



# STATEMENT

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## **STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS**

**HH BATHURST-NORMAN**

### **A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:**

“At short notice, the judge assigned to try a politically sensitive trial at Hove Crown Court on 28 and 29 June 2010 was unable to sit. To avoid an adjournment, His Honour Bathurst-Norman agreed to replace to him.

“A number of complaints were made about some of the observations he made during the trial and summing up. An investigation found that a number of these observations did not arise directly from the evidence at trial and could be seen as an expression of the judge’s personal views on a political question. This was an error.

“The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice considered the conclusions of the investigation and HH Bathurst-Norman was formally reprimanded.”

**ENDS**

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