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# The Bloody Sunday Inquiry

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## PRESS NOTICE

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### HEARINGS SCHEDULE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2003

#### Monday

- John White (*final witness*) (*attendance tbc*)
- Closing speech by Christopher Clarke QC, Counsel to the Inquiry, begins (*if witness finishes giving evidence in time or is unable to attend - otherwise starts Tuesday morning*)

#### Tuesday

- Closing Speech by Christopher Clarke QC, Counsel to the Inquiry, ends (*if started on Monday*) or begins (*if not started on Monday*)

#### Wednesday

- Closing Speech by Christopher Clarke QC, Counsel to the Inquiry, ends (*if started on Tuesday*)

Please note this schedule is *not* definitive and is for guidance only. If the length of time needed for the witness to complete his evidence allows, the closing speech will begin on Monday and finish late on Tuesday. Otherwise the speech will begin on Tuesday and finish early on Wednesday. If the witness is unable to attend at all, the speech will begin on Monday morning and finish early on Tuesday.

## **The Final Witness**

Johnny White was Officer in Command of the Official IRA in Derry on Bloody Sunday.

## **The Closing Speech**

The closing summation by Counsel to the Inquiry will consist of 8 – 10 large volumes of written material. The speech will therefore be a brief outline of this documentation and is expected to last for no more than two days.

This summation is intended to constitute:

- i) an overview of the issues for the Tribunal to decide;
- ii) an overview of significant bodies of evidence; and
- iii) an indication of a range of conclusions the Tribunal might reach.

This final report by Counsel will not purport to be a summary of every piece of evidence or every possible conclusion or analysis and in writing their report the Tribunal may or may not agree with its contents as they see fit.

The volumes written material will be made available on the Inquiry website as soon as practicable.

## **Notes to editors**

1. The media are welcome to attend the hearings which are held in the Guildhall, Londonderry and seats are reserved in the lower gallery. There is also a press centre. These facilities are strictly for the use of journalists only and admission is by media pass / swipe card for which accreditation is required.
2. Please see the attached document for detailed accreditation arrangements and guidance on covering the Inquiry.
3. Documents covering FAQs and useful facts and figures are awaiting finalisation and will be circulated shortly.
4. 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).
5. The Inquiry's website address is: <http://www.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org>