



Chair's Direction on Duty of Candour

1. Prior to the passing of the Public Office Accountability Bill:

a. all Core Participants which are public authorities and public officials must as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event no later than 31 December 2026, review with candour transparency and frankness the assistance given to the Inquiry to date and provide such further assistance as they can reasonably give to assist the Inquiry to meet its objectives in the following respects:

i. if any errors or omissions are discovered in information previously provided, whether in disclosure of documents or in witness evidence provided to the Inquiry, correct those errors or omissions; and

ii. in the case of public authorities, provide a position statement that they have complied with this Direction.

b. All Core Participants which/who are not a public authority or public official but had a relevant public responsibility, in that they carried out activities as a service provider to a public authority which had a significant impact on members of the public in connection with the events acts and omissions which are the subject matter of this Inquiry and set out in the Terms of Reference, must also comply with (a) above as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event no later than 31 December 2026.

2. Upon the enactment of the Public Office (Accountability) Bill, if the same occurs before the delivery of the Chair's report, no later than 7 days after the enactment of the new Act, Core participants included in 1(a) and (b) above must provide a written confirmation to the Inquiry that they have complied with any obligations imposed upon them by the new Act, whether the subject of this Direction or not.

HH Deborah Taylor

2nd September 2026