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# The Bloody Sunday Inquiry

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## PRESS NOTICE

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### LIST OF WITNESSES TO BE CALLED: WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2003

The following witnesses are scheduled to be called to give evidence from Monday 3 November to Thursday 6 November:

#### **Monday**

Brian Cummings  
Thomas McGlinchey  
Frank McCarron  
Frank Lawton

#### **Tuesday**

Martin McGuinness

#### **Wednesday**

Martin McGuinness

#### **Thursday**

OIRA 2  
OIRA 5

Please note this is *not* a definitive list and is for guidance only. We would ask you to bear in mind that the length of time needed for a witness to complete his or her evidence may vary so it may not be possible to hear all those scheduled to appear in any given week. Those witnesses who are not called will be rescheduled.

There may also be changes due to witnesses being unable to attend owing to unforeseen circumstances. In addition, for security reasons, not all those due to be called will feature in the advance witness lists.

## **General Guidance**

The hearings are held at the Guildhall, Londonderry and start at 09.30 each day.

The media are welcome to attend and 40 seats in the lower public gallery are reserved for this purpose. There is also a Media Centre at 1, Guildhall Street.

The reserved seating and Media Centre are strictly for the use of journalists only and admission is by media pass / swipe card for which accreditation is required.

Please see the attached document for accreditation procedures for this week.

***The law of contempt applies to the Tribunal and although this is not a trial, for the purposes of reporting, journalists may wish to regard it as such.***

### **Notes to Editors**

1. For further information, contact the Inquiry's Chief Press Secretary, Ivan Bailey, tel: 020 7661 9532; mobile: 07715 001 361; e-mail: [ivanb@bloody-sunday-inquiry.org](mailto:ivanb@bloody-sunday-inquiry.org).
2. The Inquiry's website address is: <http://www.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org>

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## MEDIA GUIDANCE

### General Guidance

- The Tribunal sits in the Guildhall, Londonderry, from 9:30am to 12 noon and from 12:45pm to 3pm, Monday to Thursday, although it is not unusual for sessions to run on longer. There may also be Friday sittings.
- Each Thursday the Inquiry will publish via press notice and the Inquiry website a list of those witnesses scheduled to give evidence the following week. Due to the difficulty of determining precisely how long each witness will take to complete his or her oral evidence, these lists will be for guidance only.
- The media are welcome to attend the hearings. In the Guildhall a section of the lower public gallery is reserved for use by the media. There is also a Media Centre.
- **The law of contempt applies to the Tribunal and although this is not a trial, for the purposes of reporting, journalists may wish to regard it as such.**
- Cameras, film equipment, tape recorders or laptop computers are not allowed in the Hearing Chamber and cameras and film equipment may not be taken into the Guildhall.
- No filming, photography or sound recording of CCTV and document screens is permitted – this includes those screens outside the hearing chamber, for example, in the Media Centre. *Action will be taken against any individual or organisation that breaches this rule - this could include exclusion from the Inquiry or withdrawal of the facility for all journalists.*

## **Accreditation for 4 and 5 November**

- Access to the Derry Media Centre and Press Gallery in the Hearing Chamber is by media pass / swipe card only.
- The constraints of the building mean we cannot allocate more than 45 media passes / swipe cards. *For 4 and 5 November these have now been allocated and no more can be issued.*
- Photographers and camera crews do not need accreditation as they will not be admitted to the Guildhall or Media Centre.
- Passes allocated should be collected from the Media Centre by 9.30am on 4 November at the latest. To save delays and frustration they should, if at all possible, be collected the day before. You will be asked for identification.
- The media passes / swipe cards allocated are valid for 4 and 5 November only and it is essential they are handed in at the end of hearings on 5 November. *Cards not returned will be cancelled and the holder (and their organisation) not re-issued with another for the rest of the Inquiry.*
- The Public Gallery at the Guildhall is for the public. The media are asked to respect this.

## **Spillover Facility**

- For members of the public unable to access seats at the Guildhall and media unable to obtain accreditation for the Media Centre / Press Gallery, an additional facility will be available five minutes walk from the Guildhall at the Calgach Centre on Butcher Street (50m off The Diamond).
- This will have CCTV and document screens linked directly to the Hearing Chamber. A number of seats will be set aside for the media.
- These seats cannot be reserved and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. *However, to help us to estimate demand and set aside enough seats, it would be helpful if media could indicate interest in this facility by e-mail only to [ivanb@bloody-sunday-inquiry.org](mailto:ivanb@bloody-sunday-inquiry.org)*

- Please note:
  - There will be no telephone, fax or broadcast facilities at the Calgach Centre.
  - Witness statements and Livenote transcripts will be available.
  - Cameras, film equipment or tape recorders are not allowed into the Calgach Centre under any circumstances.
  - No filming, photography or sound recording of CCTV and document screens is permitted – *action will be taken against any individual or organisation that breaches this rule - this could include exclusion from the Inquiry or complete withdrawal of the facility.*

### **Media Centre**

- The Inquiry's media centre, accessed via a media pass / swipe card, is at 1 Guildhall Street, about 20m from the entrance to the Guildhall. This will be open from 7:00am to 7.00pm, Monday to Thursday and on Fridays as necessary.
- The media centre has:
  - CCTV and document screens linked to the hearing chamber;
  - A limited number of phone / modem and power points;
  - ISDN line;
  - Fax and photocopying facilities;
  - PC with a virtual reality model of the Bogside installed plus access to the Inquiry website;
  - Document library built up as the Inquiry progresses;
  - A Television.
- The media centre can accommodate a maximum of 20 journalists at any one time but variations in deadlines and use of the Press Gallery in the Hearing Chamber mean a shifting population of users allowing us to issue more than this number of media passes / swipe cards on any one day.
- The CCTV link and document screens are being provided on the understanding that no attempt will be made to film or tape the proceedings, either in whole or in part.
- *Should there be a breach of trust, the facility will be withdrawn and / or the individual / organisation excluded from the hearings. This principle extends to all sites where CCTV links and document screens are available.*

## **Use of Inquiry Facilities**

- Journalists are reminded that the facilities provided for them are for use on Inquiry related business only and not for any other purpose.

## **Parking**

- Organisations wishing to park broadcast or any other vehicles outside the Guildhall must contact the local police.

## **Transcripts and Other Documents**

- A system called *Livenote* is operated during hearings whereby stenographers record the proceedings contemporaneously in electronic form. Hard copies can be run off at any time and distributed to the Media Centre. Perfected transcripts are produced at the end of each day's evidence.
- These transcripts should be available on the Inquiry's website alongside all other documents and evidence at [www.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org](http://www.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org) within two hours of the conclusion of the day's business. Hard copies will be available from the Media Centre.
- Documents referred to in the hearings will become public at the point of reference. If you require a copy of a particular document, fill in one of the document request slips available in the media centre and leave it in the adjacent in-tray. Media copies of written witness statements will be available once a witness has started his or her oral evidence. Copies will be placed in the Media Centre at this time.

## **Background Information**

- Background information on the Inquiry can be found on the Inquiry website: [www.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org](http://www.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org)

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