



Taman Inquiry

News Release

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Subject: Media arrangements for the Inquiry

The standing hearings of the *Taman Inquiry into the investigation and prosecution of Derek Harvey-Zenk* will begin:

Monday, February 4, 2008
9:00 am
Pan Am Room
Winnipeg Convention Centre
375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Some special arrangements have been made to assist media to cover the proceedings; however, there are also limitations of which you may be aware.

1. A limited number of tables will be reserved in the hearing room for media use.
2. An audio feed will be provided through a model VA-16/ML8 Opamp Labs Press Feed box. Media will be required to provide their own audio XLR-type connectors, and must also provide their own recording equipment and personnel.
3. The commission will **NOT** be supplying video. The commissioner will allow only one television camera selected by the media in attendance each day into the hearing room. It must provide a pool video feed to other outlets through the feed box supplied by the commission. The Press Feed is equipped with standard BNC video input and outputs. Again, media outlets must provide their own recording equipment and personnel.
4. Only the available room light is permitted as lighting. The camera must remain fixed on a tripod and be set up in the designated area within the hearing room. It must be in place prior to the hearing being called into session and must not be removed from the tripod at any time during the hearing. The camera may be removed during a break in the proceedings.
5. The commissioner will allow only one still camera to be set up in the designated area. The photographer must be in the designated area prior to the hearing being called into session and may not leave the area until there is a break in the proceeding. Media will have to arrange a pool system for the sharing of photos.
6. All media are asked to set up their equipment in the designated area prior to the start of the Inquiry between the times of 8:15 am and 8:45 am
7. Arrangements for cutaway shots by video and still photography will be allowed only once at the start of the hearing on February 4, 2008.
8. Media must not place microphones or tape recorders at the witness box, counsel tables, and clerk's table or on the Commissioner's dais.
9. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off when entering the hearing room.
10. Chief Administrative Officer Bob Giasson acts as the media relations officer for the Commission. All requests for interviews with commission counsel should be directed to him.
11. Public exhibits may be viewed by the media in the hearing room at the end of each hearing day. Subject to rulings of the commissioner, exhibits and transcripts available in electronic format may also be posted at www.tamaninquiry.ca.
12. Scrums will not be permitted in the hearing room.

Members of the media are invited to sign up on our distribution list to receive further news and/or updates on this inquiry in the future at tamaninquiry@gov.mb.ca.