



*Inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the
UN Oil-for-Food Programme*

Statement by Commissioner

1. Soon, the focus of the Inquiry will turn from AWB to the other parties to the Tigris transaction, and to the knowledge of the Commonwealth.
2. I have previously invited any person who has knowledge of information which may be material to this Inquiry to provided to it those assisting me.
3. In light of the extensive public commentary on matters said to touch upon supposed aspects of actual or constructive knowledge of the Commonwealth concerning matters relating to the subject matter of this Inquiry, I am extending a specific invitation to any Member of Parliament, any member of the media, any public servant, or any member of the public who believes that they have information relevant to this aspect of this Inquiry, to provide any such information to those assisting me. Whilst the Inquiry is well advanced in its investigation of these matters, I do not want the situation to arise, after the hearings are concluded, and the report delivered, where persons suggest that there is information which was not properly investigated. Now is the time for any person with information to provide it to the Inquiry.

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