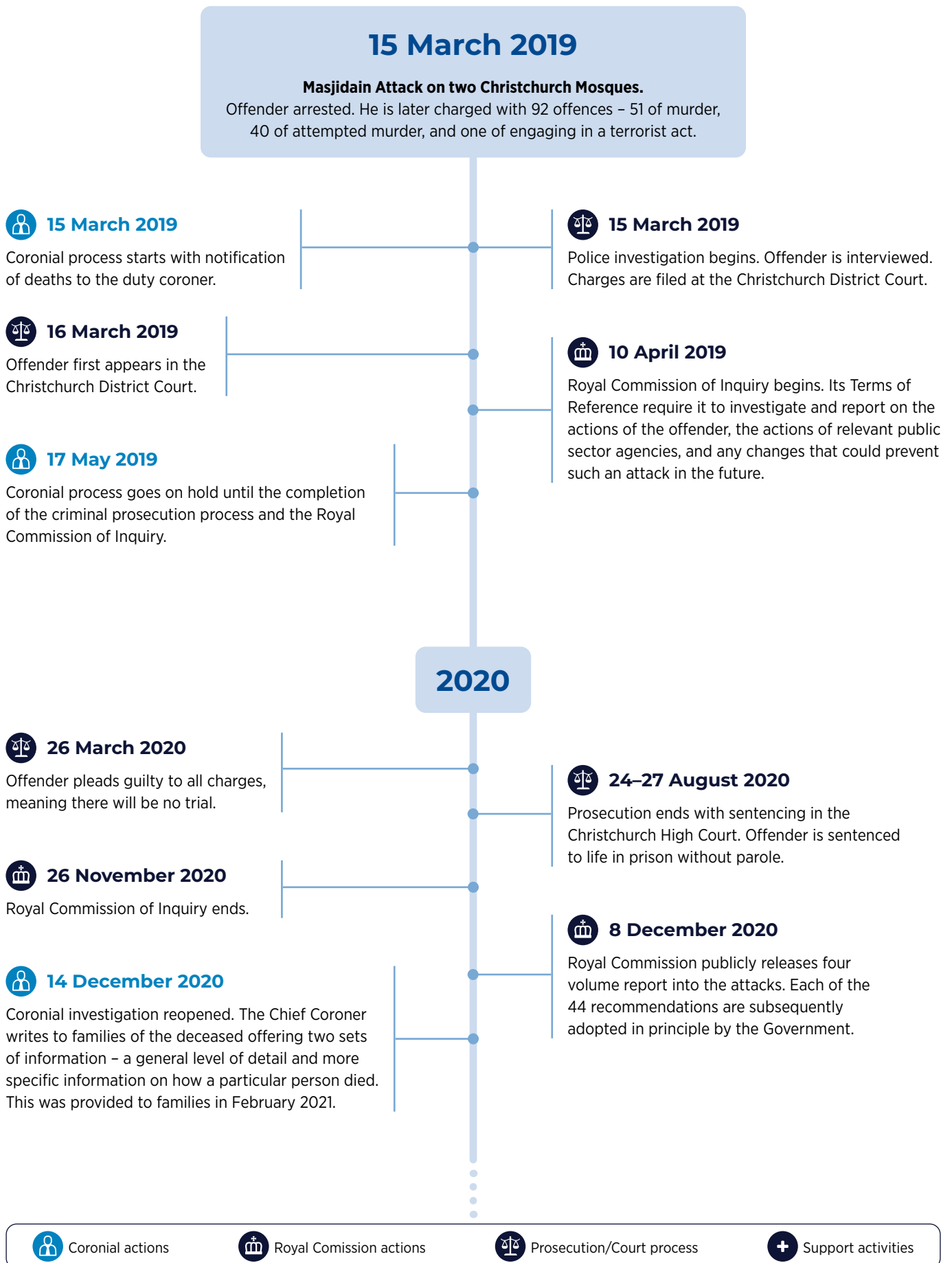


Coronial Inquiry timeline

Last updated 02 May 2023



2021

26 January 2021

The Chief Coroner meets with representatives of the Masjidain and the Muslim Community Reference Group established by the Royal Commission to further explain the content of her 14 December 2020 letter. Meetings were also held with immediate family members who wanted to meet Judge Marshall, and ask questions on the same issues.

8 April 2021

Announcement of funded lawyers to provide legal support to families of the deceased.

8 July 2021

The Chief Coroner, Judge Deborah Marshall, announces her retirement. Coroner Brigitte Windley replaces Judge Marshall as Coroner assigned to the Christchurch Masjidain Attack investigation.

13 July 2021

Deadline set for submissions to the Coronial investigation into the Christchurch Masjidain Attack. The Chief Coroner asks Interested parties to raise issues they consider have not been resolved by the criminal prosecution process or the Royal Commission of Inquiry, to inform the Chief Coroner's decision on whether an inquiry needs to be opened.

20 October 2021

Coronial inquiry opened into Christchurch Masjidain Attack.

28 October 2021

The Chief Coroner releases Minute giving a draft scope based on provisional assessment of the range of issues Interested parties had submitted. It sets out 56 potential issues.

2 December 2021

Minute released on next steps in determining scope of Coronial inquiry.

February 2021

Overview documents sent to families of the deceased. These included:

- The Police Evidential Overview for 15 March 2019 and its appendices, including a timeline of events, a map of the offender's movements, and the agreed summary of facts relied on at sentencing. These documents were made available to all Interested parties and on the Ministry of Justice website.

For all immediate family members, individual information packs specific to their family member were also provided.

9 September 2021

Initial deadline for Interested parties to raise issues or concerns they consider have not been resolved by the criminal prosecution process or the Royal Commission of Inquiry, to inform the Chief Coroner's decision on whether an inquiry needed to be opened.

11 November 2021

Legal Aid made available for Interested parties in the Coronial inquiry.

23 November 2021

Coroner Brigitte Windley formally assumes responsibility for the Coronial inquiry.

2022

+ 18 January 2022

Victim Assistance information provided to support some Interested parties to attend or watch the 22-24 February scope of inquiry hearing.

22-24 February 2022

Hearing held on scope of inquiry. The hearing is held online due to high risk of Covid-19 Omicron variant in the community and increased risk associated with large gatherings.

10 March 2022

Coroners Minutes on access to information and Coroner's decision on declining to recuse herself.

30 June 2022

Dates set down for First Phase Inquest hearing.

October 2022

Hearing on application to replace Counsel Assisting the Coroner.

3 November 2022

Appeal of offender's conviction and sentence received by the Court of Appeal.

7 December 2022

Decision on application to replace Counsel assisting the Coroner

8 February 2022

Deadline for submissions on scope of inquiry.

8 March 2022

Minute on general information disclosure and interim non-publication order.

28 April 2022

Decision issued on scope of inquiry. In all, 12 issues are identified as within the scope of the inquiry, with the first nine to be the focus of a First Phase inquest. A decision on any inquest for the three other issues will be made at a later date.

Substantive inquiry phase begins. Coroner provides information and evidence to Interested parties and decides if further evidence is needed. The disclosure of evidence is ongoing.

+ November 2022

First information session held with Interested parties.

+ December 2022

Second information session held with families of the deceased.

2023

+ January 2023

Third information session held with families of the deceased.

+ March 2023

Fourth information session held with families of the deceased.

24 October 2023

First Phase Coronial inquest to begin at the Christchurch Law Courts.

February 2023

Individualised disclosure packs relevant to each deceased made available to their families.

2 March 2023

Adjournment of First Phase hearing scheduled to begin on 15 May 2023 to a later date.