

[5] Given the indication by the Crown as to likely progress in respect of notifying applicants about direct negotiations that the Court received 12 months ago, it is disappointing that some applicants are still awaiting a substantive response.

[6] The applicant's request for their appearance on 29 June 2020 to be dispensed with is granted. However, the Court will not make a direction in relation to the Crown's obligation to notify parties about its position on direct negotiations without hearing from the Crown. The Crown's response will be recorded in the minute detailing matters discussed at the CMC.

Churchman J