



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mr Bert O'Donoghue JP

A spokesperson from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb DBE on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice have issued Bert O'Donoghue JP with a formal warning for undermining the authority of his bench chair in relation to a decision she made, and was entitled to make, to decline a request by Mr O'Donoghue for several weeks' leave of absence. In reaching their decision, the Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb DBE took into consideration that Mr O'Donoghue was unwilling to acknowledge the inappropriateness of his conduct.”

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