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Inquiry into the roles, if any, of the GCSB and the NZSIS in relation to certain specific events in Afghanistan: Indicative timeline

The Afghanistan Inquiry being undertaken by the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS), is anticipated to proceed over a similar timeframe to that of the Government Inquiry into Operation Burnham (that Inquiry notifies its timing and process in the Minutes published on its website <https://operationburnham.inquiry.govt.nz>). In light of the public interest in both Inquiries, the IGIS provides the following indicative timeline for information. It will be updated as required.

Current as at 31 March 2019

#	Date:	IGIS action:	Current Status:
1	26 March 2018	IGIS notification to the Directors-General of the GCSB and the NZSIS of the commencement of the Afghanistan Inquiry	Completed.
2	June 2018	Media statement and Inquiry Terms of reference published on IGIS website (link here)	Completed.
3	22 August 2018	Questions specific to the Inquiry Terms of reference provided to the Directors-General of the GCSB and the NZSIS for response	Agencies' reply requested by 5 October 2018. Delayed and ongoing: Short preliminary email, responding on some questions, received on 21 December 2018.
4	22 August 2018	IGIS informed the Directors-General of the GCSB and the NZSIS of the Inquiry's comprehensive requirements for access to identified security records (relying on IGIS right of access to all "security records" considered by the IGIS to be relevant to the Inquiry, under s 217 Intelligence and Security Act 2017)	Access to records requested by 5 October 2018 Access incrementally received. Limited access to certain critical record systems provided in the week of 17 December 2018 Access to security records in a key domain provided on 12 February 2019. Further access sought and received in March 2019.



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5	November 2018	Publication of Memorandum of Understanding between the IGIS Afghanistan Inquiry and the Government Inquiry into Operation Burnham (link here)	Completed.
6	January 2019	Witness interviews: Tranche 1	IGIS advised GCSB and NZSIS on 14 December 2018 of first tranche of interviewees. Interviews commenced late February 2019 with last interview for Tranche 1 currently scheduled for 16 April 2019.
7	April/May 2019	Witness interviews: Tranche 2	Commence planning (after 16 April)
8	End of May 2019	Complete fact-finding aspects of Inquiry	Date revised from March 2019
9	June 2019	Complete consultation on draft Inquiry Reports	Date revised from May 2019 and tentative due to delays as noted above
10	End of July 2019	Publish unclassified Inquiry Report: Inquiry concluded	Date revised from June 2019