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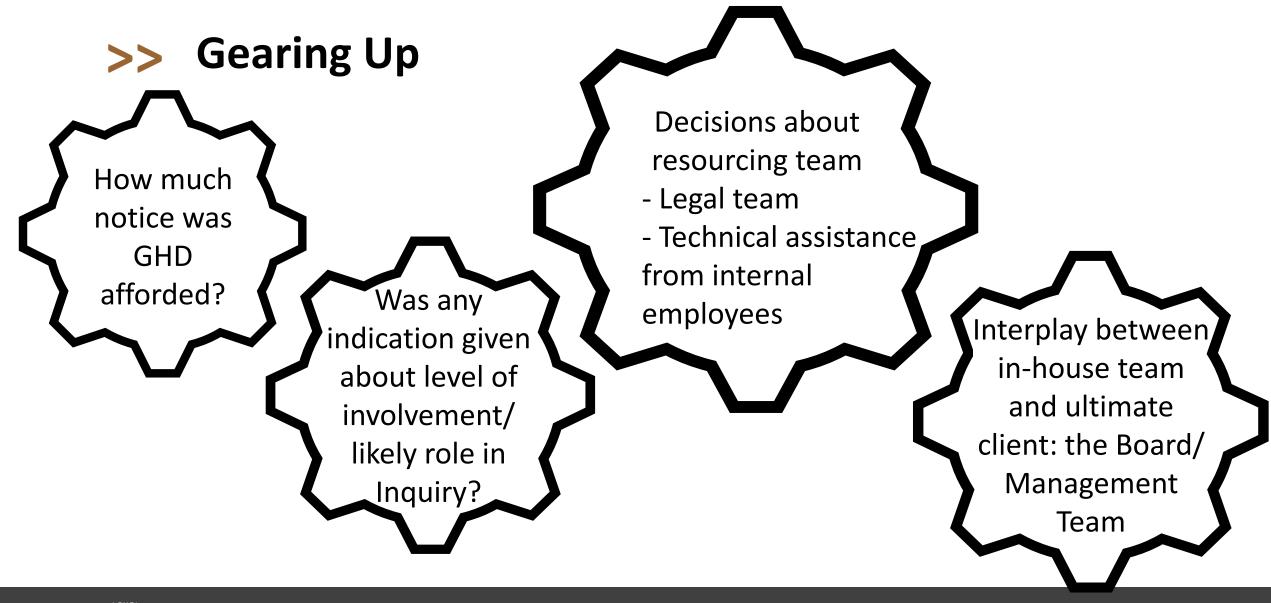
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## Commissions of Inquiry: An In-House Counsel Perspective

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#### **Business Impact**

> Financial impact/business disruption

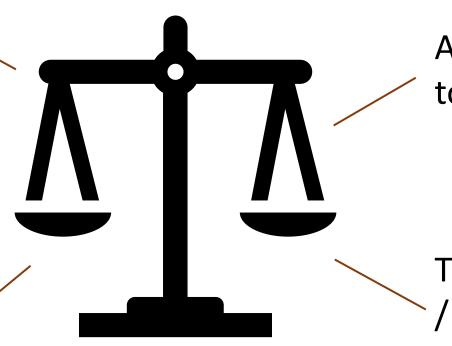
- > Reputational risk
  - How to manage
  - Involvement of board
  - Strategic decision making re approach to Commission



#### >> Procedural fairness

Momentum of hearing

Witness conferencing by Commission legal team



Amount of material to review

Timetabling issues / job disruption



#### >> Employee witnesses

> Preparation of witness statements

> Job disruption

> Mental health considerations

> Support provided by GHD





#### >> Expert witnesses

> Decision to brief external expert

> Preparation of report

> Use of concurrent evidence during hearing



### >> Use of technology

> Document management

> Hearing in remote location

> Video-hearing for final submissions



#### >> Working with counsel team

