

## Parameters of good / ("adequate") investigations that can be tested during hearings by the defense: 15 Points

1. The **investigation** was conducted by someone who was impartial.
2. The **investigation** was done without delay ("promptly").
3. The **investigation** was handled in a confidential way.
4. The **investigator** was competent – sufficient training and experience.
5. The **investigator** kept and preserved record of the interviews in a standard way making use of witness interview forms.
6. The **investigator** identified him/her as well as the **principal** to the witnesses at the outset of the investigation.
7. The purpose of the **interview/investigation** as well as the seriousness of the case was explained fully to the witness.
8. **Witnesses** were allowed to submit their own written statements concerning the event(s).
9. **Witnesses** were encouraged and provided with the opportunity to speak with the investigator on more than one occasion.
10. The **investigator** asked **witnesses** relevant, open-ended, non-leading questions.
11. The **investigator** focused on facts pertaining to the case and not on opinions and/or suppositions.
12. The **accused** was promptly notified of the charges.
13. The **accused** was provided access to the statements by other witnesses.
14. The **accused** was provided with the opportunity to clarify, correct or challenge information provided by other witnesses.
15. The **accused** was provided with the final opportunity to comment on all the information that had been gathered.