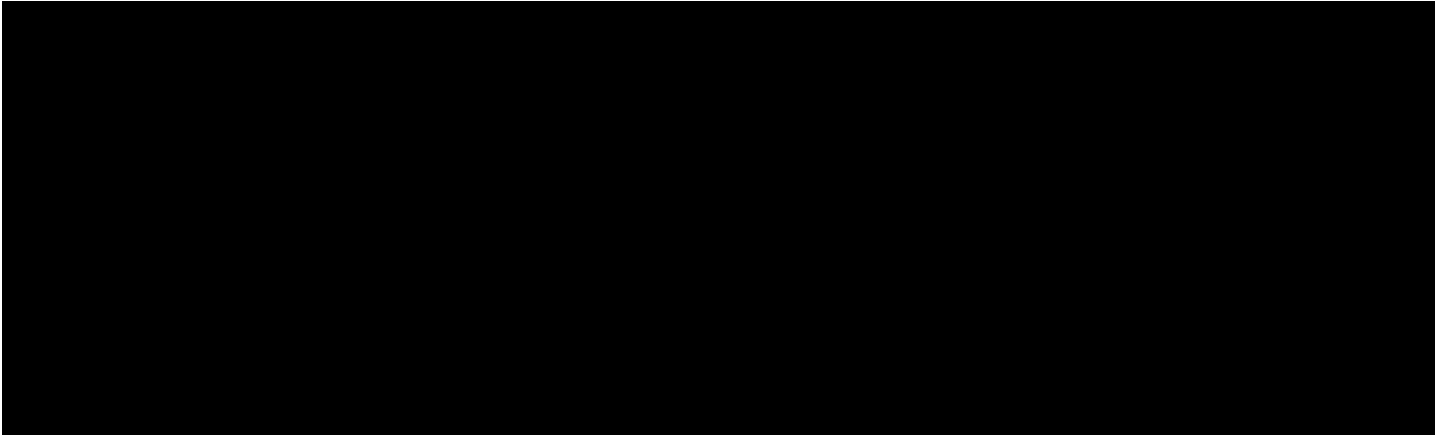




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Dear Amy

Please find below response from Shema Koli:

Q: Whether they agree in principle that, in the current circumstances, the investigation hearing can and should be held remotely in the way set out above;

A: Shema Koli is keen to support the resumption of the Inquiry and will assist insofar as it can with any practical arrangements that are put in place for remote hearings.

Q: Whether there are any practical difficulties they foresee to the holding of a virtual hearing - e.g. lack of availability of suitable broadband connections etc.

A: As a small organisation, appropriate IT and facilities may pose a challenge in terms of communications. We also note that it is harder to follow proceedings remotely and would suggest shortened sessions to allow maximum participation.

Q: Whether they agree to the Inquiry's proposal that the Inquiry proceed with a virtual hearing commencing 20 April 2020 as planned. If not, providing reasons, in detail about the availability of individual core participants and witnesses if non-availability of key personnel is a particular issue and whether potential alternative hearing slots in May or June 2020 could be used instead;

A: We agree.

Q: Whether they agree with the Inquiry's provisional analysis that section 18(1) of the 2005 Act requires a livestream of proceedings to the public where physical access cannot be provided and therefore the Inquiry should proceed even though a three minute delay to the transmission is not possible

A: We do agree. We also wonder whether the lack of a time delay might be mitigated by appropriate warnings or directions from the Chair.

Kind regards and stay well

Adam Gersch

