

Hearings to be held in Brisbane for Term of Reference 3 (e)

8 February 2012

The Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry will next week hold the third round of hearings in relation to Term of Reference 3 (e).

Term of Reference 3 (e) asks the Commission to make full and careful inquiry with respect to:
reviewing the adequacy and appropriateness of any response of, and action taken by, government to allegations, including any allegations of criminal conduct associated with government responses, into historic child sexual abuse in youth detention centres.

A number of witnesses will be called including those who can provide evidence on departmental and ministerial aspects of the events relevant to the term of reference.

The hearings will run on Monday 11 February, Wednesday 13 February and Thursday 14 February 2013 starting at 10 am and again from Monday 18 February to Wednesday 20 February 2013 also starting at 10 am. Proceedings will be conducted in Court 17, level 4 of the Brisbane Magistrates Court, George Street.

All documents tendered as exhibits during the hearing will only be published on the Commission website at the Commissioner's discretion and after hearing submissions from those individuals with leave to appear. The decision to authorise publication will take into consideration a balance between transparency to the people of Queensland and the privacy and reputation of witnesses and those involved.

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