



**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018 AT 15:00pm
IN THE OFFICE OF
THE NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,
TEMPLE COURT, 39 NORTH STREET, BELFAST, BT1 1NA**

Present:

(In person) Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner
Helen Ferguson
Paul Mageean

(By telephone) John McCallister
Helena Macormac

In Attendance: David Russell, Chief Executive
Colin Caughey, Director (Legal, Research and
Investigations, and Advice to Government)
Rebecca Magee (Personal Assistant)
Rhyannon Blythe (Senior Legal and Research
Officer)
Sara Donnelly, Legal and Research Officer

Apologies: Eddie Rooney
Graham Shields

1. JT Case

- 1.1 Commissioners were updated on the current position in relation to the JT case namely a decision to destroy DNA without conceding on any further substantial points contained in the initial Order 53 application for judicial review and advised that a decision on instructions to the

barrister needed to be made at this meeting as the court required a response by Friday 20 April 2018.

- 1.2 Commissioners discussed in detail the update to the case and what options were available going forward.
- 1.3 Commissioners agreed to seek to postpone the review of the case due in court next week to allow time to address the additional issues contained in the original Order 53 application with PSNI. Once the outcome of those discussions are known the Commission would then be in a position to make an informed view on whether to proceed with the case or not.

Meeting closed at 15:55