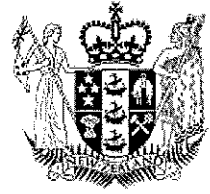


Hon Mark Burton
Minister of Defence



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Media Statement

Waiouru Inquiry delayed

The completion of the Ministerial Inquiry into the Waiouru Regular Force Cadet School has been delayed because of ill health suffered by Retired High Court Judge Hon David Morris, who is leading the inquiry.

Hon Morris was appointed in October last year to conduct an inquiry into the Regular Force Cadet School after allegations were raised concerning the treatment of former cadets at the school, many of which date back between 25 and 45 years.

Hon Morris is recovering at home from a serious heart condition.

He was due to make his report to Defence Minister Mark Burton by the end of this month. The reporting time has been extended to August, Mr Burton said.

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