



**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, 16th March 2020
Venue: First Floor, Muruk Haus, Kumul Avenue, Waigani

1. Public Prosecutor, Pondros Kaluwin and Police Commissioner, David Manning

Mr Kaluwin and Commissioner Manning appeared. State Solicitor Daniel Rolpagarea also appeared. Chairman continued discussions with them over arrangements in the offices of the Public Prosecutor and Police Commissioner to receive and fast-track prosecutions. The Commission deliberated on the matter and issued formal directions in the following terms: The Commission, Public Prosecutor and Police Commissioner agreed that – (1) The Commission of Inquiry will refer all prosecutions for offences under the Commission of Inquiry Act to the Public Prosecutor, for prosecution; (2) the Public Prosecutor will initiate the prosecution proceedings by laying an information in an appropriate Court of his choice, within two weeks of receiving the referral for prosecution from the Commission of Inquiry; (3) the offices of the Public Prosecutor and Police Commissioner will put in place a dedicated team of officers to prosecute the referrals from the Commission of Inquiry with due despatch; and (4) the Secretary to the Commission and the Public Prosecutor will jointly report to the Commission on the progress of the prosecution proceedings.

2. Hon. Paias Wingti, MP

Hon Paias Wingti, was scheduled to appear this morning as per request from his agent Ms Hazel Shultz. However, Secretary to the Commission Mr Mathew Yuangu informed the Commission that the Hon Wingti was bedridden with illness and was unable to attend. Mr Yuangu informed the Commission that The Hon Wingti spoke on the phone and confirmed his unavailability and asked for a new date. The Commission agreed and extended the Summons to Monday 23rd March 2020 9:30 am.