

INQUIRY INTO THE RETIREMENT OF THE FORMER COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

THIRD PRELIMINARY HEARING - NOTE on behalf of Paul Richardson

1. I am very sorry that events beyond my control have conspired to prevent me from attending the Preliminary Hearing tomorrow and hearing the Commissioner's update on the data breach and explanation for his change of solicitor.

2. I would be grateful if the Commissioner would accept in advance Mr Richardson's short responses to CTI's Submissions dated 6th February:
 - a) Provided that RGP can arrange for Mr Richardson within seven days to inspect and copy as necessary the relevant contemporaneous records, we expect to be able to comply with – and therefore we endorse for the reasons given – CTI's revised timetable, including the longstop date for statements [33b]. It is not clear to Mr Richardson why this inspection and copying has not yet been possible.

 - b) The date of the 25/26th July for a further hearing is convenient. If other dates were to be considered, may we ask that remote attendance be allowed if physical attendance were impossible [33c].

 - c) Mr Richardson is anxious to know as soon as he may to what extent he could be affected by the data breach – what personal data of his may have been compromised and to what risk he may be exposed [13b]. In the meantime, the Commissioner may expect the RGP to provide regular updates to him and to the GRA on their progress [11b].

 - d) Mr Richardson will be happy to confirm by affidavit whether he has come into possession of any documents via the leak [16].

 - e) Mr Richardson and his representatives are not in a position to contribute to any discussion of the composition of the Inquiry legal team [31].