

THE FINGERPRINT INQUIRY SCOTLAND: MARYHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE, GLASGOW

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First Oral Hearing: Tuesday 2 June 2009



As the start date for the Inquiry approaches lawyers and core participants are being briefed at the hearing venue in Maryhill, Glasgow. The centre was previously used for the 'Stockline Explosion Inquiry'.

As the photograph shows an excellent venue has been provided with the most up to date technical facilities.

There is ample seating for members of the public and TV screens have been provided to allow everyone to follow the oral and documentary evidence as it unfolds.

An upstairs café provides snacks and more substantial meals.

Full media facilities are in place and it is believed that full transcripts of each day's evidence will be available online the same day.

As the Inquiry website notes preparations are well under way.

'In preparation for the Inquiry hearings, the Inquiry team has issued material to core participants, on a confidential basis. The material includes witness statements given to the Inquiry, documents received by the Inquiry and the first parts of an analysis prepared by Inquiry counsel. The analysis is a draft and will be revised as preparations proceed.

The analysis is produced to core participants for comment with two objectives in mind:

- 1. to ensure that the inquiry team has properly identified and fully investigated all lines of inquiry relevant to the terms of reference; and*
- 2. to identify those witnesses who will require to give oral evidence and the issues that will require to be raised with them.*

The issue of this first tranche of material has been delayed to allow more time for statements to be taken and finalised. More material will gradually be released to core participants as it becomes available. A number of weeks are now needed for the Inquiry team and core participants to prepare for the hearings. The Chairman has therefore decided to postpone the start of the hearings from 19 May to 2 June.'

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As the start date approaches we will provide weekly updates and it is hoped to publish daily updates when the oral hearings start.

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