

CCC EXHIBIT

- **The questioning.** Most of the questions are asked by counsel assisting. Often the presiding officer will ask questions too. If you have engaged a legal representative, they will be permitted to ask any questions they consider necessary to represent your interests.
- **What will I be questioned about?** The general nature of the matters about which you will be asked questions is set out in the Schedule to this Attendance Notice. The questioning is not limited to the Schedule, however, and you may be asked questions about any matter the presiding officer considers relevant to the matter.
- **Self-incrimination.** If you think you might be asked questions during the hearing that will require you to give an incriminating answer (ie, “dob yourself in” for an offence), let the presiding officer know. While all questions must be answered truthfully, the presiding officer can make an order which has the effect that truthful self-incriminating answers are not admissible in evidence against the witness in any other proceeding. Such an order will also be made if the presiding officer is concerned that you are otherwise at risk of giving an incriminating answer. (This is unlikely to occur during Operation Impala).
- **You must answer the questions.** The right to silence does not apply during a hearing. A witness can only avoid answering relevant questions if they have a ‘reasonable excuse.’ If you think you may have a reasonable excuse, speak to your legal representative or to the presiding officer at the hearing. A witness who refuses to answer questions without a reasonable excuse commits an offence, and can also be punished for contempt.
- **You must be truthful.** It is an offence to make a false or misleading statement in a hearing. It is also an offence (perjury) to knowingly give false evidence about a material subject.
- **You must continue to attend until excused.** Hearings may sometimes continue into another day, or may adjourn to be continued at a later time. You must continue to attend any reconvened hearing until such time as you have been excused.