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**MINUTE 28**

**SCHEDULE AMENEDMENTS FOR FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE HEARING**

**11 October 2022**

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1. This Minute sets out schedule amendments for the Royal Commission of Inquiry's upcoming public hearing into the institutional responses of Faith-Based institutions to abuse in Faith-based care (**the hearing**). It should be read together with Minute 25 dated 2 September 2022 and Minute 27 dated 5 October 2022.

**Schedule amendment**

2. Due to illness, an amendment to the hearing schedule set out in Minute 27 is required. The hearing will not sit on Friday 14 October 2022, and there will be an additional day (two half-days) added to the end of the hearing, being the afternoon of Thursday 20 October 2022 and the morning of Friday 21 October 2022. The revised hearing schedule is set out in paragraph 3 of this Minute, and the previous hearing schedule set out in paragraph 6 of Minute 27 should be disregarded.

**Revised hearing schedule and witness appearances**

3. Witnesses from faith-based institutions and schools will give evidence on the following dates, in morning and afternoon sessions. The items in bold are changes from the hearing schedule set out in Minute 27:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning session</b>	<b>Afternoon session</b>
Thursday 13 October	<p>Opening statements from core participants or those granted leave to appear, excluding the faith-based institutions.</p> <p>Opening statements from Gloriavale Christian Community</p>	Gloriavale Christian Community
Friday 14 October	<b>No sitting</b>	<b>No sitting</b>
Monday 17 October	St Patrick's College Silverstream	The Dioceses and Congregations of the Catholic Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
Tuesday 18 October	The Methodist Church of New Zealand and Wesley College	The Methodist Church of New Zealand and Wesley College
Wednesday 19 October	<p>Presbyterian Support Central</p> <p>Presbyterian Support Otago</p>	<p>Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand</p> <p><b>Dilworth School</b></p>
Thursday 20 October	<p><b>Dilworth School continued</b></p> <p><b>Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand</b></p>	<p><b>Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand continued</b></p> <p><b>Closing statements from faith-based institutions begin</b></p>
Friday 21 October	<b>Closing statements from faith-based institutions continue (if required)</b>	

	<p><b>Closing statements from other core participants or those granted leave to appear, including the Survivor Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE)</b></p>	
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**Opening statements**

4. This change to the hearing schedule does not materially affect the timetabling of opening statements. As set out in paragraph 4 of Minute 27, opening statements of the faith-based institutions will be delivered by their counsel on the day of that faith-based institution’s evidence. Other core participants and individuals/groups granted leave to appear, or their counsel, can still make oral opening submissions on the morning of Thursday 13 October 2022. Opening statements are still limited to a maximum of 10 minutes, unless otherwise agreed with the Inquiry.

**Closing statements**

5. This change to the hearing schedule affects the timetabling of closing statements. Closing statements of the faith-based institutions, delivered by their counsel, will now begin in the afternoon session of **Thursday 20 October 2022**. Other core participants and individuals/groups granted leave to appear, or their counsel, can make oral closing submissions on the morning of **Friday 21 October 2022**. Closing statements are still limited to a maximum of 20 minutes, unless otherwise agreed with the Inquiry.

**Witness list**

6. The list of witnesses who are required to attend the hearing has not changed from that attached to Minute 27.

For the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in Care of Faith-based Institutions



**Coral Shaw – Chair**

Date: 11 October 2022