

***INQUIRY INTO THE RETIREMENT OF THE
FORMER COMMISSIONER OF POLICE***

7th PRESS NOTICE

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY UPDATE: FOURTH PRELIMINARY HEARING

The Inquiry is aware of this morning's arrest and investigation.

The Fourth Preliminary Hearing was listed for the primary purpose of updating the Core Participants on and discussing the data breach. Given this extremely serious development and the live criminal investigation, it would not be possible or advisable for the Fourth Preliminary Hearing to take place in less than three weeks' time on 12 April 2023, and the Commissioner has therefore made the decision to postpone the Fourth Preliminary Hearing. Core Participants were advised of this decision earlier today.

In the meantime, the Inquiry will continue its essential work, including providing disclosure to core participants and reviewing more recently received witness statements and documents.

The Inquiry is not yet in a position to comment further on the impact of the arrest. However, the Inquiry remains committed and determined to fulfil its obligations, and will not permit these developments to put it off course.

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