



**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**

TODAY'S SUMMARY

Hearing Date: Monday 24th of August, 2020 at 9:30am

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

1. Various matters listed for mention and directions for this day are the following:
 - i. Sir Michael Somare – former Prime Minister
 - ii. Hon Paias Wingti - former Prime Minister
 - iii. Hon Peter O’Neill- former Prime Minister
 - iv. Hon William Duma – former Minister for Mining and Petroleum
 - v. Hon Kerenga Kua – former Attorney General and Minister for Justice
 - vi. Sir Tipu Vuatha - former Official Secretary to former GGs
 - vii. Mr Richard Pagen – Chief Ombudsman
 - viii. Loi Bakani – Governor of the Central Bank
 - ix. Mr Kala Aufa – Clerk of Parliament
 - x. Ambassador Issac Lupari – Chief Secretary to Government
 - xi. Dr Ken Nangan – Secretary for Finance & Chairman, National Procurement Commission
 - xii. Ms Grace So-on – Secretary to NEC
 - xiii. Mr Johonny Bogamabari First Legislative Counsel
 - xiv. Mr Izikiel Taureka – Managing Director, Kumul Consolidated Holdings
 - xv. Mr Bill Toraso – Official Secretary to current GG
 - xvi. Mr Philip Eludeme – former Chairman of CSTB
 - xvii. Mr Don Polye – former Treasurer
 - xviii. Mrs Christine Lenturut – Government Printer

2. These matters were mentioned at previous sittings and adjourned to today for the Commission to advise on the availability of overseas counsel and solicitors to assist them prepare their evidence. Those witnesses had complied with previous directions to file documents and were told by the Commission to await advice on the availability of overseas counsel and solicitors. The Commission had expected their admissions by the National Court and certification to practice by the PNG Law Society to be completed by this time. However those events had not occurred. As a result, the Chairman issued Chamber Directions further deferring the matters to Monday 14th September 2020 at 9:30am. The Commission also issued Press Statement No. 13 of 2010 which explained the reasons for the deferral of these matters. Copies of the directions and Press Statement are available from the CoI website.