by themselves or through their legal representatives, may make a short final presentation in writing or, at the discretion of the Chairman, orally.
3. Any witness who has given oral evidence to the Inquiry in Phase One may put in a short final presentation. These presentations must be received by Friday 21st January 2000.
4. Any witness who submits such a presentation and who wishes, additionally, to make an oral presentation to the Inquiry should inform the Solicitor to the Inquiry in writing at the time of submitting the written presentation.
5. Such requests will be put before the Chairman for consideration. Those from whom the Chairman considers it would assist the Inquiry to hear orally will be informed by Friday 28th January and invited to make their oral presentation on 9th or 10th February.
6. The Inquiry Panel will reconvene in Bristol for the final oral presentations of Phase One on 9th and 10th February 2000.
7. All written presentations, whether or not oral presentation has been invited, will be made public prior to 9th February.
8. The length of the oral presentations will be time limited by the Chairman.