



DIRECTIONS

Upon His Majesty's Government (HMG) and Op Verbasco confirming that they will be in a position to comply with my direction dated 3 April 2023 that by 19 April 2024 they provide to ILT redacted documents for onward disclosure to Core Participants (CPs),

and

Following the OPEN preliminary hearing on 2 February 2024, it is DIRECTED that:

1. The supplementary ruling on redaction of HMG names dated 9 January 2024 is confirmed, no application having been made to the contrary.
2. Within 7 days of this order HMG and Op Verbasco are to provide further and better particulars of the remaining material over which restriction order applications will be made to meet the 19 April 2024 deadline; such particulars to include the best indication that can be provided of:
 - a. the date(s) on which further applications will be delivered to ILT;
 - b. the approximate number of documents to be included in each application.
3. Broadcast / Live link:
 - a. The Inquiry's OPEN substantive hearing will be broadcast subject to a delay, the length of which to be determined;
 - b. A live-link of the OPEN hearings without delay will made available to CPs;
 - c. This is subject to any application that these measures should not be employed for any particular witness.
4. By no later than 31 May 2024, ILT is to convene meetings with any CPs who wish it to discuss planning for the substantive OPEN hearing.

5. A further OPEN preliminary hearing is fixed for 21 June 2024 to consider the following matters:
- a. Applications for special measures;
 - b. Applications for witness anonymity;
 - c. Any remaining issues re the timetabling of evidence for the OPEN hearings;
 - d. The length of the time-delay for the broadcast of the substantive hearings.

5 February 2024

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD HUGHES OF OMBERSLEY

