

Q and A's

Q: How will the Commission function?

A: The Chair Sir Anand Satyanand will work alongside the Commissioners to progress the delivery of the Terms of Reference.

There will also be a number of people in the secretariat to support and implement activities including an investigation and legal team headed by Simon Mount QC and contact and support staff.

Q: Why is faith-based care included?

A: Many of the 400 submissions that Sir Anand received suggested that the inclusion of non-state care in the Terms of Reference would be appropriate. Sir Anand agreed with that view and reported to the Government on this. The Government acknowledges there is a wider responsibility to all children.

Q: When can I tell my story?

A: The Chair will work together with the Commissioners and key stakeholders to plan how the Inquiry will run. While it may take some time to get the appropriate support services in place the Inquiry will be up and running in 2019.

The Royal Commission will then contact anyone who has pre-registered with us and will publicise when, where and how survivors can be involved.

Q: Do I need to register now to be involved?

A: Pre-registration is welcomed. We will let you know when we are ready to begin the Inquiry process.

Q: What will the Commissioners do?

A: The Commissioners bring with them a wide range of skills and life experiences.

First, along with the Chair, they will decide how to run the Inquiry, followed by public meetings. They will investigate the different forms of abuse and the impacts of that abuse. Finally they will report back to Government with their findings and recommendations on issues brought to their attention.

Q: Will the Inquiry pay compensation?

A: No, the Inquiry is not the vehicle to award or pay out compensation.

The Inquiry has been asked to make recommendations to the Government about the process of compensation and what that might look like in the future.

Q. How long will the Inquiry run?

A: It is anticipated the Inquiry will take a number of years. The Royal Commission is expected to provide the Governor General with an interim report in 2020, and final report in 2023.

Q. Can you progress my case through the courts?

A. No, the Royal Commission is not able to advance a case in the courts. In some cases, we may refer people to the Police if they wish to make a formal complaint about criminal offending.

Q: How can I keep up to date with what is happening at the Commission?

A: There are a number of different ways you can find out what is happening at the Commission. You can:

- Visit our Website
- [Follow us on Facebook](#)
- Pre-register by phoning our Contact Centre or filling out the pre-registration form on the Website.