

INQUIRIES ACT 2005

EDINBURGH TRAM INQUIRY

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO STATUTORY INQUIRY

The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry ("the Inquiry") was established as a non-statutory inquiry into the Edinburgh Tram project and is chaired by the Right Honourable the Lord Hardie.

The Scottish Ministers give notice in terms of section 15(1) of the Inquiries Act 2005 ("the Act") that they have decided, at the request of Lord Hardie, to convert the Inquiry to a statutory inquiry. The date of conversion is the date of this notice.

For the purposes of section 15(2) of the Act, the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the events being investigated by the Inquiry have caused public concern.

The terms of reference of the Inquiry are-

- To inquire into the delivery of the Edinburgh Tram project ("the project"), from proposals for the project emerging to its completion, including the procurement and contract preparation, its governance, project management and delivery structures, and oversight of the relevant contracts, in order to establish why the project incurred delays, cost considerably more than originally budgeted for and delivered significantly less than was projected through reductions in scope.
- To examine the consequences of the failure to deliver the project in the time, within the budget and to the extent projected.
- To otherwise review the circumstances surrounding the project as necessary, in order to report to the Scottish Ministers making recommendations as to how major tram and light rail infrastructure projects of a similar nature might avoid such failures in future.



A member of the Scottish Government

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