

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

29 November 2012

The Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry will next week hold the first 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.*

Commissioner Tim Carmody SC will call a number of witnesses who were involved or employed in youth detention centres in a capacity where they may have information that will assist the Commission in considering its term of reference.

The first round of hearings will run from 3 December to 14 December 2012 and sit from Monday to Friday starting at 10am. The hearing will be conducted in Court 17, level 4 of the Brisbane Magistrates Court, George Street.

A number of potential witness statements were tendered as exhibits on 26 November. These statements are under a non-publication order until the associated witness is called before the Commission. The document may then 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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