
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

DZIEKANSKI INQUEST TO BE RESCHEDULED

RICHMOND – The inquest into the death of Robert Dziekanski, originally scheduled to begin on May 5, will be rescheduled.

This inquest will be adjourned pending the completion of the police investigation and to allow Crown counsel the time needed to review the investigation report and make their determination.

As well, in February 2008, government announced a two-phase public inquiry. The first phase will examine the use of conducted energy weapons. Phase two will examine all of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Dziekanski's death. Phase one is expected to be completed by June 30, 2008. Information from phase one of the public inquiry will also be beneficial to the inquest.

In setting a new date for the inquest, the Coroners Service must allow sufficient time for all inquest participants to review materials from the police, Crown and inquiry processes, and prepare to participate fully.

New dates will be announced once confirmed.

An inquest is a formal court proceeding that allows for public presentation of all evidence relating to a death. The BC Coroners Service is an independent fact-finding agency that may not make any finding of legal responsibility.

Mr. Dziekanski died while in the custody of the Richmond RCMP, at Vancouver International Airport, in the early hours of Oct. 14, 2007.

No further information is available at this time.

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