



## Inquiries (Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care) Order 2018

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

### Order in Council

At Wellington this 30th day of January 2018

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under the authority of the Letters Patent constituting the office of the Governor-General (the Royal prerogative) and section 6(2) of the Inquiries Act 2013 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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## Order

### 1 Title

This order is the Inquiries (Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care) Order 2018.

### 2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 1 February 2018.

### 3 Interpretation

In this order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

**Act** means the Inquiries Act 2013

**inquiry** means the public inquiry established by this order

**Minister** means the Minister of Internal Affairs or any other minister to whom the responsibilities of Minister under this order are transferred.

## Part 1 Establishment of public inquiry

### *Establishment*

### 4 Royal commission

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care is established.

### *Subject of inquiry*

### 5 Matter of public importance

The matter of public importance that is the subject of the inquiry is abuse of individuals in State care.

### *Member*

### 6 Appointment of member

The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO, is appointed the member of the inquiry.

*Commencement of consideration of evidence***7 Consideration of evidence by inquiry**

The inquiry may begin considering evidence on or after 1 May 2018 but, in accordance with section 7(2) of the Act, not before the terms of reference are notified in accordance with section 7(3) of the Act.

**Part 2  
Terms of reference****8 Consultations on terms of reference**

- (1) The member of the inquiry must consult the public on the terms of reference for the inquiry and report on those consultations to the Minister.
- (2) The Minister must make draft terms of reference publicly available to be used for those consultations.
- (3) The Minister may, in accordance with section 7(6) of the Act, consult the member of the inquiry concerning the terms of reference for the inquiry.

**9 Notification of terms of reference**

The Minister must, as soon as practicable after the consultations referred to in clause 8 are completed, notify the terms of reference for the inquiry in the *Gazette*.

Michael Webster,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

**Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order, which comes into force on 1 February 2018, establishes the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care as a public inquiry. It appoints the member of the inquiry and provides for its terms of reference to be notified in the *Gazette* after consultations on them have been completed.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 31 January 2018.

This order is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.