

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND**

**SC 84/2008  
[2009] NZSC 6**

**BETWEEN**                      **WILLIAM PATRICK JEFFRIES**  
Appellant

**AND**                              **THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL**  
Respondent

**Court:**                      **Elias CJ, Blanchard and Tipping JJ**

**Counsel:**                      **D H O'Leary for Appellant**  
**H S Hancock for Respondent**

**Judgment:**                      **4 February 2009**

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**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT**

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**A**                      **Leave to appeal is granted.**

**B**                      **The approved ground is whether the Court of Appeal's order of 20 October 2008, requiring the appellant to pay the respondent costs of \$750.00, was properly made.**

**C**                      **In granting leave the Court was satisfied that the case raises a point of general importance despite the very small amount at stake in financial terms. The parties may, however, wish to reflect on whether the matter in issue is capable of resolution without the cost of a full hearing.**

Solicitors:  
Duncan Cotterill, Wellington for Appellant  
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