



**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: Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

**1. Acting Chief Ombudsman Richard Pagen**

Acting Chief Ombudsman Richard Pagen appeared (with counsel to the Commission Ms Tabitha Suae), on the request of the CoI, to discuss how the Ombudsman Commission would assist the CoI in its inquiry since it is the Ombudsman Commission's report on the UBS Loan tabled in Parliament that led to the Prime Minister appointing the CoI. After the discussions, it was agreed between the CoI Chairman and the Acting Chief Ombudsman that the Commission would formally tender the report as evidence before the CoI. The CoI fixed Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 1:30pm for Mr Pagen to tender the report. His evidence marks the first evidentiary hearing of the CoI.