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**STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT
INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE**

Mr Martin Sims

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Martin Sims, a magistrate assigned to the East Kent Bench, was subject to a conduct investigation following a finding that he had wrongfully claimed a financial loss allowance over a long period and refused to return the money owed. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice found that Mr Sims’ actions amount to serious misconduct and have removed him from the magistracy.”

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