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**ONLINE PLATFORMS MARKET INQUIRY FINAL REPORT TO BE RELEASED IN FEBRUARY 2023**

The Online Platforms Market Inquiry (Inquiry) final report is due to be released in February 2023 following a three-month extension granted by Trade, Industry, and Competition Minister Ebrahim Patel.

The extension was gazetted on Thursday, 03 November 2022 taking into consideration that one month will be lost due to the December break for most businesses.

The final report was due to be released by the end of November, and while the Inquiry is near completion, the additional time was granted to continue the fruitful stakeholder consultations around the remedial actions.

The Inquiry released its provisional report in July this year following months of evidence gathering, public hearings, and in-camera hearings into online intermediation platforms including eCommerce, app stores, travel & accommodation platforms, food delivery, and online classifieds. Subsequent calls for comment from all stakeholders were also sought in August and September.

There will be no further extensions and the report will be released by 18 February 2023.

Launched in May 2021, the purpose of the Inquiry has been to identify market features that have adverse effects on competition amongst platforms, between businesses using these platforms, and the participation of SMEs and historically disadvantaged persons (HDPs) at both platform and business user level.

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