



Official Statement

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**The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
remains independent and impartial**

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls remains independent and impartial, and at no time has the Government of Canada interfered with the issuance of subpoenas.

The Commissioners can make findings of fact and refer matters. The Commissioners will make their findings on systemic causes of violence against Indigenous women and girls, and in some cases may even refer matters to the appropriate authority, when all the evidence is before them.

The National Inquiry continues to make significant progress thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff, supported by family members and survivors. With diverse backgrounds, experience and expertise, we are united by a deep commitment to honor the missing and murdered, uncover the truth and build a better future for Indigenous women and girls.

As with all organizations, staffing does not remain constant, especially in an environment dealing with difficult subject matter where many staff work extended hours. We are pleased to advise that in the last two months, several new employees have chosen to join the National Inquiry including a new Executive Director and a new Director of Research.

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