



*Commission of Inquiry Act 1951 (Ch 31)*

**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOLLOWED  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN OBTAINING THE OFF-SHORE LOAN  
FROM THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

*No 9*

The Chairman of the CoI today announced the deferral of its cases fixed for hearing between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. Those cases are now deferred to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 9:30am. All previous fixtures for this period - for return of witnesses summonses, witness requests to attend, directions, and fixtures for evidentiary hearings - are extended to **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 9:30am**. The Commission advises those witnesses and persons who wish to comply with previous directions returnable in this period by electronic means may contact the Commission's Secretary Mr Mathew Yuangu. The Commission is taking this step in response to the Government's request issued to heads of Departments *"to embrace safe work place practice... (and) to stay at home in the next 14 days"* in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.



**Sir Salamo Injia Kt GCL**  
Chairman, UBS Commission of Inquiry

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