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Dear Sir John,

Thank you for so kindly appearing as a witness at the evidence session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The information you gave us will be very useful for our inquiry and final report. I write to request your written response to some further questions. These seek to clarify or solicit further information on the evidence you gave. These questions are listed overleaf.

I would be very grateful if you could send your reply to the email address above by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. You should bear in mind that your response will be published on the Committee's website and treated as formal evidence.

To assist you with your response, I have enclosed a copy of the transcript for the session.

Thank you in advance for your continued assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Norton of Louth  
Chair of the Statutory Inquiries Committee

## Questions

1. Have you had any involvement in any formal sharing of best practice for running an inquiry? If so, which body coordinated this?
2. In addition to the use of Restriction Orders, can you list any other situations where a non-legal inquiry chair would require legal advice from the counsel to the inquiry?
3. How can a chair ensure that the inquiry is following an inquisitorial rather than adversarial approach? Does the chair have power over this?