



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
CHANGE IN RECOGNISED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE
MODULE 2 - SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH AND
DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS

1. On 13 October 2022, I designated the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (“SSFCDA”) as a Core Participant in Module 2. At the same time, I designated Sharanjeet Sidhu of the Government Legal Department as its qualified lawyer in relation to Module 2.
2. On 15 November 2022, the Inquiry was informed that Mr Sidhu would shortly be leaving the Government Legal Department’s Covid-19 Inquiry team and that Emma Cruise would be taking over acting as the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office’s legal representative in relation to Module 2.
3. On 4 May 2023, the Inquiry was informed that Ms Cruise would shortly be leaving the Government Legal Department’s Covid-19 Inquiry team and that from 9 May 2023 Steven Winder would be acting as SSFCDA’s recognised legal representative in relation to Module 2.
4. On 28 July 2023, the Inquiry was informed that Mr Winder would shortly be leaving the Government Legal Department’s Covid-19 Inquiry team and that from 31 July 2023 Lesley Paton would be acting as SSFCDA’s recognised legal representative in relation to Modules 2 and 4.
5. Accordingly, as I am satisfied that SSFCDA has appointed Lesley Paton as its qualified lawyer, I designate Ms Paton as its recognised legal representative in Modules 2 and 4 in accordance with Rule 6(1) of the Inquiry Rules 2006.

Rt Hon Baroness (Heather) Hallett DBE
Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry
31 July 2023