



**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: Friday 17th of July, 2020 at 9:30am

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

1. Hon William Duma, former Minister for Mining and Petroleum

The Hon William Duma appeared and delivered his written statement in compliance with previous directions. The Commission adjourned the matter to Monday 24th August 2020 at 9:30am to await the admission and certification of overseas counsel and solicitors.

2. Dr Solomon Awili, Lecturer, School of Business and Public Policy, UPNG

Dr Awili appeared and submitted a written statement of his proposed evidence in compliance with previous directions. The Commission discussed his broad remarks on s 209(1) of the Constitution and directed him to file a supplementary synopsis of his understanding of that provision by Mon 27th July 2020. The matter was adjourned to Monday 27th July 2020 at 9:30am for further mention and directions.

3. Hon Davis Steven, Attorney General and Minister for Justice

Hon Davis Steven made no appearance. He delivered a letter in compliance with previous directions. Previous direction for him to file full written statement of his proposed evidence was extended to Monday 3rd August 2020 at 9:30am.

4. Ben Micah, former Minister for State Enterprises and Public Investment

Mr Micah appeared in person and asked for more time to compile his statement and documents. He also sought clarification from the Commission on payment of his expenses and fees for his lawyers. The Commission told him it will consider his request and inform him of the Commission's position at a later date. Previous directions for him to file documents were extended to Monday 3rd August 2020.