

THE CHIEF CORONER

HHJ LUCRAFT QC

**INQUESTS ARISING FROM THE DEATHS IN THE WESTMINSTER TERROR
ATTACK OF 22 MARCH 2017**

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OF THE LONDON FIRE COMMISSIONER
ON DETERMINATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CORONER**

Introduction

1. The London Fire Commissioner (LFC) was principally involved in the rescue of Andreea Cristea from the River Thames on 22 March 2017 after she had fallen from Westminster Bridge having been struck by a car driven by Khalid Masood.

Article 2

2. The LFC agrees with Counsel to the Inquests (CTI) (paragraphs 3(a), 9-10) that Article 2 procedural obligations are not engaged in respect of the inquests into the deaths of the four civilian victims, Kurt Cochran, Leslie Rhodes, Aysha Frade and Andreea Cristea.

Determinations

3. The LFC agrees with the submissions of CTI (paragraph 3(a), 14-15), that for each of the four civilian victims a short-form conclusion of unlawful killing, coupled with a short narrative setting out the means by which the person met his/her death is required.
4. In respect of the proposed narrative conclusion into the death of Andreea Cristea (CTI paragraph 15(d)), the LFC observes that it is clear from the evidence, especially the CCTV, that the actions of the firefighters on board the fire boat in reaching and

rescuing Ms Cristea were both appropriate and efficient. The fire boat arrived just over three minutes after Ms Cristea fell into the river and had lifted her onto the fire boat approximately one and a half minutes later.

Prevention of Future Deaths

5. It is the LFC's submission that no information has been revealed by this coronial investigation which could give rise for a need for a prevention of future deaths report regarding the actions of the LFC on 22 March 2017.

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