

THE POST OFFICE GROUP LITIGATION

Claim No. HQ16X01238, HQ17X02637
& HQ17X04248

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

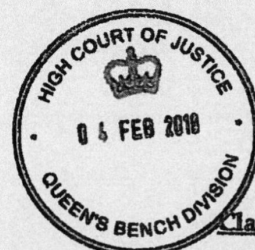
BEFORE: The Hon. Mr Justice Fraser

B E T W E E N:-

ALAN BATES & OTHERS

- and -

POST OFFICE LIMITED



Claimants

Defendant

ORDER FOR DIRECTIONS

UPON hearing Leading Counsel for the Claimants and Leading Counsel for the Defendant at a Case Management Conference on 31 January 2019

AND UPON adjournment of the Case Management Conference, part heard, in accordance with the terms of this Order

IT IS ORDERED that: -

Variation of Order dated 2 January 2019

1. The trial referred to in paragraph 1 of the Order for Directions dated 2 January 2019 is re-listed to commence on Monday 4 November 2019, with a time estimate of four weeks (to be known as the "Further Issues Trial").
2. The Further Issues Trial shall be for the purpose of determining one or more issues to be agreed or ordered in accordance with the requirements of this Order.

Adjournment of CMC

3. The Case Management Conference referred to in paragraph 2 of the Order dated 2 January 2019 is adjourned, part heard, to 10:30 am Tuesday 12 February 2019, with a time estimate of 2.5 hours.

4. The adjourned Case Management Conference referred to in paragraph 3 above shall be for the purpose of (a) approving the issues for determination at the Further Issues Trial, and (b) grant of further directions for that trial.

Agreement of Issues for Determination

5. Prior to the adjourned Case Management Conference, the parties shall seek to agree a list of issues for determination at the Further Issues Trial (the "List of Issues"). The List of Issues shall specify:
 - 5.1. the issues the parties agree should be determined at the Further Issues Trial (together with a specification as to whether, for each such issue, its determination will require factual evidence to be given);
 - 5.2. the identity of any Lead Claimants whose selection is agreed upon by both parties; and
 - 5.3. the selection criteria to be applied for the purposes of identifying any further Lead Claimants it is necessary to select for the determination of those issues.
6. By 12:00 noon on Tuesday 5 February 2019, Leading Counsel for each of the parties shall meet to discuss and seek to agree the content of the List of Issues.
7. If and when a List of Issues is agreed, it shall be lodged with the Court.
8. In the event that a List of Issues is not agreed, by 10:00 a.m. on Monday 11 February 2019, each party shall file its proposed List of Issues at Court.

Costs

9. Costs of the Case Management Conference, and compliance with the terms of this Order, are common costs in the case.

DATED this 31st day of January 2019