



SUMMARY OF FINAL NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF WM-A87's CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

[this is a summary of the Chair's decision prepared for publication in order to protect the applicant's identity]

1. WM-A87 made her application for core participant status in the Westminster Investigation on 5 December 2018. In a provisional Determination dated 21 December 2018, the Chair indicated that she was minded to refuse WM-A87's application, and gave her reasons. The Chair also indicated that WM-A87 could renew her application by providing further written submissions by 25 January 2019. WM-A87 subsequently informed the Inquiry that she did wish to renew her application, and she submitted further written submissions on 23 January 2019. Having considered those submissions, the Chair issued a final Determination refusing WM-A87's application for core participant status on 18 February 2019.
2. In the final Determination, the Chair addressed the grounds of WM-A87's application, including the points raised in WM-A87's further submissions dated 23 January 2019.
3. At the conclusion of the final Determination, the Chair explained that her ultimate decision to refuse WM-A87's application was based on the following grounds.
 - a. She was not satisfied that WM-A87 fulfilled the criteria in Rule 5(2) of the Inquiry Rules 2006 of being a person who played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the Westminster Investigation related. She explained that the matters in question were the factual matters identified in her May 2018 ruling on scope.
 - b. She was not satisfied that WM-A87 had a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the investigation related.
 - c. She did not consider that there was any prospect that WM-A87 might be subject to explicit or significant criticism either during the inquiry proceedings, or in the report, or in any interim report.

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