
DIRECTIONS

Following the OPEN directions hearing on 25 March 2022 and subsequent CLOSED directions hearing it is DIRECTED that:

1. Her Majesty's Government ('HMG') is to respond to the three requests made by the Solicitor to the Inquiry for documents (dated 12 October 2021, 8 November 2021 and 3 February 2022) by 24 June 2022; identifying any parts which in its submission need to be CLOSED, redacted or gisted.
2. Op Verbasco is to provide an advanced draft statement of events and underlying material (identifying any parts which in its submission need to be CLOSED, redacted or gisted) by 24 June 2022.
3. The Solicitor to the Inquiry is to promulgate a protocol for applications for restriction orders by 15 April 2022.
4. HMG is to file any application in principle for a restriction order, or to make any restriction notice, in respect of names by 31 May 2022.
5. Op Verbasco is to make any similar applications for restriction orders by 31 May 2022.
6. HMG and Op Verbasco are to provide a position statement on any further contemplated restriction order applications/notices by 31 May 2022.
7. An OPEN directions hearing is to be listed for 15 July 2022; any representations on the listing are to be made to the Solicitor to the Inquiry within 7 days.

4 April 2022

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD HUGHES OF OMBERSELY