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CHIEF JUSTICE TO HEAD CORRUPTION INQUIRY IN CARIBBEAN

NSW Supreme Court Chief Justice James Spigelman will head a major corruption inquiry in Antigua and Barbuda, Acting Attorney General Verity Firth announced today.

Ms Firth said Chief Justice Spigelman will travel to the Caribbean island nation later this month to investigate allegations of international fraud. The inquiry has no connection to Australia.

“It is alleged that money launders used offshore banks, involving financiers from Europe who acted with high ranking politicians and public servants,” she said.

After his initial trip, Chief Justice Spigelman will return for hearings later in the year, which would last for approximately two or three weeks.

The government of Antigua and Barbuda will pay for the Chief Justice’s airfares, as well as his accommodation and expenses.

The President of the NSW Court of Appeal, Justice James Allsop, will act as Chief Justice while Chief Justice Spigelman is overseas.