

**INQUESTS ARISING FROM THE DEATHS  
IN THE WESTMINSTER BRIDGE AND PALACE OF WESTMINSTER  
TERRORIST ATTACKS OF 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2017**

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**SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF  
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF THE  
METROPOLIS (MPS)  
FOR PRE INQUEST HEARING ON 2 JULY 2018**

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1. Submissions from the MPS in relation to the agenda items, having considered the submissions from Counsel to the Inquests (CTI), are set out below.
  - (1) Update on investigations and disclosure.**
2. At paragraph [9], reference is made to the MPS report on security arrangements at the Palace of Westminster. This is obviously a significant area in relation to the inquest into the death of PC Palmer. This report has had to be prepared alongside a significant volume of other work by the MPS in preparation for the inquests. As CTI notes, the process has been labour intensive for the inquest team and the IPs.
3. It had been hoped that the MPS report would be available in advance of this Pre Inquest Hearing. However, it has become apparent that the report requires further work, in particular in relation to:
  - (i) ensuring that the fullest disclosure can be made to IPs, in order to assist the coroner with his inquiry, without compromising national or Parliamentary security,
  - (ii) the giving of proper consideration to previous sensitive reports including those referenced by CTI at [9],
  - (iii) the provision of as detailed an analysis from the MPS as possible in relation to the police response on the day of the attacks.
4. The MPS anticipates that this report will be available in July.
5. Further police reports are referenced at paragraph [11]. These have now been disclosed bar that of Supt Morris which should be available in early July. The MPS will continue to work with the inquest team and to keep it apprised of progress in relation to the reports referenced above. The finalised reports will be provided to the inquest team as soon as possible.

**(2) Selection of Witnesses and Organisation / Timetabling of Inquest Hearings**

6. The MPS has had sight of the draft witness list in relation to which it made no representations.
7. The proposals for timetabling and the organisation of the inquests are respectfully endorsed by the MPS

**(3) Expert Evidence**

8. The submission are noted, the MPS has no representations to make.

**(4) Pen Portraits of the Victims of the Attack**

9. The proposals are respectfully endorsed by the MPS.

**(5) AV Materials**

10. The submissions are noted. The MPS has no representations to make.

**(6) Anonymity Applications**

11. These are a matter for the Chief Coroner. The MPS has already made submissions in relation to the applications as detailed at CTI submission [23]. No further representations are made.
12. The submissions from CTI at paragraph 27 (a) to (h) are agreed and endorsed by the MPS.

**(7) Hearing Logistics**

13. The proposals are respectfully endorsed by the MPS.

**(8) Jury Summoning for Second Hearing**

14. The MPS has no submissions to make about Jury summoning arrangements. Jury questionnaires can be agreed between IPs and the inquest team at a later date.
15. The MPS will of course be represented at the PIH on 02.07.18 and can provide any further assistance at that time.

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