



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

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**TODAY'S SUMMARY**

Hearing Date: Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Venue: First Floor, Muruk Haus, Kumul Avenue, Waigani

**1. KCH Managing Director Mr Izikiel Taureka**

Mr Izikiel Taureka, Managing Director of Kumul Consolidated Holdings (KCH) appeared by his Counsel, Mr Erastus Kambori. The Commission noted Mr Taureka needed more time to comply with previous directions (to file list of witnesses, list of documents and copies) and extended the directions to Monday 25th May 2020 at 9:30am.

**2. Mr Arthur Somare**

Mr Arthur Somare appeared with his counsel Mr Kumura. The Commission confirmed Mr Arthur Somare's compliance with previous directions and deferred consideration of his request to discover documents to be filed by other witnesses, to Monday 25th May 2020 at 9:30am.

**3. Sir Michael Somare**

This was an unlisted matter. Mr Kumura conveyed Sir Michael's wish to be excused from giving evidence on medical grounds. The Commission deferred consideration of his request to Monday 25th May 2020 at 9:30am.

**4. Ms Grace So-on, Secretary NEC**

This matter was not listed. However because Mr Arthur Somare is interested in NEC documents that will be filed by her pursuant to directions issued to her on 28th February 2020, the Commission issued directions for her to appear on Monday 25th May 2020 at 9:30am for mention.

**5. Acting Chief Ombudsman Richard Pagen**

Acting Chief Ombudsman, Richard Pagen appeared (with counsel to the Commission Ms Tabitha Suae). The Commission discussed with him the form of the evidence he will give to the Commission. The CoI fixed Monday, 25th May 2020 at 3.00pm for Mr Pagen to produce affidavit evidence.