

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

UPON hearing from Leading Counsel for the Claimants and the Defendant during the Horizon Issues Trial in the Post Office Group Litigation on 11 April 2019

IT IS ORDERED that: -

Expert Evidence

1. The parties' experts are to have at least one further meeting to seek further agreement on the Horizon Issues by 4pm on 3 May 2019. If any such agreement can be reached, the experts are to produce a fifth joint statement.
2. Paragraph 3 of the Order on Recusal Application dated 9 April 2019 is varied in the following terms. The expert evidence in the Horizon Issues Trial to be heard as follows:
 - 2.1. The evidence of Mr Coyne will be heard on Tuesday, 4 June to Friday, 7 June 2019 inclusive.
 - 2.2. The evidence of Dr Worden will be heard on Tuesday, 11 June to Thursday, 13 June 2019 inclusive.

Closing Submissions

3. By noon on Thursday, 27 June 2019 the parties shall exchange, upload onto Opus and file by email to the clerk of the Managing Judge in Microsoft Word format written closing submissions in the Horizon Issues Trial.
4. Oral closing submissions are to be heard as follows:
 - 4.1. The Claimants' oral closing submissions will take place on Monday, 1 July 2019.
 - 4.2. The Defendant's oral closing submissions will take place on Tuesday, 2 July 2019.

Redactions

5. By noon on 18 April 2019 the results of the review of the redaction exercise undertaken by Leading Counsel for the Defendant in the Horizon Issues Trial are to be identified in a letter from Womble Bond Dickinson to Freeths LLP, together with any relevant documents (if any) resulting from that review.

Further costs hearing

6. The hearing of the application by the Claimants for their costs of the Common Issues Trial and the further orders necessary on the costs of the Recusal Application referred to in paragraph 8 of Order on Recusal Application dated 9 April 2019 to take place at 10:30am on 23 May 2019, with a time estimate of half a day.

Directions in Seventh CMC Order

7. The directions in the Seventh CMC Order dated 12 February 2019 at paragraphs 3.4 to 20.2 (which relate to the Further Issues Trial, Further Trial Issues and Costs and Costs Management) are stayed.
8. The stay referred to in paragraph 7 above to be lifted upon seven days' notice in writing by either party.

Miscellaneous

9. Defined terms in previous Orders shall have the same meaning in this Order.
10. Liberty to apply.

Dated this 12th day of April 2019



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