



**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**

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

**Date:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 9:30 am

This is the date fixed (on 16/12/19) for the return of any Summons issued. The full Commission constituted by Chairman and John Gilmour QC sat and opened the inquiry. The Commission issued Media Statement No. 7 which among other things called for government agencies asked by the Commission to assist with securing the admission of overseas Counsel and the recruitment of overseas solicitors (which were still outstanding) to be expedited.

The Commission dealt with 16 other witnesses who had been requested to appear. The witnesses who appeared were Dairi Vele and Sir Michael Somare. Directions were issued in respect of them. The Commission fixed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 9:30am for Sir Michael Somare to give his evidence.

Twenty-six other potential witnesses who were served letters of request who did not appear were to be either summoned, directed or requested to appear in the course of the week or on 28/2/20 at 9:30am. They are the following: Hon Sir Julius Chan (former Prime Minister), Sir Rabbie Namaliu (former Prime Minister), Hon Governor Paias Wingti (former Prime Minister), Sir Mekere Morauta (former Prime Minister), Hon Peter O'Neill (former Prime Minister), Hon James Marape (current Prime Minister), Sir Charles Lepani (former Director of National Planning), Dr Osborne Sanida ( Director of NRI), Sir Tim Besley ( Professor of Economics, London School of Economics), Dr Lawrence Sausse (UPNG School of Political Science), Professor Leksmi Pillai ( UPNG School of Business and Public Policy), Ambassador Issac Lupari (Chief Secretary), Ms Grace So-on (NEC Secretary), Johnny Bogambari (First Legislative Counsel), Vela Konivaro (Clerk of Parliament), Daniel Rolpagarea (State Solicitor), Bill Toraso (Official Secretary, Governor General's Office), Peter Botten (Oil Search Limited), Dr Ken Nangan (Acting Chairman, National Procurement Commission Board & Secretary for Finance), Simon Bole (CEO, National Procurement Commission Board), Babaga Naime (Secretary, National Procurement Commission), Izikiel Taureka ( Managing Director, Kumul Consolidated Holdings), Arthur Somare (former Minister for State Enterprises), Hon Patrick Pruaitch (former Treasurer and Finance Minister), Dr Allan Marat (former Attorney General) and Hon William Duma (former Minister for Energy and Petroleum).