

# Path to Phase 2 Hearings

The Phase 1 report will establish what happened on the night of 14 June 2017.  
In Phase 2 the Inquiry is examining the circumstances and causes of the disaster.

## Evidence

- Documents are reviewed by the Inquiry's legal team for relevance to the issues being investigated.
- Approximately 200,000 documents are relevant to phase 2.
- These are prepared for disclosure in line with the Inquiry's redaction protocol and are disclosed in tranches to core participants.
- Legal representatives consider each document, assessing their evidential value and what questions they raise in preparation for the hearings.
- This may lead to additional calls for evidence or further witness statements

## Witnesses

- The Inquiry receives witness statements from core participants, organisations and individuals.
- They are reviewed by the Inquiry and disclosed to core participants.
- Where necessary, on review of the evidence, further witness statements may be requested
- The Inquiry identifies and confirms the witnesses it wishes to call, and prepares lines of questioning.
- Support for vulnerable witnesses continues to be in place throughout this process.

## Expert Witnesses

- Expert witnesses instructed by the Inquiry are working on their Phase 2 reports.
- The Inquiry will keep under review any areas where it requires further expertise and instruct experts accordingly.
- Expert reports are disclosed to core participants.
- Core participants consider if they want to make an application to submit additional expert advice.
- Expert witnesses present their reports during a hearing.

The programme and sequencing for hearings is established.

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