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Records of the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry

The President of the Senate, Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon Tony Smith MP, announced on 22 June 2017 that they would be making the Class A records of the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry into the conduct of the Honourable Lionel Keith Murphy publicly available.

Under the *Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (Repeal) Act 1986*, the Commission's records are divided into two classes. The Class A records of the Commission contain material relating to the conduct of the Honourable Lionel Keith Murphy and the Class B records contain material relating to the meaning of s.72 of the Constitution. The Class B records were made publicly available on 19 December 2016.

It was intended that the records would be tabled out of session and then published in electronic form on Monday, 24 July 2017, allowing time for, where possible and appropriate, advising persons named in the records, and the closest living relatives or legal representatives of deceased persons, of their forthcoming publication, and for the scanning of documents and redaction of personal information such as signatures and addresses.

As these undertakings are taking longer than expected, the President and the Speaker today announced that there will be a short delay in the publication of the Class A records. A new release date will be announced in the near future.

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