

Grenfell Tower Inquiry

POLICY
on the participation by
EXPERT WITNESSES
in the work of public and other bodies responding to the Grenfell Tower fire

Statement of Policy

The Inquiry recognises that those it has instructed as expert witnesses may be asked to participate in the work of bodies (for example, bodies set up by Government or by relevant industry organisations) which relates to matters within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference. The Inquiry also recognises that it is in the public interest for its experts (many of whom are leaders in their respective fields) to participate in such work and will encourage them to do so, provided that their participation does not adversely affect their independence or their overriding duty to the Inquiry.

The Inquiry considers that core participants and the public should be aware of other work relating to matters within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference in which its experts are involved. It will therefore publish on its website in the form of a Participation Record details of the work in which they are engaged and which the Inquiry is satisfied will not adversely affect their independence or their overriding duty to it.

Process

1. If an Inquiry expert wishes to participate in the work of any public or other body which relates to matters within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, they will first approach the Inquiry to confirm that such participation will not conflict with their duty to the Inquiry and will be consistent with this policy.
2. The Inquiry will then agree with the expert an entry in the Participation Record which will record the nature of the work they have agreed to undertake and whether they, or any organisation employing them, will be paid for such work.
3. The Inquiry will then inform Core Participants of the expert's involvement and publish a revised Participation Record on its website.