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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 30 January 2019

#	Date:	IGIS action:	IGIS timetable for agency response:	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	N/A	Completed
2	June 2018	Media statement and Inquiry Terms of reference published on IGIS website (link here)	N/A	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	5 October 2018	Delayed and ongoing: Short preliminary email, 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)	5 October 2018	Delayed and ongoing: Some required access has been incrementally received. Limited access to certain key record systems identified as critical was provided in the week of 17 December 2018



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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)	N/A	Completed
6	Jan and Feb 2019	Initiate witness interview process	IGIS advised GCSB and NZSIS on 14 December 2018 of first tranche of interviewees. At agencies' request first contact with selected interviewees to be made by the relevant agency providing an information sheet from IGIS.	Agencies' confirmed that some of the selected interviewees received the information sheet in the week of 17 December 2018 IGIS interview documents under development and interview scheduling in progress
7	March 2019	Complete fact-finding aspects of Inquiry		Date not confirmed, as dependent on # 3, 4 and 6 above
8	May 2019	Complete consultation on draft Inquiry Reports		Date tentative due to delays as noted above
9	June 2019	Publish unclassified Inquiry Report: Inquiry concluded		Date tentative due to delays as noted above