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1 Several parties have queried whether the allegations of “bullying” that have been referred to in the media will be considered in the course of the Inquiry.

2 The Inquiry understands that it would be helpful to clarify this matter because those allegations (or matters relating to them) would otherwise be (or may still be) the subject of complaint to, or investigation by, other agencies.

3 The Inquiry confirms:
   (a) the allegations will be considered in the course of the Inquiry and reported on in accordance with the Inquiry’s Terms of Reference; but
   (b) this does not prevent any complaint being made to, or considered by, any other agency.

4 However, given the short timeframe in which the Inquiry has to report and the public resources that have been committed to enable it to do so, the Inquiry:
   (a) would be grateful to all parties for focussing on the provision of information to, and co-operation with, the Inquiry so it can complete its report;
   (b) will be unsympathetic to any application under s 16 of the Inquiries Act 2013 as it would be most efficient for any other investigation to be instigated or substantively progressed after consideration of its report.

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