S.I. 54 of 2022

INQUEST INTO DEATH ACT

(Act 47 of 2021)

Inquest into Death (Conduct of Proceedings) Regulations, 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 30(2)(A) of the Inquest into Death Act, 2021, the Minister Responsible for Legal Affairs, in consultation with the Chief Justice, makes the following Regulations —

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Inquest into Death (Conduct of Proceedings) Regulations, 2022.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations —

"Public Prosecutor" means a person appointed as a public prosecutor under section 63 of the Criminal Procedure Code, Cap. 54 or other written law;

"State Counsel" means a person holding or acting in the office of State Counsel, of any description, including a Pupil State Counsel who has taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before the Chief Justice pursuant to section 8 of the Official Oaths Act, Cap. 153.

Officers who may assist in conduct of proceedings

- **3.**(1) Any of the following persons, at the direction of the Attorney General, may assist the person appointed under section 3 of the Act to hold an inquest into a person's death
 - (a) a Deputy Attorney General;
 - (b) a State Counsel;

- (c) a Public Prosecutor;
- (d) a police officer of the rank of Inspector or above.
- (2) A person under subregulation (1) assisting the person appointed under section 3 of the Act to hold an inquest into a person's death may
 - (a) question any witness at the inquest on matters relevant to ascertaining the information required under section 20(1) of the Act, including asking questions in relation to any investigation report, post-mortem report, special examination or statement;
 - (b) tender any evidence relevant to the inquest, including any investigation report, post-mortem report, special examination or statement;
 - (c) make an opening address or a closing address, or both; and
 - (d) provide assistance on any other matter necessary for the inquest subject to the direction of the person appointed under section 3 of the Act to hold an inquest into a person's death.

MADE this 19th day of April, 2022.

WAVEL RAMKALAWAN PRESIDENT