1	Monday, 5 December 2016	1	oral submissions than they would have wished. We are
2	(11.00 am)	2	grateful for their cooperation and understanding.
3	Opening statement by THE PRESIDENT	3	I remind those advocates who will be addressing us
4	THE PRESIDENT: Before we start, I would like to raise a few	4	that their oral submissions must not repeat points
5	matters. We order that no one shall publish or reveal	5	already raised by other advocates in earlier
6	the names or addresses of various parties, prospective	6	submissions.
7	claimants and interested parties in these proceedings,	7	Next, many people are watching these proceedings
8	or any information likely to lead to the identification	8	because they are being streamed on our website and
9	of those people or their families, in connection with	9	broadcast on television. This is a very important
10	these proceedings, or the home address of the first	10	aspect of open justice, and we are pleased that so many
11	respondent or any of the interested parties. Copies of	11	people are able to read the written arguments online and
12	this order with further details will be available to	12	listen to the oral arguments as they are being
13	anybody who wishes to see it.	13	developed.
14	We have made this order largely because various	14	Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to
15	individuals have received threats of serious violence	15	remind everyone who has taken an interest in these
16	and unpleasant abuse in emails and other electronic	16	proceedings that the Supreme Court exists to decide
17	communications.	17	points of law which fall within its jurisdiction. The
18	Threatening and abusing people because they are	18	justices of the court are of course aware of the public
19	exercising their fundamental right to go to court	19	interest in this case, and we are aware of the strong
20	undermines the rule of law. Anyone who communicates	20	feelings associated with the many other wider political
21	such threats or abuse should be aware that there are	21	questions surrounding the United Kingdom's departure
22	legal powers designed to ensure that access to the	22	from the European Union.
23	courts is available to everybody.	23	However, as will be apparent from the arguments
24	Secondly, it is right to record that at the	24	before us, those wider political questions are not the
25	direction of the court, the registrar has asked all the	25	subject of this appeal. This appeal is concerned with
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1 said with clarity that this is a case which the 1 raised in relation to the Scottish, Northern Irish and 2 2 claimants brought perfectly properly and which it is now Welsh jurisdictions. 3 perfectly proper for this court to decide. 3 My three submissions are these. First, that the 4 That is so because there is a clear question of law 4 foreign affairs prerogative is not an ancient relic but 5 before the court, namely, whether the Government has the 5 a contemporary necessity. Including the powers to make legal power to give notice under Article 50 of the 6 and withdraw from treaties, it is a fundamental pillar 6 7 7 Treaty on European Union to begin negotiations for the of our constitution as a sovereign state and it is 8 UK's withdrawal from the EU, or whether further specific 8 essential to the effective conduct of public business. 9 legislative authority is required to do so. 9 Second, that the prerogative operates as part of 10 That, we submit, is a clear question. But it is not 10 a dualist system, including in the EU context. 11 a narrow one. It raises issues going to the very heart 11 Third, that the prerogative operates wholly in 12 of our constitutional settlement. The question arises, 12 accordance with parliamentary sovereignty. Parliament 13 of course, because the United Kingdom is about to leave 13 has a clear understanding of the constitutional function 14 the European Union, as a result of a course of events 14 and usefulness of these powers, and where it chooses to 15 which I submit is worth restating. 15 limit them, it does so carefully and specifically. 16 16 So, my first submission is on the importance of the At the last general election, the Government was 17 17 foreign affairs prerogative. The powers to make and elected with a manifesto commitment to hold an in/out 18 18 referendum on the UK's membership of the EU. Parliament unmake treaties, conduct diplomacy and take part in 19 provided for that referendum through the European Union 19 multilateral decision-making do not, we say, reside with Referendum Act of 2015. The referendum was conducted, 20 the executive as unfinished business or as a result of 20 21 we say, in the universal expectation, including in 21 historical oversight, but because there are good 22 22 Parliament, that the Government would implement its constitutional and practical reasons why they should. 23 23 The need for the Government to maintain control over result. As the foreign secretary told the House of 24 Commons at second reading of the bill, and I quote: 24 strategy, policy and operational matters in conducting 25 25 our bilateral or multilateral international "This is a simple but vital piece of legislation. Page 5 Page 7 It has one clear purpose: to deliver on our promise to 1 1 relationships is, we say, clear and compelling. 2 give the British people the final say on our EU 2 That has long been true. I want to read from 3 membership in an in/out referendum by the end of 2017." 3 Blackstone's Commentaries on this matter. Again, 4 4 My Lords, I don't propose to ask you to turn to I don't invite your Lordships to turn it up for these 5 that, but if you wish to find it, it is at volume 18 of 5 purposes, but it can be found at volume 27 of the bundle 6 the bundles, tab 203. 6 at tab 329. 7 A majority of those who voted in the referendum 7 At that point, describing the foreign affairs 8 wanted the UK to leave the European Union, and 8 prerogative as, and I quote "wisely placed in a single 9 9 Article 50 provides the specific legal mechanism to hand by the British constitution for the sake of 10 begin doing so. 10 unanimity, strength and dispatch". It goes on to say, 11 Now, my Lords, the divisional court treated all of 11 and again I quote: 12 that as legally irrelevant and concluded that the 12 "With regard to foreign concerns, the King is the 13 process could not lawfully be begun by the Government 13 delegate or representative of his people. It is 14 14 using prerogative powers but only by further legislation impossible that individuals of a state in their 15 in Parliament. We say, respectfully, that the 15 collective capacity can transact the affairs of that 16 divisional court was wrong about that. We say that use 16 state with another community equally numerous as 17 of the prerogative in these circumstances would not only 17 themselves. Unanimity must be wanting to their measures 18 be lawful but fully supported by our constitutional 18 and strength to the execution of their counsels." 19 settlement, in line with parliamentary sovereignty and 19 My Lords, we submit that remains the case. Ours is 20 in accordance with legitimate public expectations. 20 not the only constitutional system where this is 21 So in opening this appeal, I make three submissions 21 accepted. Other common law jurisdictions recognise 22 by way of introduction to our case from this fundamental 22 similar power for their own governance. In the 23 23 constitutional perspective. My learned friend Mr Eadie United States, in Canada and in Australia, the executive 24 will then develop our case and the Advocate General for 24 branch holds the power to make and unmake treaties, and 25 25 Scotland will deal with the devolution and other issues these are powers that are used often. Page 6 Page 8

1 In the last 12 months the Government has signed 31 1 level. 2 2 new treaties on a range of subjects, including An action which has that effect, an effect which can include the removal of previously existing 3 transport, mutual legal assistance, defence, prisoner 3 4 transfer and the environment. 4 treaty-dependent rights, is action taken in the exercise 5 They have been used too by the Government in playing 5 of prerogative powers. That, we say, is the logical 6 our full part as a member state of the European Union, 6 consequence of the conduit mechanism which Parliament 7 7 including in the process of shaping the development of brought into being with the 1972 Act. 8 8 the EU legal order, and all the ebb and flow of EU law Which brings me to my third submission. Parliament 9 9 rights and obligations that that entails. is sovereign. Parliament can, if it chooses, legislate 10 The Government has been doing this since 1972 by 10 to limit the prerogative and it has done so, but where 11 participating in Council of Ministers' decision-making 11 it has done so, it has done it sparingly and explicitly, 12 as well as in the day-to-day transaction of Commission 12 conscious, as it has always been, of the need for 13 negotiations in Brussels, and diplomatically with other 13 prerogative powers and the effective conduct of 14 member states. All this, we say, is done using 14 Government business. 15 prerogative powers and with Parliament's acceptance. 15 So Parliament has considered carefully the proper 16 My second submission is that all this is done as 16 extent of its involvement in the making of treaties. 17 part of the functioning of the UK's dualist legal 17 The provisions in part 2 of the Constitutional Reform 18 18 and Governance Act 2010 were the culmination of system. Mr Eadie will develop this submission in more 19 detail, but I want to give the court a flavour of it at 19 a lengthy process of dialogue between Parliament and the 20 20 executive and of wider public consultation. this stage. 21 It is common ground that treaties are not 21 That Act introduced a series of controls in relation 22 22 self-executing. Prerogative actions of the Government to the ratification of treaties, but it did not 23 on the international law plane on the one hand, and on 23 introduce a requirement for primary legislative 24 the other, Parliament giving effect as necessary to 24 authority, nor did it seek to control the prerogative 25 rights and obligations on the domestic plane are legally 25 power to make or significantly to withdraw from Page 9 Page 11 1 and constitutionally separate. The EU legal order, we 1 treaties. 2 say, is not an exception to that dualist system; it is 2 Parliament has also considered, with particular care and in detail, what the balance of legislation and 3 3 a clear example of it. 4 To implement the UK's original treaty obligations, 4 prerogative power should be in the specific context of 5 the 1972 European Communities Act provided for a conduit 5 the European Union. Parliament has done so in a series 6 for the inflow of the EU legal order; that was its of acts, beginning with the 1972 European Communities 6 7 purpose. But the existence of a mechanism such as the 7 Act and ending with the 2015 European Union Referendum 8 8 1972 Act for implementing the consequences of EU Act. We will take you to the details of that sequence. 9 9 membership in domestic law has no bearing, we say, in But I would make two points at this stage: first, 10 a dualist system on the existence or use of the foreign 10 there is nothing in the wording of the European 11 affairs prerogative to remove the EU legal order at 11 Communities Act, or indeed in the later legislation to 12 international level. 12 which Mr Eadie will take you, to inhibit withdrawal from 13 That is at least in part because the 1972 Act does 13 the European Union treaties or subject it to not and cannot create EU rights and obligations. It 14 14 a requirement of prior legislative authority. That 15 says so in terms, and you will be taken to the relevant 15 therefore remains to be done by the Government in 16 language. EU rights and obligations are negotiated and exercise of well-established prerogative powers. It is 16 17 agreed by Government and are created and arise on the 17 not as though Parliament has been short of opportunities 18 international law plane. 18 to impose such restrictions if it had wanted to. 19 19 Doing so we say involves and has always involved the There has been legislation in 1978, in 2002, in 20 use of prerogative powers. The 1972 Act provides for 20 2008, in 2011 and in 2015, where it could have done so 21 21 the rights and obligations from time to time existing on and did not. 22 the international plane to be part of domestic law. 22 Secondly, nowhere in the three acts that followed 23 Those rights and obligations in domestic law are 23 the Lisbon treaty in 2008, 2011 and 2015 is there any 24 therefore inherently liable to change, to be expanded, 24 basis for inferring a legislative restriction on the 25 25 shrunk or withdrawn altogether by action at the EU prerogative in relation to Article 50, to begin Page 10 Page 12

1	negotiation of withdrawal.	1	Through parliamentary debate and scrutiny, through the
2	On the contrary, we say, close attention to the	2	procedures set out in the Constitutional Reform and
3	respective roles of Government and legislature in this	3	Governance Act for scrutinising the withdrawal agreement
4	context has been given by Parliament in each of these	4	which Article 50(2) envisages, and through legislation
5	acts, and the Government's role on Article 50 has been	5	in the form of the Great Repeal Bill to deal to the
6	consciously conserved.	6	extent necessary with the domestic law consequences for
7	The last of these acts is the 2015 European Union	7	former treaty-dependent rights and obligations,
8	Referendum Act. That Act was passed in the clear	8	Parliament will continue to exercise its sovereignty as
9	expectation inside and outside Parliament that the final	9	it does these things, both when it legislates and when
10	decision, made by the people in the referendum it	10	it chooses not to, because Parliament can demonstrate
11	provided for, would be implemented by the Government.	11	its sovereignty, we say, as much when it decides not to
12	At the heart of the referendum campaign between	12	act as when it acts. Parliament is sovereign to impose
13	remainers and leavers was the proposition that the	13	whatever legal controls it wishes on the prerogative,
14	referendum would provide the definitive answer to the	14	and it is sovereign to choose not to, or to rely on
15	question of our future inside or outside the European	15	political rather than legal controls on the Government.
16	Union, and the assumption that this was so was surely	16	That must be what parliamentary sovereignty means.
17	clear from the vigour with which the campaign was fought	17	The position of the respondents and others in this
18	by both sides.	18	case has always been that they have no interest in
19	Parliament passed the 2015 Act and provided for the	19	derailing Brexit but only in defending Parliament's role
20	referendum, we say, in full knowledge that the	20	in the process.
21	Government had publicly and repeatedly committed to	21	But if this is all about standing up for Parliament,
22	implement the outcome and fully expecting it to do so.	22	I say Parliament can stand up for itself. When it comes
23	We say, too, that because implementation of a decision	23	to leaving the European Union, Parliament has had full
24	by the people to leave the EU would require withdrawal	24	capacity and multiple opportunities to restrict the
25	from treaty obligations, Parliament expected also that	25	executive's ordinary ability to begin the Article 50
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1	this would be done in the normal way, by use of	1	process and it has not chosen to do so.
2	prerogative powers. We say Parliament definitively and	2	However much they may wish it had, those who support
3	deliberately assigned to the public vote and to	3	parliamentary sovereignty should, we submit, respect
4	prerogative action, the very question it is said it now	4	this exercise of parliamentary sovereignty too.
5	needs to ask itself again in precisely the same terms.	5	So, my final submission, my Lords, is that in the
6	Parliament passed the 2015 Act in the clear	6	context of this case, the imposition of a legislative
7	knowledge, and expectation, that the process by which	7	precondition by the courts which Parliament did not
8	the exit from the EU would take place was set out in	8	choose to impose itself, cannot be supportive of
9	Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.	9	parliamentary sovereignty, but must be positively
10	It knew what would happen when that process was	10	inconsistent with it. In the delicate balance of our
11	begun, and it took no step, made no provision, imposed	11	constitutional settlement, this court should, we submit,
12	no constraint, to prevent the Government giving notice	12	resist the invitation to make such an imposition.
13	to do so in the usual exercise of prerogative power.	13	My Lords, as I indicated, there are some further
14	So, my Lords, the triggering of Article 50, we say,	14	submissions that the appellant wishes to make. Mr Eadie
15	will not be an exercise of prerogative power on a whim,	15	and Lord Keen will make them. Unless there is anything
16	or out of a clear blue sky. It is the logical	16	further I can assist with on what I have said, those are
17	conclusion of a process in which Parliament has been	17	the submissions I wish to make at this stage.
18	fully and consciously involved, a process in which	18	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Mr Attorney, thank you.
19	Parliament resolved to put a clear and decisive question	19	Mr Eadie.
20	about our nation's future to the British people, and in	20	Submissions by MR EADIE
21	which Parliament expected the Government to act on the	21	MR EADIE: My Lords, my Lady, can I indicate where my
22	answer they gave.	22	submissions are going to go and give you an overview, if
23	None of this means, of course, that Parliament will	23	I may.
24	not be closely involved in the process of the UK's	24	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.
25	withdrawal from the EU over the coming months and years.	25	MR EADIE: I am going to start with three brief submissions
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			4 (Pages 13 to 16)

1 on the nature of the prerogative. 1 The conduct of foreign affairs involves myriad 2 2 Then I am going to deal with some basic principles decisions, a daily exercise of power, a series of relating to dualism and the impact of the prerogative on 3 3 judgment calls, the negotiations between sovereign 4 to domestic legal rights and obligations. 4 states on the international plane leading to the 5 Then I am going to take you briefly, because I know 5 conclusion, and indeed to the withdrawal from agreements 6 you will be well familiar with them, through some of the 6 that are so made. It was, we respectfully submit, 7 7 cases dealing with the De Keyser principles. properly described by Viscount Radcliffe in the 8 8 Then I am going to have a slightly longer section, Burmah Oil case, core authorities bundle 3, tab 34, MS 9 trying to apply both of those basic sets of principle to 9 1356 at page 118 as "a power to act according to 10 the concepts that you have before you today, before 10 discretion for the public good". 11 turning finally to two topics, one of which the Attorney 11 There has been a recent article exploring the 12 has already flagged, namely parliamentary sovereignty, 12 question in justificatory terms, good thing or bad 13 and secondly asking the direct question which the 13 thing, the prerogative, by the professor of legal 14 divisional court treated as being in effect dispositive, 14 philosophy at Balliol, Oxford, Professor Endicott, and 15 namely is there a background constitutional principle of 15 you have that lecture which we recommend as at least 16 16 interesting reading behind tab 11 of the little blue the kind that they described. 17 That is the structure, and, even in describing it, 17 file, for which apologies, but the little blue or black 18 18 file on your desk with 11 KBW written on the back. it appears that my submissions to you are going to be 19 longer than they ordinarily would be, but the complex 19 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. 20 issues in this case perhaps lead to that. But I will 20 MR EADIE: That is it. Tab 11 is Professor Endicott if you 21 bear clearly in mind what I have been told, which is 21 want. I am not going to take you through it now but 22 22 that in order to maintain the broader interest, if there there it is. 23 is any in the issues in this appeal, these submissions 23 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. 24 have to be marginally more entertaining than the one 24 MR EADIE: He relies upon, amongst other things, the very 25 that Serenade the Stars is about to make in the 11.50 25 section from Blackstone's Commentaries that the Attorney Page 17 Page 19 1 has just taken you to. 1 Maiden Stakes at Lingfield Park. 2 I am not optimistic on that front, but with that 2 THE PRESIDENT: Yes. 3 3 MR EADIE: I say an essential and fundamental component or lead in, could I turn first to the prerogative. Three 4 4 pillar under our constitution, but we are, as the basic points if I may. They are general in nature but 5 they are, I would respectfully submit, important to 5 Attorney has already flagged, not alone in having that 6 system, in having the system that we do. Other common 6 emphasise at the outset of this appeal. 7 7 law jurisdictions have exactly or precisely similar Firstly, the point that the Attorney has already 8 flagged, that the prerogative powers are, we submit, 8 systems relating to treaty-making, ratification, and 9 9 withdrawal. an essential and fundamental component or pillar of the 10 modern British constitution. One only has to list the 10 Specifically and for example treaty withdrawal, to 11 paradigm examples that the courts have given of 11 focus on that for a moment, is a decision taken by the 12 12 executive alone in Australia, in Canada, and we cite the prerogative powers to appreciate that constitutional 13 fact. War and peace, the conduct of international 13 Turp case, I am not going to take you to it, authorities 14 26, tab 308, 8950 in the electronic -- and New Zealand. 14 relations, including the powers to make and unmake 15 treaties. 15 And the same position exists in --16 LORD CARNWATH: Can I ask, the Turp case does interest me, 16 Those are powers that are exercised today and that 17 are you going to come back to that at some point? That 17 have, for years, been exercised by the Government. It 18 18 is an unusual example of the prerogative being used in probably matters not whether that is a good thing or 19 a bad thing. It is, we submit, a basic constitutional 19 fact to go against a specific act of Parliament on one 20 fact. If one had to justify that, it is not difficult, 20 view of the matter. I don't know whether you are going 21 21 to come back to it. particularly in the sphere of foreign affairs, to see 22 why, under our constitution, such powers continue to be 22 MR EADIE: My Lord, I can come back to it. 23 23 LORD CARNWATH: Perhaps later on. exercised by the Government, subject, of course, to the 24 limited and specific control that the legislature has 24 MR EADIE: Very well. I was saying that the same position 25 25 exists in relation to the United States where treaty seen fit to impose upon that exercise.

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1	ratification is subject to two-thirds majority Senate	1	Burmah Oil, was in fact made in order to justify the
2	approval; that is ratification; but the power to	2	correct analytical approach in that case to the nature
3	withdraw vests exclusively in the executive. You have	3	of the war prerogative, namely, as Lord Reid described
4	got in the bundle, and it is perhaps worth turning this	4	it, a historical one designed to see, in effect, if the
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	up very briefly I will try and keep the authorities I		Government had ever taken property in time of conflict
6	take you to to an absolute minimum, given the time, but	6	without compensation. So it was a statement for
7	this is perhaps of some interest. Authorities bundle 27	7	a purpose, implying no suspicion of the underlying
8	tab 27, tab 332, and it is 9367 on the electronic.	8	doctrine by reference to its age.
9	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.	9	If describing it as a relic of a past age implies
10	MR EADIE: The passage that it may be worth just inviting	10	a long history, we agree. If it implies as a general
11	you to side line is the passage that you see on	11	proposition that more today is done by statute and there
12	page 9367 in the left-hand column, halfway down	12	is less reliance than in Stuart times on the
13	beginning:	13	Government's prerogative, again, we agree, but to the
14	"Termination of a treaty"	14	extent that the description has connotations of
15	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	15	anachronism because the power has existed for many
16	MR EADIE: Again, with my Lords' permission, could I invite	16	centuries, we profoundly disagree.
17	you to read that, just that paragraph.	17	The correct starting point, we submit, is not
18	THE PRESIDENT: Ending "section 332"?	18	suspicion of prerogative powers accompanied by judicial
19	MR EADIE: Ending "section 332".	19	concern at their exercise; it is quite the opposite. It
20	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will read that.	20	is the recognition that the prerogative powers that
21	(Pause)	21	remain in the hands of Government are fundamental to our
22	Thank you.	22	constitution, and effective government are essential
23	MR EADIE: This first statement of basic principle, we	23	to effective government.
24	submit is enhanced and supported and not diminished by	24	That properly leads to the exacting tests that
25	the fact that the powers themselves are ancient.	25	I will come to, that the courts have developed before
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Will you be 11 coming back to the extent to which the prerogative is 11 abrogated. 12 The third submission in relation to the prerogative 12 reviewable by the courts? Because I think this is 13 an area which is touched on in some of the submissions, 13 is this. Parliament is of course sovereign. It can 14 choose to limit, it can choose to control the 14 whereas I mean some years ago, it would have been 15 prerogative power in any way or ways that it sees fit, 15 assumed it was not justiciable at all, whereas more 16 and, of course, ultimately, it can choose to remove such 16 recently, in cases like Abbasi and Sandiford, we have 17 power in any particular context altogether. So it is 17 accepted the power to review and it is something we 18 18 might like to look at a little later. accurate and more accurate, certainly, in the context of 19 foreign affairs, than using "relic" language, to 19 MR EADIE: My Lord, we have. I was not proposing to devote 20 20 a lot of time to that. You will have seen below there describe the prerogative, again Lord Reid in Burmah Oil 21 as "part of sovereignty which Parliament has chosen to 21 was a flirtation, if I can put it that way, with the 22 22 non-justiciability argument, and that is no longer being leave in the Government's hands". 23 23 That is 1338 in the MS numbering, core authorities mounted before this court. We accept that the 24 3, tab 34. 24 prerogative power, including the prerogative power to 25 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. 25 exercise foreign relations, may raise non-justiciability Page 25 Page 27 MR EADIE: In the context of foreign affairs and 1 issues, but in a context such as this which raises the 1 2 treaty-making, there has been specific recognition of 2 fundamental and basic legal question, namely whether the 3 3 that fact, ie that that sort of prerogative power is prerogative exists or has been abrograted, it is 4 left in the hands of the Government by Parliament, in 4 appropriate for the court to rule on that issue --5 5 LORD CARNWATH: Why it may come in, and we can see how this the Bill of Rights itself, as noted by the court in the 6 goes, when one is asking what difference does the 6 McWhirter case. Again, I don't invite you to take it up 7 7 referendum make, then arguably, if the Government said but that was a case in which there was an unsuccessful 8 8 challenge made to the Government's signature of the we are going to get out of Europe without any q 9 parliamentary mandate at all, or indeed in the face of Treaty of Rome and the relevant reference for your note 10 is core authorities 3, tab 46, MS 1849, at paragraphs 6 10 an adverse referendum, that might well be said to be 11 and 8. 11 an abuse of power which is reviewable on that basis by 12 12 the courts; whereas alternatively, when it is doing, as Again, what this indicates and emphasises is that 13 the continued existence and exercise of prerogative 13 they say, something which has actually been anticipated 14 14 by Parliament, then it is not an abuse of power. It powers, such as in the conduct of international 15 relations, is constitutionally sound and not suspect and 15 seems to me that distinction might be worth 16 16 is in nature subject to parliamentary control when investigating. 17 MR EADIE: Yes, and that is a point I am going to come back 17 Parliament chooses to do so. 18 18 to when I consider the 2015 Act, but the basic But the premise or the basic constitutional default 19 19 position is the continued existence of these fundamental proposition that we accept is that exercise of 20 powers, and that renders it just as important in the 20 prerogative power, subject of course to the 21 context of an argument about limitations on prerogative 21 non-justiciability limitations that continue to exist, 22 22 power to examine and take into account what Parliament the subject matter is open but only to some extent. The 23 23 courts have been very, very wary obviously, a series of has not done. Legislative intervention is necessary, we 24 submit, to limit or remove. It is not necessary to 24 cases, Lord Carlisle springs immediately to mind, they have been wary about second-guessing policy judgments 25 25 leave the prerogative power in place, to be exercised in Page 26 Page 28

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1 1 new legal rights and obligations in domestic law, has domestic law. Treaties are not in the trite phrase, 2 2 also intended to constrain future Government action on self-executing. They do not automatically become part 3 3 the international plane. of UK domestic law when made. 4 So the Government cannot, without parliamentary 4 Lord Oliver did not state or come close to 5 5 suggesting otherwise and there are of course, as you intervention, to take that phraseology also from Lord 6 6 will be aware, various ways in which Parliament may Oliver, alter domestic law by taking steps on the 7 7 choose to transpose from the international to the international plane to make treaties. They require 8 8 domestic planes. instead the intervention of Parliament in order for 9 9 We give examples in our case, if I just turn that up domestic law to be altered. 10 That position was, we submit, accurately stated, 10 so I can take this tolerably quickly, at paragraph 43, 11 core volume 2, the first tab, and in the electronic it 11 unsurprisingly, by Lord Hope in the Privy Council in the 12 Roberts case which you have in the little black file 12 is page 12342 -- I don't dare say thousands. 13 with 11 KBW written on the back of it, which doesn't 13 12342. 14 have MS numbers, I am afraid, but it is the Roberts case 14 LADY HALE: I am sure you are right. 15 in the Privy Council, and I know my Lady was also 15 MR EADIE: We will test the system to destruction by the end 16 a member of that court. Supplemental tab 9. 16 of this case. The facts do not terribly matter, but it was in 17 17 THE PRESIDENT: You are right, Mr Eadie. 18 18 MR EADIE: Good. At least that is something. an extradition context in an appeal from the Bahamas, 19 and some people were wanted for suspected drug 19 THE PRESIDENT: On this point. 20 20 MR EADIE: I wondered how long it would be before it came. trafficking by the United States, who made a request for 21 their extradition to the United States from the Bahamas, 21 Paragraph 43 is the one I am after. 22 22 but the relevant paragraphs for our purposes are THE PRESIDENT: Yes. MR EADIE: It gives the examples, including -- so the 23 23 paragraph 9 on page 4, page numbering on the top in the 24 middle, just to see the shape of the argument. You see 24 examples of transposition, how that could be done, the 25 25 halfway down paragraph 9 it says: various ways, you could make legislation with no Page 33 Page 35 1 "We also submitted that as legislation was necessary 1 reference to the treaty rights and obligations that are 2 to enable effect to be given to a treaty in domestic 2 being transposed; the Criminal Justice Act of 1988 about 3 3 law, Parliament had to pass an enabling statute before compensation for miscarriages of justice is an example 4 4 it was ratified." of that, no reference to the treaty at all. You can 5 The "it" there being the international agreement 5 give effect, but effect in the legislation's own words, between the Bahamas and the United States regulating 6 6 indicating as you do that you are giving effect to the 7 7 extradition. international agreement or instrument; EU directives are 8 That then leads into the statements of general 8 perhaps a paradigm example of that; or, HRA, one can 9 9 principle which you see recorded by the Privy Council at simply schedule the treaty rights in their own terms and 10 paragraphs 12 and 13. 10 then say they are to have effect in domestic law. 11 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. 11 So there are a variety of different ways in which it 12 MR EADIE: Could I just ask you to cast an eye over those, 12 can be done. All of those models create domestic legal 13 rather than my reading them out. 13 rights by transposition and none of them, we 14 THE PRESIDENT: Yes, of course. 14 respectfully submit, does anything to constrain. There 15 (Pause) 15 is no implication in any of those that in some way, 16 Yes, thank you. 16 shape or form, Parliament, by having chosen those models MR EADIE: The third proposition is that consistently with 17 17 or any particular model, has sought to constrain or has 18 dualism, legislation then creates by whatever means 18 impliedly constrained Government action on the 19 a conduit between international and domestic law, if the 19 international plane thereafter. 20 international agreement is to sound in domestic law, but 20 LORD CLARKE: Is each model a statutory model? 21 the fact that Parliament needs to do that consistently 21 MR EADIE: Each model is necessarily a statutory model. 22 with dualism and has chosen to do that consistently with 22 LORD MANCE: Does any of your three examples cater for 23 23 dualism, tells one nothing beyond that a conduit is a situation where the continued operation of the 24 required. It does not imply that Parliament, by 24 domestic legal provisions is affected by whether or not 25 25 creating the necessary conduit and recognising thereby the international position remains the same? Page 34 Page 36

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1	MR EADIE: My Lord, none of those three does, and of course	1	of preventing the creation of legal effects on the
2	I am going to come to that because that is the basic	2	international plane, it does so specifically. Look at
3	1972 model, so I am going to come to that, but the point	3	CRAG, look at the bespoke controls under EU law and so
4	that I am on at the moment is the prior point, as it	4	on which I will come back to.
5	were, which is that there are various ways in which this	5	That is the third of the submissions, the third of
6	can be done; and the question is whether in relation to	6	five, as it were, on the basic position on dualism.
7	these other models which do not directly create that	7	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
8	sort of situation, whether in relation to any of these	8	MR EADIE: The fourth is that the dualist principle is not
9	other models, there is some form of implication, that by	9	that prerogative acts on the international plane can
10	having introduced the conduit, there is an implication	10	never create effects in domestic law, including the
11	that Parliament thereby intended that you could not do	11	removal of rights and the imposition of fresh
12	anything on the international plane thereafter. Of	12	obligations, as a result of action on the
13	course they do not have a direct impact, and I will come	13	international plane by the Government. It is plain that
14	to that, but we do respectfully submit that it is at	14	in a variety of more or less direct ways, such acts can
15	least of some interest to recognise that if another set	15	have an impact into domestic law.
16	of models is used, no implication, as it were, of	16	Again, I will come back to it, but we give a series
17	continuation of said rights would flow.	17	of examples of that sort of situation, those sorts of
18	LORD MANCE: No implication of continuation	18	effects, including citing Post Office v Estuary Radio,
19	MR EADIE: Of the rights thereby transposed. They would	19	which I will come back to in paragraph 40 of our case.
20	simply exist on the domestic plane because Parliament	20	So there are a variety of more or less direct ways,
21	has legislated, and the Government could do whatever it	21	or indirect ways, that action by the Government can
22	wished on the international plane, but it would not	22	affect domestic legal rights. Again, just to jump
23	obviously sound into the domestic scheme. So, for	23	ahead, Post Office v Radio, I am sure you will have seen
24	example, if one takes a directive, a directive imposes	24	or you will recall, involves someone broadcasting
25	an obligation of result as a matter of international	25	a radio station from some territorial waters, the
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1	law, the usual way of doing that is to introduce	1	Government effectively defined where the territorial
2	domestic regulations; and the domestic regulations would	2	waters begin and end, and those territorial waters were
3	continue to sit irrespective of whether or not the	3	then extended by prerogative act, the consequence of
4	directive formally finishes, begins, is amended or ends.	4	which under the relevant legislation was to render
5	It would require some other act.	5	criminal the continued publication of said radio station
6	They are of course different from the situation that	6	from where the boat was located, but so more or less
7	we are dealing with, but we respectfully submit that it	7	indirect ways, the prerogative can have those effects.
8	is at least of some interest, that is the position in	8	LORD MANCE: That is just another example of your pro tem
9	relation to those sorts of models, and that there is not	9	argument; the rights under the statute or the
10	any necessary implication to be derived from the mere	10	obligations are whatever or relate to whatever the
11	fact that a conduit is necessary, consistently with	11	scope of the territorial waters is from time to time.
12	dualism, and has been created by Parliament.	12	MR EADIE: It is an example of that, and it is a whether
13	Of course, I emphasise, to flag submissions that are	13	one puts it directly alongside or as a slightly more
14	yet to come, that this sort of implication or inference	14	indirect version of the next way in which Parliament can
15	from what Parliament has done is not, we will be	15	do that, which is parliamentary intervention, the point
16	submitting, at large. There are a set of principles	16	my Lord, Lord Mance was raising with me earlier on,
17	that have been developed by the courts to govern the	17	parliamentary intervention can be done so as to make
18	nature of any such inference or implication.	18	express provision, the effect of which in domestic law
19	My submission is going to be on De Keyser that	19	is without more to give domestic legal force to the
20	before you conclude that a prerogative power has been	20	exercise of prerogative powers, and I will of course
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taken away, that needs to be done by Parliament either

just an inference which is at large, and that feeds into

the other point to bear in mind which I will come back

to, which is that if Parliament wants to go to the point

expressly or by necessary implication. So it is not

The effect of that sort of model, perhaps the fourth, I gave you three before, this is the fourth, in other words direct legislative impact and effect to

come back to the 1972 Act and other similar models, but

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that is one of various models of transposition.

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1	actions by Government on the international plane, but it	1	The rights are inherently limited. They have no
2	gives domestic legal effect to what may be described as	2	existence independent of the international legal
3	an ambulatory system, created on the international legal	3	position from which they derive. What that means is
4	plane; the body of rights and obligations, the entire	4	that the legislation transposing them from the
5	legal structure or set of structures on the	5	international plane into the domestic legal plane is
6	international plane, may change from time to time; and	6	a necessary but not a sufficient matter for their
7	the domestic legislation on this model makes provision	7	existence, and they are also in nature susceptible to
8	for a transposition into domestic law that is	8	change as a result of the exercise of prerogative
9	characterised by the fact that it is both automatic, no	9	powers, precisely because they are dependent on steps
10	further parliamentary intervention required, and direct,	10	taken on the international legal plane, where it is the
11	in terms of impact on or alteration of the scheme's	11	Government that acts.
12	rights and obligations.	12	So if one jumps forward a bit to the 1972 Act which
13	LORD CLARKE: This is your paragraph 44, is it?	13	I will come to in a moment, they are indeed rights which
14	MR EADIE: My Lord, this is our paragraph 44, exactly so.	14	are dependent on section 2(1) of the ECA, as we will see
15	The key points we respectfully submit about this	15	when we come to it, but that is but one of the twin
16	model are that Parliament thereby creates a system under	16	ingredients necessary to sustain their existence. The
17	which rights and obligations alter and shift. A right,	17	other is dependent on the shifting international legal
18	to focus on that, rather than an obligation, for	18	picture, shaped as it is by the exercise of prerogative
19	a moment, may be amended or changed by prerogative	19	power.
20	action. It may be removed altogether by prerogative	20	So section 2 of the ECA does not define the rights
21	action, but all of that is done by the exercise of	21	or shape them so as to require alteration by further
22	prerogative powers without further parliamentary	22	legislative intervention, or so as to create
23	intervention.	23	an inconsistency with statutory rights, if the
24	LORD CLARKE: Is it a question of the true construction of	24	Government exercises its powers on the
25	the legislative provision, the relevant legislative	25	international plane to remodel or reshape EU law.
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1	provision? It is?	1	Of course the rights are dependent, not merely on
2	MR EADIE: It is a question of construction of that, it is.	2	the prerogative acts of the Government, on the
3	But it is of the very essence of this model, if this is	3	international plane, but also the acts of other
4	the model that you are dealing with, that Government	4	sovereign actors. We give, in our case at paragraph 51,
5	can, under our constitution, entirely lawfully take	5	the example, the hypothetical example of Greece leaving
6	steps without further parliamentary authorisation,	6	the EU, with the impact on free movement rights of UK
7	derived, of course, from the initial intention being, as	7	citizens that that would necessarily have.
8	my Lord has correctly pointed out, that that being the	8	A real life example is the departure of Greenland
9	intention of Parliament, but the Government can entirely	9	within which, should they have chosen to do so, UK
10	lawfully take steps without further parliamentary	10	citizens could no longer exercise their treaty rights,
11	authorisation, which directly alter domestic law,	11	and the leaving of which was subject to a withdrawal
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2	In relation to the hypothetical example of Greece	2	about to do them, but I will locate the bit in the case
3	leaving and the real example of Greenland leaving as	3	if I may, if I can ask someone to find the most directly
4	illustrations of the broader proposition, which is that	4	analogous bit.
5	they are not merely dependent on prerogative exercise,	5	Firstly, Parliament can, of course, limit, control
6	prerogative powers by the UK Government but also other	6	or remove prerogative powers expressly. It is sovereign
7	sovereign governments, my learned friend Lord Pannick	7	to decide whether to do so and if so how.
8	says: that is irrelevant because our constitutional	8	Secondly, whether it has done so outside that
9	principles regulate the conduct of the UK Government and	9	express sphere and therefore in other circumstances is
10	not that of other states. Of course he is right, so	10	a question of statutory interpretation.
11	they do. But that doesn't answer the point, and the	11	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
12	point is that the rights are self-evidently of a very	12	MR EADIE: I am told that the nearest is 64 in our case
13	special kind, linked to action, not merely of the UK but	13	where we start dealing with De Keyser, 64 and following.
14	also of other sovereign states on the	14	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
15	international plane, and it is therefore simply	15	MR EADIE: Thirdly, the starting point is to expect from
16	inaccurate by way of analogy to treat them as if, in	16	Parliament and for the courts to require real clarity,
17		17	to put it neutrally, real clarity before prerogative
	relation to their creation, modification or even		
18	removal, as if they were the same as what might be	18 19	powers are removed. There is good reason for that. It
19	called purely domestic rights.	1	is no small thing, we submit, to alter the
20	So those are the five points we make.	20	constitutional balance, particularly one that has
21	LORD MANCE: Is there a distinction between the scope of the	21	existed for many years, by abrogating or limiting
22	rights under the treaties which, as you point out, is	22	long-standing powers. All the more so where they are,
23	ambulatory, may go up or down, may even be affected by	23	as the foreign relations powers are, fundamental and
24	somebody else leaving the treaty, and the existence of	24	essential to effective Government.
25	the treaties themselves?	25	LORD SUMPTION: Most cases in which statutes have been held
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1	MD EADIE: Wall my Lord walrage that there are contain	1	to limit the prerogative have been cases where it has
1 2	MR EADIE: Well, my Lord, we know that there are certain	2	done so implicitly, is that not right, by virtue of the
	provisions in the ECA when we get to it that deal with	3	
3 4	the treaties themselves, but my respectful submission is that in terms of whether or not the Government can enter	4	field being at least partly occupied by a statutory
		5	scheme; it is never said the prerogative is now
5	into or withdraw from treaties themselves, the position	6	abolished, all that has happened is that the subject
6	is fundamentally the same. That goes back to	7	matter has received legislative treatment.
7	Lord Millett's concept of inherency; it is not just	1	MR EADIE: My Lord, that is true. I don't want to quibble
8	dependent upon or contingent upon the methods of	8	at this stage because I am going to develop the
9	creation of EU law; it is dependent upon the	9	principles as we come, but covering the field exactly is
10	continuation of the very structures which govern. So we	10	going to be the submission, but there are cases,
11	respectfully submit that it is essentially the same	11	including in the specific context of EU legislation, the
12	principle that governs.	12	Rees-Mogg case being the paradigm example of that, in
13	I was going to move to the De Keyser principles, the	13	which the courts, in approaching the concept of
14	third of the topics.	14	necessary implication, have effectively reasoned thus:
15	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	15	they say here is Parliament that has intervened
16	MR EADIE: The courts have considered, on various different	16	expressly to impose a sequence or series of controls on
17	occasions and at the highest level, the correct approach	17	the exercise of prerogative in a particular sphere.
18	in principle to be applied in considering the question	18	So, is the next step of the reasoning, one can fully
19	whether Parliament has abrogated or limited prerogative	19	expect them if they are going to do it in relation to
20	powers or their exercise.	20	some other matter in the same sort of context to do so
21	Again, to try and identify the core principles if	21	equally expressly, and we respectfully submit that is
22	I may before taking you to it will probably only be	22	the correct reading of Lord Justice Lloyd's judgment in
23	three or four cases, the core principles are we submit	23	Rees-Mogg.
24	as follows.	24	But my Lord is right, that in the majority of cases
25	LORD CLARKE: Are these summarised in your case?	25	where the issue is controversial, the question has been
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1	whether Parliament has, by occupying the field to	1	imply that matters falling outside such limits and
2	whatever degree, created the necessary implication.	2	controls remain untouched. That is likely to lead in
3	That is why I put as this third proposition, it was	3	practice and in principle to a place in which Parliament
4	neutral, as it were, to the precise nature of the test;	4	has evinced an intention in the particular context, if
5	it was one can expect clarity because of what is being	5	that is so, to control expressly or not at all, to come
6	done; one can expect clarity because it is no small	6	to the point that my Lord, Lord Sumption was putting to
7	thing to alter that constitutional balance, but one can	7	me. That is significant.
8	expect clarity for a slightly different reason, which is	8	LORD SUMPTION: This is presumably a harbinger of the point
9	that clarity is obviously necessary where there are, or	9	you want to make about the 2008 and 2011 acts.
10	there is, a variety of ways in which the powers could be	10	MR EADIE: They are. They are leading towards those. I am
11	limited or controlled.	11	going to take you through that statutory scheme.
12	LORD MANCE: Mr Eadie, do you say that the European	12	Fifthly, if there is no express control and the
13	Communities Act 1972 was neutral as to whether the	13	context is not as I have just described, in other words
14	United Kingdom was a member of the European Communities?	14	Parliament has already intervened to put a series or
15	MR EADIE: We say it proceeded on the fundamental assumption	15	
16	that that ultimate decision on the international plane	16	sequence of controls in place, if there is not express
17	•	17	control and you are not in that place, the test
	was a matter for Government, and I am going to come to		developed by the courts is whether legislative
18	develop that submission. It was a subject of particular	18	intervention in a sphere where prerogative powers exist,
19	consideration which I am going to take you to by	19	creates a necessary implication. That is the test, that
20	Professor Finnis recently, drawing a comparison	20	the prerogative can no longer be exercised. In other
21	between in relation to the long title, but equally in	21	words, that it can no longer be exercised without
22	relation to the operative provisions of the relevant	22	legislative prior legislative authority.
23	legislation between the ECA and various bits of	23	A necessary implication is, we submit, the correct
24	legislation that dotted around it temporally, 67, 70,	24	test, it is the test that has been regularly applied by
25	73, to do with the creation of independent status in the	25	the courts, and it imports the stringency of logical
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1	Bahamas, Barbados and so on. But I am going to draw	1	imperative from the language used, rather than mere
2	that contrast and come back to that if I may in the	2	reasonableness.
3	context of the 1972 Act.	3	Again, you need no introduction from me to that test
4	THE PRESIDENT: Very well.	4	first laid down by Lord Hobhouse in Morgan Grenfell but
5	MR EADIE: I am simply on De Keyser for the moment, if	5	that, we respectfully submit, is the nature of the
6	I may.	6	necessary implication case. The necessary implication
7	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	7	flows, again to finish the answer to my Lord, Lord
8	MR EADIE: The second reason for expecting clarity and for	8	Sumption's point, it flows if at all from the fact that
9	the courts demanding clarity, because obviously the	9	the very thing, the very thing which had been previously
10	principles are for you, is obviously necessary to have	10	done by prerogative has now been, to use the phrase that
11	clarity where there are a variety of ways in which	11	we will see in the case law when I come to it in
12	control could be exercised, could be imposed. Various	12	a moment, "directly regulated by statute".
13	mechanisms of parliamentary control. What is the nature	13	The sixth of the propositions, before coming to the
14	of that control? Is it primary legislation, is it	14	case law, is that, in approaching the issue of whether
15	affirmative resolution, is it negative resolution, is	15	or not the prerogative continues to exist at the point
16	it approval by motion; all sorts of questions that would	16	at which the power is to be exercised or is proposed to
17	need to be resolved if control is to be imposed.	17	be exercised, it is necessary to consider the scheme of
18	So that the third of the propositions. The starting	18	the legislation as it exists at that time. Because
19	point is clarity, or the expectation of clarity.	19	legislative schemes can change from time to time and the
20	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	20	question is a current one.
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constitution have or have not been abrogated. It is to be acknowledged as such, in other words, it is to be acknowledged as the conventional approach directly relating and directly addressing the principles that apply in answering that question.

I fully appreciate and I will come back to it, that the key focus of the respondents' case is whether there is another principle or set of principles in play in the present context to do with affecting statutory rights as a result of the exercise of prerogative powers, but the conventional approach remains, we submit, of critical importance, as the correct approach, and in any event in testing whether a principle of such clarity and such weight of the kind for which the respondents contend, is properly applicable in our context. In effect, to reverse that conventional approach. In effect to say it is no longer a question of asking whether Parliament has expressly or by necessary implication removed the prerogative; now if this other principle is in play, that test is in effect reversed and it is said you have to ask the question the other way round and point to or be able to point to express powers and legislation permitting you to interfere with rights.

So it does involve a pretty much direct reversal of the conventional approach set out in De Keyser.

purpose any Act which followed the 1972 Act, and we submit that that is fundamentally wrong as an approach, but I will come back to develop that submission, if I may.

I was going to take you to De Keyser, it is in core authorities bundle 2, tab 10, MS 228.

The essence we submit is in, just for my Lord, Lord Clarke's note, the quote from Lord Parmoor which we have set out in our case at paragraph 66.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. MR EADIE: The basic points we get from it, I have already summarised, if the statute directly regulates, directly regulates, the source of the authority becomes statutory, it ceases to be the prerogative, and then is subject to such controls as Parliament has specified, but it is the direct regulation of the very thing which creates the necessary implication of legislative abrogation or control. So it requires, as essential to this approach, a precise identification of the Government activity, and then asks the question: has that very activity been subject to new statutory conditions, governing its exercise so as to lead to that implication. Of course, so as to avoid having to repeat it as we go through, the precise activity in question is the withdrawal from the treaties on the

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LORD KERR: If there was a real circumscription of the prerogative by implication, and the Act which brings about that implication is repealed, does the prerogative power revive? Is it resurrected?

MR EADIE: My Lord, it can do, is I think the logical consequence of my submission because it is a current

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consequence of my submission because it is a current question. If I propose to exercise prerogative power on behalf of the Government, what the courts need to do is ask the question: does that prerogative power exist today? Of course there are some circumstances where when a prerogative has been put into abeyance, it doesn't come back, but if it is fundamentally dependent upon the nature of the legislative scheme, that, we respectfully answer to my Lord's question, is a current question.

question.

I will come back, I am going to develop submissions as to whether or not -- on one view it is fairly critical, because it is jolly difficult, we will respectfully submit, for my learned friends to answer the flow of the legislation that follows the 1972 Act.

The high-water mark of that case is the 1972 Act, because it does not contain the great scheme of controls that Parliament subsequently developed. You know from reading the divisional court's judgment that they

effectively treated as legally irrelevant for this

international plane or more directly, the giving of the Article 50 notice.

So when we come to our legislation, that is going to be the key focus.

You know, I hope, and think, and if not, someone better shout, but you know the background and the nature of the facts. The army council requisitioned a hotel for the use of the Royal Flying Corps and it denied the hotel owners a right to compensation, compensation which the claimant said was due to them and the Crown, in the House of Lords, claimed that the right to requisition was a right to be found and sourced in the prerogative, and the prerogative did not carry with it the burden of compensation. So a critical question was whether or not the requisition was entitled to be done in exercise of that prerogative, for which no compensation was payable at all.

The speeches are interesting because they indicate the test which is to be applied in answering the question whether the prerogative has been abrogated or supplanted.

LADY HALE: Do the speeches proceed on the assumption that that was correct, that the royal prerogative existed to requisition property in the UK in wartime without paying compensation? Do they proceed on the assumption that

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1	that is correct, or do they discuss that?	1	the whole ground. It allowed the requisitioning to take
2	MR EADIE: Well I think they do a bit of discussion of that.	2	place. It effectively said: if you are going to
3	My Lady is right to draw me up. They do a bit of	3	requisition you had better pay, and you cannot get round
4	discussion on that, as it were, in phase 1 of the	4	that statutory regime by relying on prerogative power.
5	analysis, and then phase 2 says assume for the sake of	5	You see his conclusion most clearly expressed on
6	argument that that is so, that the prerogative would	6	this point at page 248, just before the end of the long
7	otherwise exist, and it is the sort of question that was	7	paragraph occupying most of that page, about seven lines
8	discussed in the context of foreign requisitions in	8	
9		9	up:
	Burmah Oil, as you will recall.		"It is therefore impossible in my opinion" THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
10	LADY HALE: That is why I am asking.	10	
11	MR EADIE: Quite, but in relation to this, they do discuss	11	MR EADIE: Could I invite you to read from there to the end
12	that question, but then go on to consider, assume even,	12	of that paragraph:
13	that the prerogative was ever of a nature that allowed	13	(Pause)
14	requisitioning without compensation, has that now been	14	That was Lord Dunedin. Lord Atkinson, if you want
15	subjected to conditions as a result of the introduction	15	it there is a little bit explaining why the 1914 Act
16	of legislation?	16	does not alter that, but that is on the next page, about
17	So my Lady is right to draw me up on that, but the	17	a third of the way down, but not central to the
18	key part for our purposes is perhaps the second phase of	18	reasoning. Lord Atkinson is next and the relevant parts
19	that analysis.	19	of his speech are really on page 259 to 260.
20	In the first of the speeches by Lord Dunedin, and	20	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.
21	the key passage, or passages, I am going to go on the MS	21	MR EADIE: Can I invite you to read again rather than my
22	numbering, if I may, bottom of the page, 246, and you	22	reading them out, sorry, it may be difficult to follow
23	will see about five or six lines up from the bottom of	23	for those just listening but it is about a page worth.
24	the first full paragraph, a line beginning "equally	24	If you go to 259, if you go to the first full paragraph:
25	certain", just to pick up that sentence there:	25	"I further concur with him"
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4	seen in the remaining paragraph on that page.	4	by statute were exhaustively considered by the House of
5	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.	5	Lords."
6	MR EADIE: That is the relevant bit in him. Lord Sumner,	6	He sets out lots of quotes which you have now seen.
7	281, and again could I invite you just to read down the	7	THE PRESIDENT: We have read, yes, thank you.
8	first full paragraph, the only full paragraph, on that	8	MR EADIE: Principles to be applied plain, 385 at F, and
9	page, 281, could you just cast an eye down to you can	9	then he proceeds to analyse on the particular facts of
10	stop at the word "speed", three lines up from the bottom	10	that case why it is that the necessary implication
11	of the page.	11	arises, to preclude the exercise of statutory power.
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13	(Pause)	13	F:
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15	MR EADIE: It is subject matter rather than thing, but it is	15	argument prerogative power and the power
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19	Parmoor, 295 to 296.	19	of the page.
20	THE PRESIDENT: This is the passage you quoted in your case.	20	(Pause)
21	MR EADIE: This is the passage we quoted in our case, you	21	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
22	perhaps don't need it, but just for your note, there it	22	MR EADIE: So it is simply an application of the principles
23	is.	23	that he has taken and considers to be plain from the
24	LORD WILSON: Endless concurring speeches.	24	House of Lords speeches in De Keyser, but you will see,
25	MR EADIE: All expressed in subtly different ways but	25	and it is not very difficult to understand, how the
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4	and C as well but you have a bit of both in there, and	4	Denning's mind, but one also has could he disclose
5	then Lord Justice Lawton, to similar effect, and you	5	the statute by invoking a prerogative.
6	probably ought to read between H on page 391 down to D	6	Ex parte Fire Brigades Union, same bundle, tab 15,
7	on page 392, just to get the essence of his reasoning.	7	MS 444. This also is subtly different in terms of the
8	(Pause)	8	facts, because you will recall the way in which the
9	You see in particular that between C and D, he	9	issue arose. It is really De Keyser by analogy rather
10	essentially focused on what I call straight De Keyser.	10	than directly, because the legislation in question was
11	THE PRESIDENT: Necessary implication, yes.	11	not in force. But the court was concerned with
12	MR EADIE: Necessary implication, but also reliance	12	a situation where Parliament had legislated for the way
13	particularly, focus particularly on section 4.	13	in which the Secretary of State was to act in order to
14	THE PRESIDENT: I understand.	14	achieve a particular objective, there setting up the
15	MR EADIE: Lord Denning, I don't know why I have come to him	15	criminal injuries compensation scheme; but the Secretary
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17	LORD CARNWATH: I think A, of the passage on which the	17	of State had sought to achieve different results through the exercise of the prerogative and setting up
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19	respondents rely.  MR EADIE: Quite, that is why I invited you to read the	19	an ex gratia or slightly different tariff form of
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20	whole passage. It has to be read in context.	20	not to bring in the relevant legislative provisions.
21	LORD CARNWATH: You cannot use the Crown powers to take away	21	I perhaps only need a custom short bits from
22	the rights of citizens.	22	Fire Brigades, 483, using the MS numbering in the speech
23	MR EADIE: In circumstances in which, as we then see,	23	of Lord Browne-Wilkinson, 483, it is really the bit
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3	accepts that, that is uncontroversial, but the question	3	rejecting the argument is the paragraph at the bottom of
4	is how it applies. You can do, see Lord Oliver, if	4	page 439. They were unable to accept the argument that
5	there is parliamentary intervention as he put it.	5	Lord Pannick was mounting.
6	But the reason I keep going back to 483 D to F is	6	LORD SUMPTION: Do you submit that means there is
7	because it sets out what De Keyser does stand for, which	7	a difference between the test to be applied, depending
8	is where you have got reputation in play, the test is	8	on whether we are talking about the prerogative to make
9	expressly or, as he puts it here, by implication.	9	treaties or unmake them, or other aspects of the
10	LORD WILSON: Are these three cases anything more than	10	prerogative, as we have seen in the cases you have just
11	interesting examples of the application of the necessary	11	cited? In general, it is an implicit displacement by
12	implication test?	12	statutory intervention in the relevant field, but is it
13	MR EADIE: My Lord, I respectfully submit not. I am sorry	13	your submission that there is a tougher test to be
14	it has taken a long while to get to that point, but I	14	applied for this particular prerogative power?
15	did want to drive home the idea that it is expressly or	15	MR EADIE: My Lord, there is a tougher test to be applied in
16	by necessary implication as the scheme and then	16	accordance with this reasoning, not so much because it
17	everything else flows from that. You can take it by	17	is treaty power, although it was treaty power there, but
18	analogy from that stage on, or you can apply it	18	because Parliament had intervened in the area in which
19	directly, but in the end it is the same thing, it is the	19	the prerogative was exercised, to impose a whole series
20	same beast, the same principle.	20	of controls already. And that carried with it, as it
21	The vice, it might be thought, in Fire Brigades	21	were, the implication that if it was going to intervene
22	Union, and we will come to its specific facts as an	22	to control that sort of action, it would do so
23	example, and the reason Lord Browne-Wilkinson ultimately	23	expressly, so it is almost an aspect
24	decides as he does, one sees from 485 between G and H.	24	LORD SUMPTION: It is a sort of exclusio
25	That is really the nub of the objection, the last two	25	MR EADIE: Exactly. It is almost that. It does say you
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1	sentences of that paragraph, by introducing the tariff	1	have gone in there, you have designed the scheme of
2	scheme he debars himself and so on, that is the essence	2	control; having gone there and designed the scheme of
3	of it.	3	control, you can draw the inference if you will that if
4	We see that also, in terms of the final reference	4	Parliament is going to control, it is going to do so
5	here, from Lord Nicholls at 509, between E and F.	5	expressly and that is the sort of thing one would
6	Perhaps we could pick it up at the line beginning:	6	expect, if what you are dealing with is a beast that
7	"The inescapable conclusion is that the home	7	requires decisions to be made of a legislative kind
8	secretary has effectively written off"	8	around things as basic as what should the mechanisms of
9	(Pause).	9	control be; should there be primary legislation, should
10	Ex parte Rees-Mogg then if I may, same bundle,	10	there be affirmative resolution, should there be motions
11	tab 14, MS 424. You see the context from the headnote,	11	to which Parliament consents and so on. That is the
12	I would just invite you to cast an eye down there to	12	point that is being made.
13	get this is all about Maastricht and whether or not	13	My learned friend below, and I think the divisional
14	there was powers to sign up to various protocols that	14	court accepted this, said no, no, you can pretty much
15	were part of the Maastricht treaty and the key passages	15	bypass that paragraph with that reasoning in it, because
16	for our purposes are on start on page 439.	16	as they ultimately go on to conclude, the protocol on
17	THE PRESIDENT: 439.	17	social policy, and this is the remaining part of the
18	MR EADIE: 439 electronic, under the second issue.	18	analysis under the second issue, they then conclude that
19	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	19	that protocol would not in any event become part of
20	MR EADIE: Just so you see it, can I invite you to read that	20	domestic law, so where is the worry?
21	page and a half, or a bit more than a page and a half	21	But my respectful submission is that is a second
22	under the second issue before you get to the third issue	22	strand, a distinct strand of reasoning and it doesn't
23	on the next page.	23	touch, because it provides simply a distinct reason for
24	(Pause)	24	reaching the same conclusion, it doesn't touch the
25	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Yes.	25	reasoning that one sees in the final which it might
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1	be thought is self-evident one sees in the final	1	arrive at a situation in which you just never get to the
2	paragraph on page 439.	2	question of what the statute says, unless it is being
3	LORD CARNWATH: Just to clarify, it is not your case that	3	suggested that it actually confers a prerogative right
4	the treaty-making prerogative is subject to a different	4	to change the law which would not otherwise exist.
5	principle?	5	MR EADIE: My Lord, I see that as a prior question, but we
6	MR EADIE: It is not my case that treaty-making prerogative,	6	respectfully submit that the prerogative power in the
7	just because it is treaty-making prerogative, is subject	7	field of making of treaties, ratification of treaties
8	to different rules on the back of this paragraph	8	and withdrawal from treaties, is and always has been
9	LORD CARNWATH: Generally.	9	a general power, untrammelled by any such implication
10	MR EADIE: Generally, and I will come to develop that	10	which can have, and I will develop this in a variety of
11	argument well, I will come to develop that argument,	11	ways, impacts into domestic law through any or all of
12	but the point that is being made here is not dependent	12	the various models that we have analysed our in our
13	upon it being a treaty, but is dependent upon the fact	13	cases.
14	that Parliament has chosen to intervene in the way that	14	So although I see the force of asking that as
15	it already has. It is that that creates the inference	15	the prior question, as it were, as a prior question, we
16	that if it is going to do so again, it will do so	16	respectfully submit that is a question that has to be
17	expressly because it will be altering the nuanced scheme	17	answered, recognising that (a) it is a general and
18	that it has already designed.	18	untrammelled power ordinarily, and so if you get to the
19	LORD SUMPTION: Can I just ask you where this fits into the	19	stage where you are saying: is there a freestanding
20	scheme of your submissions as a whole? Does one not	20	principle that would control it in limine; you have to
21	have to ask first what is the nature of the prerogative	21	
22	power? Is it a prerogative power which authorises one	22	answer that question or ask that question in the context in which it arises; and recognising that exercises of
23	to do things on the international plane which do not	23	prerogative power can and do have impacts into domestic
24	have the effect of altering domestic law, or is it	24	
25		l .	law. That is not to say you don't still go back to the
25	a general prerogative power? The reason why that	25	statutory scheme to see whether there are limits on that
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1	matters is that, if the prerogative power never did	1	that Parliament has imposed.
2	extend to doing something that altered the domestic law,	2	LORD SUMPTION: What do you mean by impacts on domestic law?
3	then no question of abrogation arises. You arrive at	3	Do you mean actually changing the content of domestic
4	a situation where its exercise would alter domestic law,	4	law, or do you mean simply altering the facts to which
5	and you cannot do it, not by virtue of any implied	5	an existing principle of domestic law applies?
6	statute or express statutory provision, but simply	6	MR EADIE: It could be either or both
7	because of the conditionality of the prerogative right	7	LORD SUMPTION: They are very different things.
8	one is talking about.	8	MR EADIE: They are very different things, but they could be
9	MR EADIE: My Lord, yes. I think the way I would answer	9	either or both, which is why the ambulatory scheme and
10	that is that there are two different beasts in play in	10	how the 1972 Act works and all of that is important.
11	our particular context. The first of them asks what is	11	I accept that one is not necessarily dealing with the
12	the usual way in which the courts and what are the	12	same beast when one is considering Post Office v Radio
13	principles on the basis of which the courts seek to	13	or matters of that kind, or even in the argument that
14	answer the question whether or not the prerogative power	14	my Lord advanced in JH Rayner, which was fundamentally
15	has been abrogated; and the second of them asks what is	15	premised on drawing that distinction between factual
16	the nature of the 1972 Act to which I will come, and the	16	matters that sound in international or international
17	way in which it has set matters up, so that effects on	17	legal facts, as it were, and other matters.
18	the international plane are directly and automatically	18	LORD CARNWATH: This is the fundamental distinction between
19	introduced into domestic law.	19	you and the other side, isn't it? Do you start from the
20		20	proposition that there is a well-recognised power to
20	LORD SUMPTION: Before you get to that, you surely have to ask: what are the limits if any of the prerogative power	20	make and unmake treaties, and the only questions are, is
22		22	it subject to any statutory restriction, express or
22	to make and unmake treaties? If the position is that	23	implied, or subject to some common law principle such as
	the prerogative power is only as broad as it is, because	24	abuse of power. Alternatively, as my Lord puts to you,
24	the assumption is being made that it does not alter	25	you ask: is there actually such a power at all if it has
25	domestic legal rights, then, you know, one may well	23	you ask. is there actually such a power at all II it has
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1	the effects on domestic rights?	1	THE PRESIDENT: Mr Eadie, a word about timetabling before
2	MR EADIE: One answers that question by looking at the way	2	you start. We are due to start at 10.15 tomorrow. One
3	in which prerogative power has operated in	3	of us has a medical appointment which means it is
4	LORD CARNWATH: I understand how you answer it. But there	4	possible we will start a bit late. If we do,
5	is obviously an alternative view which is diametrically	5	I apologise in advance, and if you have until 1.00 and
6	opposed.	6	if you lose 10 minutes at the beginning we will sit into
7	MR EADIE: My Lord, that is Rees-Mogg, unless anyone wants	7	lunch to make up the 10 minutes if you need it.
8	more on Rees-Mogg. Just before the short adjournment,	8	MR EADIE: I am very grateful. I will try and avoid that
9	can I deal with, just by way of mention only, I am not	9	disaster if humanly possible.
10	going to take you to them, but if you still have the	10	THE PRESIDENT: Disaster may be a little bit high, but it
11	will to look at other authorities on the basic approach	11	depends how much you care for your lunch.
12	to abrogation of the prerogative, Northumbria Police	12	MR EADIE: The principle of legality, and still under the
13	Authority, which you will recall is all about police	13	broad heading of the De Keyser principles and how the
14	ordering various bits of equipment, that is perhaps	14	two marry up, we respectfully submit that the approach
15	worth a read; it is in authorities bundle 8, tab 77 at	15	in De Keyser has at least some similarities to the
16	MS 3059; and a recent case which involves the exercise	16	principle of legality, but what the De Keyser principle
17	of prerogative powers by the home secretary to remove	17	does is to focus on the fundamental importance of the
18	people's passports, cancel or withdraw passports, Ex H.	18	rights of Government to act in the public interest for
19	Currently we only have the judgment in the divisional	19	the overall good in exercising prerogative powers such
20	court, and I am threatened with the Court of Appeal next	20	as in the foreign affairs context. It requires,
21	week comprising inter alia the Master of the Rolls and	21	similarly to the principle of legality, real clarity
22	Lord Justice Sales, who will no doubt be familiar with	22	before those powers are taken away.
23	the basic De Keyser principles, but that also is of some	23	In that sphere, in other words considering whether
24	interest at least in analysing that.	24	or not the prerogative power has been impinged upon, the
25	THE PRESIDENT: Where is that?	25	courts do not approach the question of whether the
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1	MR EADIE: Core authorities, bundle 4, tab 66, 2781.	1	prerogative power has been interfered with or abrogated,
2	THE PRESIDENT: You say it is of some interest; do they take	2	by asking simply whether or not that power has the
3	this any further forward or are they more of the same?	3	capacity to affect rights.
4	MR EADIE: They are really an application. It is	4	We know that it does, in a variety of different
5	an application in a different context, I hesitate to	5	ways, and indeed many of the cases in which the
6	take you to it because my Lord, Lord Wilson raises a	6	De Keyser principles were hammered out involved
7	fair point. One can go to all these cases, and they	7	precisely that feature.
8	are different illustrations of the same basic approach	8	Many of those cases were precisely about the use of
9	and principle. It is an interesting analysis there and	9	the prerogative to interfere with rights, including
10	it contains, if you want it in a convenient place, Lord	10	common law rights to property, as the paradigm example
11	Hobhouse in Morgan Grenfell, but the relevant paragraphs	11	in De Keyser and indeed in Burmah Oil itself.
12	for present purposes are really from 39 to the early	12	The principle of legality is also, you will know,
13	50s.	13	a rule of statutory interpretation designed essentially
14	52, I think.	14	to control as an aid to interpretation, generally
15	THE PRESIDENT: Do I get the impression this is a convenient	15	expressed powers conferred on Government by statute.
16	moment, Mr Eadie.	16	Here we submit the question is not as to the breadth
17	MR EADIE: My Lord, it may be a convenient moment. I was	17	of generally expressed statutory powers; it is
18	going to go to a principle of the legality.	18	different. The question is whether or not Parliament
19	THE PRESIDENT: Let's leave the principle of legality for	19	has abrogated the prerogative which sits alongside the
20	2.00.	20	legislative schemes impinging, as they sometimes do, and
21	We will rise now and we will resume at 2.00. The	21	to various different extents, on to that territory
22	court is now adjourned.	22	occupied by the prerogative.
23	(1.00 pm)	23	So that question is answered naturally, we submit,
24	(The Luncheon Adjournment)	24	by examining the legislative scheme as a whole against
25	(2.00 pm)	25	the constitutional backdrop we have described. So it is
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			20 (Dagga 77 to 90)

1	fundamentally different, we submit, from the principle	1	So there is a cut-out for treaties to which that
2	of legality.	2	applies, and there is detailed provision made for the
3	My Lords and my Lady, I was going to take you next	3	particular kinds of parliamentary influence over the
4	to the fourth topic, which is the application of the	4	prerogative powers hitherto untrammelled, as it were, to
5	basic De Keyser and dualist principles in the present	5	do with treaties.
6	context, and that obviously starts with the nature of	6	So in section 20, just to show you very briefly what
7	the statutory scheme.	7	the scheme involved, subject to what follows, the treaty
8	So, apologies, it has taken a bit of a lead-in to	8	is not to be ratified, so it is a control over
9	get there, but the statutory scheme, if I can start it	9	ratification, unless and then you see the mechanism
10	here, with CRAG itself, the 2010 Act, which is in core	10	of parliamentary control that is imposed, which is the
11	authorities volume 1, tab 5, MS 131.	11	laying before Parliament of a copy of the treaty,
12	LORD HODGE: I am sorry.	12	20(1)(a), something allowing potentially the public to
13	MR EADIE: 131.	13	get engaged in the debate in 20(1)(b), the treaty being
14	LORD MANCE: We start here not with the 1972 Act.	14	published in the way the minister of the Crown thinks
15	MR EADIE: We start here just because this is a general	15	appropriate.
16	scheme of control, that is the logic of it, by	16	And then effectively negative resolution, 20(1)(c).
17	Parliament over treaty-making powers, treaty making and	17	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.
18	all other things to do with treaties.	18	MR EADIE: Then period A, so that is 21 days for a negative
19	LORD CLARKE: Was this the first time any such scheme	19	resolution to be put in place; and the consequence of
20	general provision had been enacted.	20	the House of Commons resolving that it doesn't wish the
21	MR EADIE: Exactly so.	21	treaty to be ratified is then dealt with in subsections
22	THE PRESIDENT: Basically, to some extent, a statutory	22	(4) to (6).
23	codification of the Ponsonby principle.	23	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
24	MR EADIE: That was going to be the first point, exactly	24	MR EADIE: But you see from that that you have the negative
25	that, and you have the Ponsonby memo if you want it in	25	resolution procedure, then effectively you have a two
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	bundle 15 tab 158 MC 5038 but it does exactly what	1	strikes provision so that the minister of the Crown con
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3	scheme of ratifying treaties; you don't need to worry	3	a copy, subjecting it to negative resolution,
4	too much about section 21. All of that, the scheme that	4	exceptionality and all of that; there are a series of
5	I have just identified in section 20, is subject to the	5	decisions about the nature of the parliamentary control
6	exceptionality provision in section 22.	6	that Parliament wishes to impose.
7	Of course the minister of the Crown should	7	The third point is the obvious one, that it includes
8	rationally have to conclude that the matter was	8	no requirement, even for limited forms of parliamentary
9	exceptional, but if he did, then the process is	9	involvement in decisions by governments to withdraw or
10	a different one. You don't have negative resolution if	10	commence the process of withdrawal from treaties.
11	he decides that exceptionally it should be ratified	11	That is so, we add in brackets, even though
12	without them being met, say, for example on time grounds	12	withdrawal might have impact on rights and obligations,
13	or whatever else it may be, some other exceptional	13	on the international and domestic legal planes. So
14	reason. You don't have the negative resolution process,	14	there is therefore, we submit, a considered decision by
15	but you do have the duties that are imposed by 22(3).	15	Parliament to leave withdrawal to the Government in the
16	Just for the sake of completeness, there is a burden	16	usual exercise
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21	MR EADIE: Exactly so, subject to even within section 22,	21	MR EADIE: I am sure there will have been a White Paper and
22	it might be thought. They could still say: we insist.	22	there will have been debate in the usual way.
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4	a whole framework which I think is not reflected in the	4	bundle 15.
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6	Government and Parliament, and involving parliamentary	6	MR EADIE: The European Communities Act 1972, to go back in
7	scrutiny by the European committees, both of the House	7	time, tab 1, within the core authorities of volume 1 and
8	of Commons and the House of Lords. That is subject to	8	that is at page 17, as originally enacted.
9	the now published Cabinet Office guidelines. Now, that	9	You have the current version if you want it in the
10	enables parliamentary input into changes in the rights	10	next tab but for present purposes it may be sensible to
11	and obligations which you describe rightly as	11	view it as enacted.
12	ambulatory.	12	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
13	Is there any equivalent system of liaison and	13	LORD CLARKE: Sorry, which one is as enacted?
14	supervision in relation to a decision to withdraw from	14	MR EADIE: As enacted is tab 1, MS 17, and then MS 54 behind
15	a treaty or to exercise the royal prerogative in any	15	tab 2 is current.
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24	powers on the international plane. It doesn't deal with	24	correctly acknowledged. There was debate in the
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1	that is the way in which it was going to be done, and	1	international law to sign a treaty but then not to
2	that is entirely clear, that that power was still left	2	ratify it; that is precisely what Norway did. The logic
3	with the Government, because when Parliament truly wants	3	of the respondents' argument is that the Government
4	to impose limits well, making the point in two ways,	4	would have been in breach of the ECA, and that plainly
5	when it wants to give permission to do something on the	5	was not the case. Parliament was therefore merely
6		6	facilitating the membership, should the Government, in
_	international plane, it is perfectly capable of saying:	7	the exercise of its treaty prerogative, take the
7 8	I am giving you permission to do this; a bit like the	8	United Kingdom into the EEC.
9	Bahamas and Barbados situation, creating the legal	9	LORD MANCE: This is potentially a Fire Brigades Union case,
_	effect in that way.  But if it wants to restrict action on the	10	I think it is suggested, against you in that context.
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11	international plane like ratification, again, we know	12	You might test your proposition or put your question in
12	that Parliament can do that, and we know it has done	13	a slightly more sophisticated way, by asking what if the
13	that, and we saw CRAG. Then it has a whole series of	14	Government had announced immediately after the passing
14	decisions it would have to make around what type of		of the ECA that it would never ratify the treaty of
15	parliamentary permission should be given and how	15	accession; you would give the same answer, I appreciate,
16	where the balance should lie between the Government on	16	you would say that is their choice.
17	the one hand and parliamentary control on the other.	17	MR EADIE: That is their choice, and as fundamentally or
18	We know as a matter of fact, if you go back to the	18	more fundamentally perhaps, this is the basic structure
19	1972 Act and you see the date on which it was enacted of	19	of this Act.
20	17 October 1972, we know that the UK instrument of	20	LORD CARNWATH: Why wouldn't that be potentially an abuse of
21	ratification was in fact deposited the day after it was	21	power
22	enacted, in other words on 18 October 1972, but that, we	22	MR EADIE: It could be. One could have that argument, the
23	respectfully submit, tells you nothing about whether or	23	same as the 2015 Act we were discussing earlier. You
24	not the ECA was some kind of legal pre-condition to	24	could see a claim being mounted of that kind, but the
25	ratification. We submit plainly not; there is nothing	25	answer my Lord gives on my behalf, as it were, is one we
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3	starting perhaps in the wrong place.	3	that our entry into the EU was a joint effort, the
4	MR EADIE: Quite. That was the point I believe you were	4	exercise of prerogative power by the executive and the
5	putting to me before the short adjournment, but my	5	exercise of legislative power by Parliament. So, put
6	answer to that is that these prerogative powers to	6	very simply, one of the arguments that you will have to
7	exercise international relations powers, to ratify, to	7	deal with is, if our accession was the result of joint
8	negotiate, to agree, to withdraw from treaties, they	8	effort, should our departure not equally be so.
9	have always been expressed as general prerogative	9	MR EADIE: My Lord, the submission I make is that the joint
10	powers, as it were. They have never been defined by	10	effort, as it were, in the 1972 Act is a joint effort in
11	potential impact on rights in that way.	11	the sense that it assumes that all the prerogative
12	So they have been expressed as general prerogative	12	powers continue to exist and be operated. So all that
13	powers, and they have then been regulated by Parliament	13	this is doing, this Act, is not to put it in the
14	in a variety of ways. So you have all the various	14	positive: this Act is designed, and that is all that
15	examples which we will come to, you have seen CRAG	15	part 1 does, to deal with transposition.
16	already; and in the treaties sphere, we know that	16	It doesn't authorise, it doesn't purport to be
17	Parliament has regulated those otherwise generally	17	a joint effort in relation to the going in. It simply
18	expressed powers very specifically. So the nature and	18	assumes and is premised on the continued existence of
19	content of that prerogative from the beginning has been	19	that power, and withdrawal, therefore, is entirely
20	a general prerogative power to do these various things,	20	consistent, to put it in my Lord's helpful way, is
21	and it is then characterised by different forms of	21	entirely consistent with that framework. Because when
22	impingement into those generally expressed powers by	22	you withdraw, you withdraw on that basis. You withdraw
23	Parliament, none of which, it may be said, have been	23	in exercising the prerogative powers that sit in
24	defined or set by reference to a potential effect on	24	parallel to and are the premise for the 1972 Act.
25	rights.	25	THE PRESIDENT: I see the force of that but it is not quite
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1	We know that the exercises of the prerogative in	1	an answer to Lord Wilson's question, is it, because the
2	this sphere, and I will come back to this because I am	2	way the treaty was signed and then not ratified until
3	going to have to develop this principally in answer to	3	Parliament had done its bit in passing the 1972 Act

is there a background constitutional principle, of the kind the provisional court identified, we know that prerogative powers can be and are exercised to have serious impacts, potentially, sometimes, into domestic law rights.

The 1972 Act, as I will develop in a moment, is a paradigm example but we have, and I will develop this, a similar position created when we left EFTA, before we joined the EEC, so we have an example in this Act of that sort of process happening, and we know that double taxation treaties similarly, but I will come back probably to all of that tomorrow now but those matters are all there.

It does therefore depend fundamentally on analysing what -- we entirely agree, what the nature of the prerogative is, if the prerogative starts as generally expressed, which is our case, and is then impinged upon, then that is the correct starting point. The correct question becomes what species of control, what forms of control has Parliament chosen to impose upon this exercise; and we know that in relation to leaving, for example, the EU, the only way in which that can be done

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4 meant that it was very much of a joint effort, to use

5 Lord Wilson's expression, whereas on your analysis,

6 pulling out would not be a joint exercise. 7

MR EADIE: Pulling out would not be a joint effort.

8 THE PRESIDENT: That is the point. 9 MR EADIE: But the fact that it is ratified the day after

10 this Act is enacted, for the reasons I have given, is significant only because it avoids, as it were, the Government being in breach of its international obligations once it decides to go in. That is the true significance of it. That is what it has done.

> As I say, when we get to EFTA, I don't want to get too far ahead, because EFTA is quite complicated and we will try to simplify it overnight, but we get to EFTA and you see that that is how they do it there, as it were. They leave in the exercise of the prerogative and then some time later Parliament comes in but I will show you that tomorrow. But of course it depends, I suppose, how one defines joint effort, but joint effort there undoubtedly was, but only because in part 1, they are transposing, they are giving domestic legal effect to the rights that are created on the international plane.

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1	LORD CLARKE: As a result of a joint effort between	1	isn't it, to do whatever the Government decides without
2	Parliament on the one hand and Government on the other.	2	actually expressing a view itself. Is that realistic?
3	MR EADIE: That is the answer my Lord, Lord Wilson has put	3	MR EADIE: The significance of those motions is one, they
4	to me.	4	are not primary legislation.
5	LORD CLARKE: What is the answer to it?	5	LORD MANCE: Of course not.
6	MR EADIE: The joint effort involves assuming, and this	6	MR EADIE: They are not primary legislative authority, and
7	whole Act is premised on, the prerogative powers	7	you do not remove or abrogate the prerogative by passing
8	continuing to exist. This does not purport to authorise	8	a motion of that kind in Parliament anyway.
9	us to ratify. It would not place us in breach if we	9	LORD MANCE: But they are background, aren't they? That is
10	didn't ratify. It simply says, once on the	10	what the 1972 Act is doing.
11	international plane, you have entered into the treaty,	11	MR EADIE: They are background but the true significance of
12	which was signed some time before, once you have	12	that, my Lord is right to draw attention to the fact of
13	ratified, then these are going to be the domestic legal	13	it, the true significance of that, it might be thought,
14	effects.	14	is that there are myriad ways in which Parliament, if I
15	LORD KERR: Your argument really is you needed a joint	15	use the word neutrally, politically, as it were, can
16	effort to go in in order to get the powers transferred	16	exercise control and give consent, can recognise the
17	to the (Inaudible) UK, but you don't need it to come	17	significance of an issue.
18	out.	18	So what is not being done is to say: we need primary
19	MR EADIE: We don't need it to come out, because we can	19	legislative authority for you to go and ratify this
20	withdraw, and again, I don't want to get too political	20	treaty. This Act is not in any shape or form that sort
21	about it, but if joint effort is what is required, then	21	of beast. My Lord is right to say there were some
22	joint effort you have. Parliament decided to set up the	22	motions beforehand, but all that demonstrates is that
23	referendum. To ask the very question again I don't	23	under our constitution, there is flexibility as to how
24	want to get too far ahead of myself because I am going	24	Parliament chooses to get engaged in a particular issue,
25	to come to the 2015 Act in due course, and it does not	25	what steps it wishes to set out beforehand, what matters
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1	precisely deal with the legal point that my Lord is	1	it wants to debate and how it wants to go about doing
2	making but there is, as it were, constitutionally the	2	that.
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3	MR EADIE: That was an exercise that was pre-CRAG	3	significantly, it can operate because Parliament chooses
4	effectively.	4	to produce in primary legislation a referendum, and we
5	LORD CARNWATH: Which, as you say, does not apply to	5	know when we come to it, 2011 did that in various
6	withdrawal. The thing that is puzzling me in relation	6	different respects, in the 2011 Act, and the 2015 Act
7	to Lord Wilson's question is that you, in your case,	7	the same.
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12	mentioned. Do we have any evidence about that.	12	Now, we have not got past the long title because of
13	MR EADIE: About the Great Repeal Bill?	13	questions from us. Perhaps we should be moving on from
14	LORD CARNWATH: Yes, about what it is, what it is going to	14	the long title.
15	do. It seems to be of some relevance to ask ourselves:	15	MR EADIE: Yes, it is the long title and what part 1 does.
16	what actually is Parliament's role going to be between	16	I don't want to rest too much on the long title, because
17	now and the end of the (Inaudible) period.	17	the long title, we know, is a beast of limited
18	MR EADIE: Yes, I am sure we do and we will find I think	18	assistance in terms of interpreting, or it can be a
19	currently there has simply been a statement by	19	beast of limited assistance in terms of interpreting,
20	Government about what is intended to be covered by	20	but it is fundamentally what the operative provisions in
21	the	21	part 1 are doing, which are all about transposition and
22	LORD CARNWATH: I think there has been a statement at the	22	not about regulating international plane action.
23	Conservative party conference; has there been anything	23	THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we have that, yes.
24	else?	24	MR EADIE: Section 1, then, steady progress, section 1 sets
25	MR EADIE: Pass. We will double check and get you anything	25	out the mechanisms by which treaties come to be approved
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2	treaties, and hence bound the UK to those treaties under	2	Then we come to section 2. And the first point to
3	international law without the prior authorisation of	3	make in relation to sorry, my Lady, I am going to try
4	Parliament.	4	and speed up a bit, but section 2 you will all have
5	That is not, of course, to say there would not be	5	read. The first point to make about it is that it
6	all sorts of very good practical and political reasons	6	created the conduit.
7	for wanting the prior approval of Parliament, but that	7	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
8	is a different matter. That broadens the concept of	8	MR EADIE: It is the first of four relevant points we want
9	joint venture, as it were, even though the line may not	9	to make on section 2. It creates the conduit.
10	be straight.	10	Consistently with dualism, it needed to do so given that
11	So this is all about the imposition of restrictions	11	the treaties took effect and created rights and
12	and giving effect at the level of transposition into	12	obligations only on the international plane, and in that
13	domestic law, and so we do submit that standard dualist	13	way Parliament, consistently with dualism, enabled the
14	practice of which this Act is a paradigm example,	14	United Kingdom to comply with its international/EU law
15	standard dualist practice simply indicates that there is	15	obligations.
16	a need to provide for a mechanism of transposition.	16	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
17	That is what this Act does. Once one recognises	17	MR EADIE: The nature of the conduit as we see from 2(1),
18	that as the fundamental nature of it, it becomes	18	the transposition model if you will, was direct and
19	entirely clear that it is not to do with or seeking to	19	automatic. And what that means is that the rights and
20	control the exercise of prerogative powers on the	20	the obligations that were created on day 1 could be
21	international plane.	21	altered, and could be removed by action taken under the
22	So you have the mechanism that you see in	22	prerogative by the Crown.
23	section 1(1), and section 1(2), with its references to	23	Section 2 simply sets out the basis of
24	listed treaties, and indeed to ancillary treaties. And	24	transposition, necessary for all the reasons I have
25	then there are mechanisms for introducing new treaties	25	given, but the significance of it doing that and of that
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1	on to that list in 1(3). In the manner that there	1	being its nature is that the introduction of a conduit
2	has been some debate in the past around whether or not	2	or a transposition model of this kind tells one nothing
3	1(3) would operate as the legislative mechanism for	3	about the discrete issue of some form of parliamentary
4	simply ancillary treaties or other treaties to come.	4	control of Government action later on the
5	I think the position the court arrived at in Smedley was	5	international plane. It simply is creating the
6	it applied to the ancillary treaties only.	6	necessary transposition mechanism.
7	Certainly the position is that subsequently, when	7	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.
8	treaties have been added to the list, that has been done	8	MR EADIE: The divisional court attached some significance
9	by primary legislation, but as we see, that may be	9	to the title alongside section 2 and we have dealt with
10	explained by the fact that specific introduction	10	that in the annex to our case where we track, as it
11	there was specific introduction from the 1978 Act	11	were, the textual analysis of the divisional court and
12	onwards, to require primary legislation whenever the	12	answer them paragraph by paragraph. I am not going to
13	powers of the European Parliament were being expanded,	13	spend a lot of time on that now, but it might be thought
14	so that might explain why that happened.	14	in relation to the heading, the fact of the matter is
15	It may be at least not entirely easy to say, to see,	15	that that heading is accurate and descriptive and
16	why as a matter of ordinary construction at least,	16	adequate to give a general summary as to what the
17	section 1(3) might not be taken as authorising both	17	section is doing.
18	types of treaty addition, both ancillary and listed.	18	It suggests, if anything, accurately, that section 2
19	LORD MANCE: Which was the case you said that treated it?	19	is, as it were, a consequence of dualism, but it doesn't
20	MR EADIE: Smedley, I think it is.	20	do more than that. It doesn't carry some form of
21	LORD MANCE: Smedley.	21	implementation, that because this is about general
22	MR EADIE: Yes. As a matter of pure interpretation, it is	22	implementation of the treaties, that means the treaties
23	coming at the thing as a matter of straight	23	must always stay the same or cannot be withdrawn from.
24	interpretation, there is at least a question there.	24	Indeed, we know, when we come to it later as I will
25	But Smedley appears to have resolved it for the time	25	do shortly, that when Article 50 does become part of the
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1	EU framework in the Lisbon treaty, it is then added to	1	MR EADIE: My Lord, that is right in terms, but it doesn't
2	the list in section 1(2), and Article 50 is thereby	2	touch, we respectfully submit, our power to withdraw
3	given effect, as it were; so that these rights and	3	which continues to exist under the prerogative, is the
4	liabilities exist subject to that, but the general	4	way we put it.
5	title, we submit, the general heading, does not avail	5	LORD CLARKE: (Inaudible) ambulatory, as far as you advance
6	one.	6	it.
7	LORD MANCE: Does that involve the proposition that	7	MR EADIE: I am not sure it does weaken it, with respect.
8	Article 50 is incorporated in domestic law?	8	The way we put the argument is that we have always had
9	MR EADIE: It has become part of the listed treaties.	9	the prerogative powers existing. What this does
10	LORD MANCE: But is it incorporated into domestic law by	10	demonstrate most clearly is that by exercise of
11	this Act?	11	prerogative power, the Government can affect rights, can
12	MR EADIE: My Lord it is not incorporated by this act, it is	12	withdraw rights, can remove rights in any event. It
13	not?	13	could remove 99.9 per cent of the rights entirely
14	LORD MANCE: No.	14	consistently with 2(2).
15	MR EADIE: I don't make that suggestion.	15	LORD MANCE: You say by an exercise of the prerogative
16	LORD MANCE: No. Because it only operates on	16	power. The likelihood of the Council of Ministers and
17	an international plane.	17	now the European Parliament agreeing to remove
18	MR EADIE: It is not directly effective, it operates on the	18	99 per cent of EU rights is rather remote, isn't it?
19	international plane, but it indicates that the rights	19	MR EADIE: My Lord, it may be rather remote in practice but
20	and liabilities as they exist from time to time are	20	as a matter of law.
21	subject on the international plane to that power of	21	LORD MANCE: It is certainly not done by the unilateral
22	withdrawal.	22	exercise of the UK prerogative.
23	LORD WILSON: This phrase "from time to time" that we read	23	MR EADIE: No, and I have made the point already, that it is
24	twice, "rights from time to time created", "remedies	24	not only our prerogative powers that are in play.
25	from time to time provided for", is that simply talking	25	THE PRESIDENT: I think the issue we are trying to focus on
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1	about changes in European law, changes from time to time	1	is whether you rely for your purposes in this appeal on
2	in European law, or do you say that the phrase also	2	the words "from time to time".
3	encompasses rights being changed and remedies being no	3 4	MR EADIE: We do. THE PRESIDENT: Because?
4	longer provided for as a result of withdrawal from the EU?	5	MR EADIE: Because it demonstrates that rights can be
5	MR EADIE: My Lord, I respectfully submit that it is	6	affected directly by the exercise of Government power on
6 7	a recognition that and I will come to develop this	7	the international plane.
8	point the rights that are created are inherently	8	LORD MANCE: But there is a huge difference between
9	susceptible to change.	9	submitting to the rulings of a club committee as to what
10	LORD WILSON: But change where?	10	the club rules are, the dress code or whatever, if you
11	MR EADIE: Change at the EU level, principally by exercise	11	happen to be a member of a club, and not being a member
12	of Government action.	12	of the club at all, either being expelled or giving
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3	scale at least between the withdrawal, a leaving of the	3	of the water that is flowing down the conduit.
4	club and a voting about whether or not you should wear	4	MR EADIE: My Lord, I accept I am not sure much is going
5	a tie in the dining room.	5	to turn on whether we characterise it as a difference of
6	THE PRESIDENT: This is not really a major point in your	6	nature or a difference of scale, it is the same point:
7	argument, though.	7	is there a distinction between withdrawal, complete
8	MR EADIE: It is a major point two major points, one is	8	removal of these rights, and not? That has to be
9	that this is a conduit, and a necessary conduit and	9	approached in sequence, as it were. The first point is,
10	therefore	10	we know from this, because it is precisely the essence
11	THE PRESIDENT: This emphasises it is a conduit through	11	of it, that the Government can destroy rights, to use
12	which water is going to keep on passing.	12	the emotive phrase that litters the other side's cases,
13	MR EADIE: Yes, and therefore you do not imply anything	13	we know they can do that; that is the very essence of
14	about control over exercise of prerogative power on the	14	this model.
15	international plane, because this is simply a conduit;	15	LORD MANCE: When you say we know they can do it, just
16	and the second is that the rights and obligations under	16	explain in what way do you say that the Government can
17	this provision created into domestic law once	17	destroy
18	transposed, are capable of being affected, including	18	MR EADIE: Because they can operate on the
19	removed from time to time, by actions which are at least	19	international plane in the context of the EU to agree to
20	in part dependent with(?) other actors, on the exercise	20	various forms of directly affected measure, regulations,
21	of prerogative powers.	21	matters of that kind, and the consequence of that may
22	THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I see.	22	well be that the rights that exist on day one either are
23	LORD SUMPTION: It may be that the answer to these questions	23	altered on day two or cease to exist on day two.
24	is different as you construe the Act with the additions	24	LORD MANCE: They certainly have no right to do it; they may
25	made in 2008 by comparison with what it would have been	25	be unfloated(?) in many contexts.
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1	before. Although Article 50 only operates on the plane	1	MR EADIE: They may be. All of that is true, but it all
2	of international law, from 2008 onwards, it was plain	2	depends upon the Government being able to act within
3	that if the object of section 2 was to ensure that the	3	that partnership, if that is the right way of looking at
4	domestic law obligations were no wider than the	4	it, on the EU plane.
5	international law obligations, that included withdrawal	5	LORD MANCE: That is what is contemplated by this Act, that
6	after 2008.	6	the Government will, under the EU law-making
7	MR EADIE: Everyone knew they could leave, my Lord, yes.	7	institutions, play its part and that may lead to changes
8	There is quite a fundamental significance to	8	in one direction or another. I think the question is
9	section 2, which is that, as you will recall, the	9	whether what is contemplated by this section also
10	divisional court's judgment is fundamentally premised on	10	includes withdrawal from the treaties.
11	the idea that you cannot affect through the exercise of	11	LORD CARNWATH: Surely dealing with the argument
12	a prerogative, you simply cannot do it. That is the	12	THE PRESIDENT: Let him answer the question.
13	background constitutional principle, you cannot affect	13	LORD CARNWATH: Sorry.
14	rights in domestic law and here we know you can. The	14	MR EADIE: My Lord, there are undoubtedly differences
15	rights can be affected, they can be altered, they can be	15	between withdrawal entirely and the affecting of the
16	amended, they can be removed.	16	corpus of rights from time to time, but what it
17	LORD CLARKE: It is not just a question of scale, as it	17	illustrates is that the Government can remove rights
18	seems to me at the moment. The difficulty you have to	18	under this basis, and that fundamentally, we
19	face up to, I think, is that what is envisaged is not	19	respectfully submit, causes a problem for the reasoning
20	merely the size of the stream, as it were, coming down	20	and analysis of the divisional court. When you come to
21	the conduit may vary from time to time, and what	21	ask the bigger question, does this contemplate
22	precisely its composition is varies from time to time,	22	withdrawal, my submission is that it contemplates and is
23	but you are envisaging making the conduit completely	23	premised upon all of the Government's prerogative powers
24	redundant by the sound of things.	24	on the international plane continuing to exist.
25	MR EADIE: My Lord, if you withdraw, that is the effect.	25	That is the fundamental premise on which this sits.
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1	I am going to come to develop the submission in	1	MR EADIE: My Lord, that is its core significance,
2	a second, but what that means is that the rights that	2	I entirely agree. That is its core significance, but as
3	are conferred into domestic law by this section are	3	I say, what it does do is to demonstrate that the rights
4	inherently limited. They are inherently limited by the	4	themselves forget about whether or not there is any
5	ability to act in concert with others on the	5	implication because it doesn't deal with withdrawal
6	international plane, under the EU auspices and all the	6	expressly, of course not. So the question is what
7	various ways that they make and create rights and	7	implication is to be derived from it.
8	obligations from time to time; and it is inherently	8	THE PRESIDENT: Very well.
9	limited because at a much more fundamental level, all of	9	MR EADIE: The best implication, or the only real
10	this is premised on the continued existence of that	10	implication from it, we submit, is not that it controls
11	basic relationship.	11	the prerogative power which sits alongside, but that
12	LORD CARNWATH: Can I put my point. I don't quite	12	domestic legal rights that are recognised in the way set
13	understand why we are spending so long on the 1972 Act,	13	out in section 2 can be affected by the Government
14	because I mean your main point you have to address	14	acting within those EU constitutions.
15	the divisional court's point that it cannot affect	15	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.
16	rights at all, but your main point is that things change	16	LORD MANCE: If the Government were to give notice
17	in 2008	17	I think that it is accepted that before section 50, the
18	MR EADIE: 2008, 2011, and 2015.	18	Government could have extracted the UK internationally
19	LORD CARNWATH: where you for the first time get	19	from the European treaties.
20	Article 50, and of course the key thing with Article 50	20	MR EADIE: Yes.
21	is the two-year automatic exit, which is a completely	21	LORD MANCE: If it had done so, it would have left a scene
22	new feature.	22	where some European Union obligations disappear, that
23	MR EADIE: My Lord, yes. I agree with all of that. Can	23	once others remained as remnants of membership of the
24	I just finish the answer on scale, if I can call it	24	Community, all those which required specific domestic
25	that, scale/nature, and the answer, one of the answers	25	implementation, eg obligations to give effect to
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1	on scale/nature is the twin answers are, nothing	1	directives and so on; is that easy to contemplate in the
2	inconsistent with the continued existence of the power	2	context of section 2, which contemplates regulations and
3	to withdraw in section 2, because it is premised on the	3	so on to implement it doesn't have any provision for
4	prerogative powers continuing; and if you get to scale,	4	the event of the prerogative being exercised to
5	and you take into account subsequent developments, you	5	disimplement the treaties.
6	take into account in addition the 2015 Act.	6	MR EADIE: My Lord, yes, we respectfully submit it is
7	Now, again, the line may not be entirely straight at	7	consistent, because the fundamental premise for
8	that point, but the fact of the matter is that it, like	8	section 2 is we continue to be members and they are
9	the rest of the legislation, subject to the controls we	9	it is dealing with the transposition of the rights and
10	are about to come to, does nothing to take away or seeks	10	obligations such as they are. The points that my Lord
11	to control the prerogative powers that exist, including	11	has been putting to me are the mechanics of exit, as it
12	withdrawal.	12	were. We are in that position now, hence eg the Great
13	THE PRESIDENT: As I understand it, sorry to keep on about	13	Repeal Bill that is proposed, where you put everything
14	section 2, but as I understand it, if it didn't say	14	that used to be EU law on to the domestic statute book,
15	"from time to time" in section 2, your basic point would	15	and it is easier then to pull out and make policy
16	still hold that nothing in this Act takes away the	16	decisions policy area by policy area.
17	fundamental prerogative, either by necessary	17	LORD MANCE: You say again, Parliament's only role is simply
18	implication, let alone expressly, upon which you rely.	18	to give effect to whatever the executive decides at the
19	All it from time to time does ultimately is merely to	19	international level.
20	give a bit of support to that argument by the notion	20	MR EADIE: Exactly so, at that stage and at that base level.
21	that as a result of the Government's involvement in	21	If one is worrying about scale, one is saying: what
22	decisions in Luxembourg or Brussels, that the laws in	22	implications can we draw from this; you don't stop
23	this country will be changed through the exercise of the	23	there, you wind the clock on to the point when the
24	prerogative, and that is really as far as it goes, is	24	decision is actually being made and Parliament has at
		25	that point decided that it should submit that very
25	that right?	43	
25	that right?	23	and point avoided that it should be
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question with all its implications to the people in the referendum. But there is no implication the other way, in section (Inaudible). Indeed the one thing that is clear, we respectfully submit, subject to acting with others, the point my Lord, Lord Mance made, the one thing that it is clear about 2(?), is that the things that the Government does on the international EU plane have, as it were, direct effect into our domestic law, including the removal of rights.

I suspect the submissions I was going to make on section 2 can now be rather shorter, but can I just run through them anyway just in case.

The next point I was going to make about section 2, the first one having been conduit, the next one was going to be that section 2 recognises rights and obligations created elsewhere and altered elsewhere, in other words on the international plane. There are therefore two necessary preconditions to the rights and obligations having effect in domestic law. (a), the general conduit that is section 2, and (b), acting under the prerogative by the Government shaping and creating, removing and altering that scheme of rights and obligations.

So these are, as section 2 expressly recognises, rights and as section 2 puts it, created and arising by respond that the wording and the concept, that definition, was necessary for the structure which transposes rights created on the international plane, as is recognised in that section, and it implies no continuation of those rights.

That is the second of the points, as it were, so conduit and rights and obligations, secondly created elsewhere and altered elsewhere. And flowing from that, the third point perhaps on 2 is that those rights are in nature inherently limited or contingent as already indicated.

What that does, once you recognise that they are inherently limited or contingent, is that it serves to undermine, we submit, any statement of principle that is expressed too generally, or that it is taken from one context, where it may remain true, and transplanted into a different context; in other words, if you take the statements in particular, and I will come back to this when I dial deal directly with the point, take the statements from Lord Oliver about self-executing treaties and prerogative not being capable of being used to alter the law of the land; but we know under this model it can do precisely that.

It also strikes fundamentally at the proposition that the giving of notice or withdrawal is in some way,

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## or under the treaties.

2 THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR EADIE: That is where they are created and/or they arise.

3 4 Those rights are simply then, again, track back to the 5 wording in 2(1), recognised, available in law and 6 enforced and allowed accordingly. The creation is on 7 the international plane. The explanation for that 8 structure is that treaty dependent rights are not and

could not be created by Parliament, depending, as they do, on international, including Government prerogative action.

That point serves to undermine at base, we submit, the truth and force of any analogy with rights properly described as having been created in the sense of defined by Parliament on the domestic plane. Of course, rights and obligations created under the treaties, the wording used, includes all the ways in which EU law is created, so it includes regulations which have directly effective legal impact and where the Government acts representing the UK, negotiating and agreeing those sorts of measures.

The divisional court also relied upon the concept of an enforceable Community right that you see at the end of 2(1), and they indicate that it implies, as it were, that Community rights would continue. We respectfully

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1 shape or form to be regarded as constitutionally 2 objectionable, because the effect would be to remove

3 rights currently enjoyed under the ECA. So ultimately

4 it would, but that is the essence of the rights created

5 by the ECA anyway; they are inherently limited,

6 inherently dependent upon and contingent upon actions 7 occurring on the international plane.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

9 MR EADIE: So one can analyse it, as I think Lord Millett 10 does in his article, on the basis that the withdrawal 11 from the EU and the giving of notice by the Government

12 will simply cause those rights to which the ECA gives 13 life in domestic law to expire in the way envisaged by

14 the 1972 Act and in accordance with their terms. It is 15 not therefore accurate to describe the process of

16 withdrawal, the starting of that process, as, in any

17 real sense, revoking or overriding statutory rights. 18 LORD CLARKE: You say that Lord Millett's analysis is

19 20 MR EADIE: We do, and we respectfully adopt it and at a more

21 fundamental level, it is a point I made already, at

22 a more fundamental level, we submit that this

23 recognition of their inherently limited nature, their 24 contingent nature indicates that all of the rights and

25 obligations to which section 2 gives effect are

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1	dependent upon the continued relationship between the UK	1	So those are the core provisions of the 1972 Act and
2	and the EU.	2	just before going to the remainder of the sequence, as
3	There is no need to imply anything into section 2	3	it were, there is a question which hangs over the
4	for that to be accurate; it is simply inherent in the	4	remainder of the EU-based legislation here, which is
5	very nature of the rights and obligations that section 2	5	that if the 1972 Act had the effect of removing
6	creates.	6	prerogative powers to act in a variety of ways in
7	LORD CLARKE: You did give us the reference to	7	relation to the EU law structures, if that was, as it
8	Lord Millett's paper before. Can you remind us where it	8	were, removed or taken away by implication, then it is
9	is.	9	jolly difficult, it might be thought, to see what the
10	LADY HALE: It is 34, 471.	10	later legislation is doing, with its nuanced scheme of
11	LORD CLARKE: Thank you.	11	control over that very thing.
12	MR EADIE: It is inherently dependent, not merely upon	12	LORD MANCE: Isn't the point put against you on that that it
13	action from time to time, but upon more fundamentally	13	is dealing or addressing dealing with or addressing
14	the continuation of that basic relationship.	14	increases in European competences rather than
15	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	15	diminution?
16	MR EADIE: It depends upon the maintenance of that	16	MR EADIE: It is in part doing that, but we will see when we
17	relationship. The club's rules apply and the right to	17	get to the scheme of control, that it is actually
18	elect people to its institutions, for example, are	18	imposing a whole raft of controls in this entire area.
19	dependent upon the continued membership of the club.	19	That is maybe the fundamental political driver for some
20	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	20	of it, the ever increasing expansion of EU law, but that
21	MR EADIE: It is also to be noted in relation to section 2	21	is a matter of law. It is pretty much a specific aspect
22	that its effect is expressly limited to giving effect to	22	of the point I have already made in relation to CRAG.
23	treaty rights and obligations in the UK. It gives	23	It is Parliament's considered decision-making as to what
24	effect to rights and obligations which are, as it says,	24	controls it wishes to impose in this context.
25	without further enactments to be given legal effect or	25	The first of the later pieces of legislation is in
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1	used in the UK. It doesn't, therefore, give effect to	1	the same core volume, but you jump forwards to tab 112,
2	treaty rights which are enforceable in or against other	2	so it is core volume 1, tab 112.
3	member states. It doesn't create a right of a British	3	THE PRESIDENT: Page?
4	citizen to live in France, because it couldn't possibly	4	MR EADIE: Page 4218.
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1	treaty prerogative however it chose. This precedes CRAG	1	with Article 50. Article 50, we know did not pass
2	by some years, you will recall. It could not any longer	2	unnoticed. If you could keep that open but briefly go
3	agree and ratify without prior reference to Parliament	3	to authorities bundle 30, tab 402, those are the
4	in this specific context.	4	explanatory notes.
5	The second	5	THE PRESIDENT: What is the MS number?
6	THE PRESIDENT: It could agree, it couldn't ratify, is that	6	MR EADIE: MS number 10346.
7		7	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. And you see that it didn't pass
8	right?  MR EADIE: It could agree, it couldn't ratify, exactly.	8	unnoticed, Article 50, because if you look on 10346,
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	THE PRESIDENT: I see.	10	just above the bullets in paragraph 5, the principal
10	MR EADIE: Secondly, it explains the subsequent chronology	11	changes made by the treaty are as follows, so principal
11	of parliamentary involvement. After this Act Parliament	12	changes made by the treaty, over the page, 10347, fourth bullet down.
12	always passed implementing legislation for the major new	13	
13	EU treaties before and not after they were ratified, but	13	Of course, just by way of note, that was, and you
14	the reason for that is because section 6 meant that	15	can put that bundle away, that was – that, Article 50,
15	Parliament had imposed itself into the process.		was a provision that increased the powers of the
16	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	16	European Parliament because they had to be involved in
17	MR EADIE: That is the 1978 Act.	17	the Article 50 process, and so Parliament had to grant
18	THE PRESIDENT: Right.	18	specific consent inter alia for that reason. That
19	MR EADIE: Then there is 2002, which is in it is actually	19	explains the content, if you go back to page 119 in
20	in the supplemental bundle, the little black 11 KBW	20	volume 1, that we have just been looking at into the
21	bundle. It was omitted because it was replaced in the	21	2008 Act, that explains the content of section 4. So
22	2011 Act. Just so you see the sequence, it is tab 4.	22	the 2008 Act adds Lisbon to the list of now renamed EU
23	THE PRESIDENT: Yes, thank you. And that is similar to	23	treaties designated by the ECA and the effect is that
24	section 6.	24	Parliament is acknowledging that the other rights and
25	MR EADIE: Virtually identical. It was re-enacted in	25	obligations under other parts of the EU treaties, and we
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1	section 12 of the 2002 Act, but of course the	1	have touched on this point before in debate, were now
2	significance of it, the added significance potentially	2	subject to the exercise of the Article 50 withdrawal
3	is that the 1978 act was in 1978 and we are now in 2002.	3	right.
4	Yes, the assembly had become a Parliament but time	4	So the idea that they could thereafter be regarded
5	period is of interest because Parliament has now seen	5	as set in stone or permanent cannot be maintained after
6	numerous major treaty revisions, negotiated by the Crown	6	that.
7	under its prerogative, and has chosen not to implement	7	LORD MANCE: The increase in powers of the European
8	any further restrictions on the prerogative treaty	8	Parliament related to a whole range of things.
9	power. This simply replicates section 6 originally	9	MR EADIE: It did, that is why I said inter alia, but
10	passed with slightly different language in 1978.	10	my Lord is right. This is one of them, because you will
11	So that is the 2002 Act. Back to core volume 1, if	11	remember the European Parliament had some involvement in
12	you would, and tab 3. This is the European Union	12	the Article 50 process. So that is the second of the
13	(Amendment) Act of 2008, MS 117. It incorporated	13	bits of significance as it were. We have gone from 5
14	Lisbon. The features perhaps to note are these. In	14	back to 4, and then we go forward to section 6,
15	section 5 on MS 119, it altered the position we have	15	page 120. This is significant because for the first
16	just seen in section 12 of the 2002 Act, expanding the	16	time, Parliament passes in section 6 a series of
17	circumstances in which primary legislation was required	17	parliamentary controls over decisions ministers took
18	before ratification of any amendment to the founding	18	under various parts and processes of the treaties.
19	treaties made by ordinary revision procedure.	19	So this is not control over entering into new
20	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	20	treaties or ratifying new treaties; this is about the
21	MR EADIE: So there is an example of primary legislation,	21	performance by the Government of its functions under the
22	primary legislative authority being required by express	22	treaties, prerogative powers being exercised therefore.
		23	THE PRESIDENT: I understand.
23	provision.		
	provision.  But note in relation to a very specific matter.	24	MR EADIE: The list is set out in section 6(1) and applied
23			MR EADIE: The list is set out in section 6(1) and applied both to the TEU and the TFEU, and the terms of
23 24	But note in relation to a very specific matter.  This piece of legislation also had to consider and deal	24	both to the TEU and the TFEU, and the terms of
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decision, which one should be subjected to any form of

control, and you have decisions about what species of

control, what mechanisms of parliamentary control are

appropriate, demonstrating, we respectfully submit, the

LORD MANCE: These are all procedures under which the

LORD MANCE: Yes, either that you could have qualified

procedure, they are all procedures which would lead to

MR EADIE: True. True. But you have my points about the

respectfully submit, thoroughly important one, when you

significance of it, despite the truth of that statement.

are trying to assess parliamentary intention, against

this backdrop, a series of decisions, forced however,

based on whatever policy considerations, legislative

policy considerations Parliament saw fit to feed into

the way in which this Act was structured. You have

primary legislative rule, you have a different form of

parliamentary approval, you have specific types of

majority voting and so on, simplified revision

MR EADIE: The key point is the obvious, but, we

a expansion of the legislative capacity or activity.

competences of the institutions of the EU could be

fluidity with which that issue is approached.

increased or would be increased.

THE PRESIDENT: We understand.

LORD SUMPTION: Or the voting system.

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1 section 6(1) are restrictive. The minister of the Crown 1 2 2 cannot exercise the prerogative power of the Crown in 3 3 respect of specific enumerated decisions, but they are 4 enumerated, the controls are nuanced; and they are not 4 5 merely identified, as it were, the specific things that 5 6 now need some form of parliamentary authorisation, but 6 7 7 the mechanism of control is itself nuanced. 8 8 You see that the species of control that this 9 9 section provides for in section 6(2) is parliamentary 10 approval of motions. So you have got within the same 10 11 Act, the various decisions that we say Parliament would 11 12 be expected to make if it entered into the territory of 12 13 13 trying to control the Government's prerogative powers in 14 the way that it saw fit. 14 15 We have the requirements carried over from the 15 16 previous legislation for primary legislative authority 16 17 in some contexts, see section 5, and now we have got 17 18 18 a different species of parliamentary control, this time 19 motions, and approval of motions in section 6(2). 19 20 20 LORD SUMPTION: Is it in fact that different? As 21 I understand it, the 2008 Act extended to a large number 21 22 22 of species of decisions, because the Lisbon treaty had

created a number of procedures for modifying the

required a new treaty, but under the terms of in

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operation of the treaty, which would previously have

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1 particular article 48, but there are also other 2 articles, it could be done by inter-governmental 3 agreement internally. 4 So effectively, what section 6 is doing is simply 5 carrying out the policy of section 5, but applying it to 6 a wider range of decisions which had a similar effect. 7 MR EADIE: And introducing a different mechanism for 8 parliamentary control. It doesn't have to be primary 9 legislative like section 5; it can now be by a motion 10 and agreeing to a motion, but my Lord is right. 11 LORD SUMPTION: The reason for that difference is presumably 12 that the treaty, having been included in the definition 13 of treaties under the 1972 Act, would otherwise simply 14 have automatically have carried any changes through into 15 English domestic law, so you didn't need primary 16 legislation, resolution (Inaudible). 17 MR EADIE: Well, I am sure that is right, but whether that 18 is right or not, you have still got Parliament thinking 19 about what mechanisms of control it wants to introduce, 20 and deciding that it is going to do it in this nuanced 21 way. What the explanation, the base explanation for 22 that might be, I am sure my Lord is right about that, 23 the basic structure of it and how it all worked and so 24 on, but the fact of the matter is you have in this 25 legislation, consideration of particular types of

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decision being subjected to either or both of those features, and you don't have anything at all in relation to Article 50. Which did not pass unnoticed. Because it was one of the principal changes introduced by Lisbon, so they are looking --THE PRESIDENT: You have drawn us to Parliament's attention in the notes you took us to. Yes, we have that. MR EADIE: You are looking at the very power which is now to be exercised and you are looking at a piece of legislation which represents Parliament's considered response to the forms of control it wants to exercise, in relation to the new powers introduced by Lisbon, and Article 50 is not one of them. THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. MR EADIE: I mean, we pose one question, what species of control would Parliament have decided in 2008 it wished to subject Article 50 to? Section 5 or section 6? If there is not a good answer to that question, then it perfectly illustrates that Parliament's intention was to leave Article 50 well alone. It cannot be said it didn't realise it was there. It specifically identified it in the explanatory notes and said: here it is, it is one of the principal changes that has been introduced. THE PRESIDENT: I understand, thank you. MR EADIE: Just to finish on section 6, section 6(1)(a), you

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1 will note, which precludes a minister voting in favour 2 of a measure under Article 48(6) of the TEU, the 3 simplified revision procedure, and that procedure 4 allowed the European Council to adopt a decision 5 amending all or part of the provisions of part 3 of 6 TFEU, and part 3 of the TFEU includes the provisions on 7 free movement. 8 No need for a treaty amendment before -- a new 9 treaty before amendment under this procedure; that 10 plainly would alter the content or existence of the 11 rights given under section 2(1) of the ECA, but on their 12 case, the respondents' case, you could not do that

without an Act of Parliament. How does that square with section 6 and its requirement not for primary legislation before a change is made to free movement rights, but simply a motion of each House. On their case, that would be a constitutionally retrograde and inexplicable step, and again, unless there is a good answer to that, their whole thesis becomes difficult to maintain, we submit.

That is 2008. 2011, tab 6 in the same bundle, page 136 in the MS numbering, and again, it is in the same vein; section 6 of the 2008 Act and section 12 of the 2002 Act were repealed and replaced in the 2011 Act. That is 14(3), I think. This piece of legislation

controls by Parliament over the exercise of the

prerogative under the EU treaties. Sections 2 to 10

3 impose a series of different sorts of control, this time 4 from referenda for some types of decision, through

5 primary legislation to motions of approval. It imposes

6 those controls over a series of different types of

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action, pursuant to the treaties, all of which would 8

ordinarily and otherwise have been carried out,

9 exercising precisely prerogative powers, from agreeing 10 a new treaty to giving particular notifications under

particular articles of a treaty. 11

> So by way of example, section 2 makes provision that a treaty which amends the TEU or the TFEU to confer a new competence on the EU may not be ratified unless the treaty is approved by an Act of Parliament and a referendum.

LORD WILSON: Or the extension condition.

18 MR EADIE: Or the extension condition. I am not going to go

through the detail of it, but the detail is worked out

in sections 3 and 4. But that is the first type as it

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22 Section 6, certain types of decisions of ministers 23 exercising their treaty functions, as you see, are

subjected to control by primary legislation again and

referendum, including things like adopting the euro or

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represents again a clear exercise of parliamentary control and precise parliamentary consideration of the very question: where should the proper division lie in relation to matters to do with EU law, between the prerogative on the one hand and parliamentary control on the other? What are the nature and types of control that are to be imposed, how is it all to work, how is that relationship to work?

We know it started in the 1972 Act with the twin track, the prerogative continues, and so on. Now we have Parliament saying: we see how the world is developing and now we want to exercise very specifically some controls over the exercise of your powers on the international plane, forget about transposition, we are now going to control -- we saw the process starting in 2008 -- we are now going to control the exercise of certain types of decision-making on the international plane.

19 LORD CLARKE: Which section is it?

20 MR EADIE: We have a few to come to, sections 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21

10. Just by way of summary, and I will take you to some 22 of them in a second, the result of this legislation is,

we submit, the most significant and extensive set of legislative controls of the treaty prerogative ever

seen. It represents a series of detailed and focused

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#### removing border controls.

1 2 LORD CARNWATH: Including article 53, rather oddly, on page

MS 155 in schedule 1, and we heard (Inaudible) a sort of

4 recognition of Article 50, at the bottom there.

5 Curiously you seem to need a referendum to decide to

6 extend --

MR EADIE: I am not sure quite what the explanation for that

is, because one would have thought the bigger beast in

9 the room was leaving in the first place.

LORD CARNWATH: But certainly I suppose you can say there

11 was express recognition --

12 MR EADIE: Of Article 50, my Lord, I am sorry, I had not

13 picked that up, but you are right. Whatever the

explanation, there it is.

15 That is section 6. Section 7 deals with types of 16 decision, again by ministers, exercising their treaty

17 functions, and this time they are subjected to control 18 by primary legislation, but not a referendum, and that

19 includes strengthening the rights of EU citizens,

20 7(2)(a), by way of example, not weakening or removing,

21 no control over that; it is not designed in that way, 22 the prerogative power is not controlled in that way.

23 Section 8, we are going down, as it were, in terms

24 of level of control, but the same point remains, these

are nuanced controls, this is a critical Act.

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1	Section 8, a minister of the Crown may not vote in	1	control the Crown's decision-making powers under
2	favour of or otherwise support a decision under article	2	Article 50.
3	3(5)(2) of the TFEU, unless one of sections 8(3) to (5)	3	LORD MANCE: I suppose it can be said again in relation to
4	is complied with. That may be primary legislation or	4	this that these are all restrictions designed to prevent
5	motions in Parliament.	5	a creep in EU competence or an increase, and even the
6	Section 9, certain notifications provided for under	6	restriction relating to section to Article 50,
7	the Lisbon treaties, and under article 3 of protocol 21	7	paragraph 3, is designed to avoid making it more
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16	punch lines the areas it wishes to control and it has	16	truly the explanation, where is the problem where you
17	selected the ones about which it wishes to have a say.	17	are not doing that. Of course there is a different set
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19	particular type of decision, and by setting a detailed,	19	might be.
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21	parliamentary control that it demands, and the rest, we	21	political thinking was at the time, but you may at the
22	submit, is prerogative as normal. That is the only	22	time have been happy with what you had, but not wished
23	proper inference of all of this, so the UK continues to	23	to extend it.
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1	it. So that was the force of the point, that was the	1	constitutionally; it includes the 1972 Act being set up
2	point that was really in issue in Thoburn, so it is	2	at its base on the basis of continued dualist operation;
3	a doctrine which sounds in the principles that are	3	and it includes, if ultimately you are searching for
4	that the courts have decided should govern implied	4	Parliament's intention which is what this game is all
5	repeal, and those are, of course, common law principles	5	about, these are simply aids to working out what
6			Parliament has intended by the legislative scheme, it
7	that set of issues. It doesn't tell you anything about	6 7	includes, we submit, the entirety of the legislative
8	Parliament's intention or about the interpretation of	8	scheme. So if the 1972 Act is to be described as
9	a statutory scheme.	9	constitutional, that is a description which cannot be,
10	It cannot therefore, we respectfully submit, be used	10	as it were, imposed on the 1972 Act and then forgotten
11	to displace the De Keyser approach or what the scheme,	11	about when you look at the later legislation dealing
12	read properly as a whole, tells you about parliamentary	12	with exactly the same sphere or context.
13	intention.	13	So if you are looking at the scheme and you are
14	LORD WILSON: Mr Eadie, reading your case I wondered exactly	14	saying constitutional, you take into account dualism,
15	what your position was on constitutional status.	15	you take into account the existence of prerogative, and
16	I think you have just indicated you accept that common	16	
17	law does now have a doctrine of constitutional status,	17	most importantly, perhaps, and this is the theme I am now on, you take into account the entirety of the
18	and I think you accept that the 1972 Act is a statute of	18	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
19			legislative scheme. What that tells you is that when
20	constitutional status, but then you say, so what?	19	Parliament wants to control the exercise of executive
21	MR EADIE: So what. I do. We certainly have not taken	20	power on the international plane, it says so and it does
22	issue with that description or indeed the application or	21	so, not merely generally in relation to CRAG, with its,
23	the consequences of that description LORD WILSON: Very well.	22	as it were, general controls over the treaty
	-	23	ratification, but the very specific and nuanced scheme
24	MR EADIE: designation that Lord Justice Laws put on it	24	that I have just taken you through. That is my answer.
25	in Thoburn but we do say, careful, it is about implied	25	LORD WILSON: Thank you.
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1	repeal and you cannot just say: there is	1	MR EADIE: Yes but is the answer.
2	a constitutional looking statute and ergo it has some	2	LORD REED: Perhaps in your submissions tomorrow, I would
3	enhanced status which renders it less likely that the	3	certainly be interested in knowing how what you have
4	Government could withdraw from the treaties that sit	4	just said about the need for constitutionality to be
5	alongside.	5	judged in the round, the dictum you have cited from
6	In any event, if you are to take that forward, so it	6	Lord Bingham's judgment in Robinson about the need for
7	is a doctrine that sounds in implied repeal, is the	7	flexibility in applying constitutional principles, the
8	first point, but if you are taking constitutionality	8	whole of that may feed into the approach you take to the
	rather more broadly as an indication of the importance		effect of the or relevance of the referendum result
9 10	of legislation, then you don't just look at the	10	to these proceedings.
11	legislation and say: that might fit that sort of	11	MR EADIE: Yes.
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2	irrelevant. That is how it was treated by the	2	different beast. The answer is, to come perhaps
3	divisional court.	3	immediately and directly to my Lord, Lord Reed's
4	Indeed we make the submission that it would be	4	question, that this serves to allay that constitutional
5	little short of bizarre if that were to be the position.	5	concern, and the reason that I think my Lord, Lord Reed
6	Little short of bizarre, because the 2015 Act posed and	6	reminded me of Lord Bingham in Robinson was because one
7	put to a vote of all the people of the United Kingdom,	7	should not be unduly concerned if one is looking, as it
8	the very question which the divisional court and the	8	were, for mechanisms of parliamentary control and
9	respondents say has to be reput to Parliament. And that	9	parliamentary interest, one should not be too concerned
10	prompts the question: was Parliament really in 2015 in	10	about drawing too straight or direct a line.
11	passing that Act, in setting up the referendum, doing no	11	You look to see whether, in the real world,
12	more than simply reserving to itself the right to decide	12	Parliament has effectively sanctioned, to put it
13	whether to leave or not as it saw fit.	13	loosely, rather than legally, that which the Government
14	Not merely is that highly improbable, but it would	14	now proposes to do through the exercise of the
15	lead, it would run counter, we respectfully submit, to	15	prerogative. I make it entirely clear, we do not assert
16	the repeated statements by ministers and by the	16	that the 2015 Act provides the source, a statutory
17	Government, both in the debates leading to the Act, in	17	source of power; the significance of it is in what it
18	Parliament, and in statements outside Parliament.	18	doesn't say.
19	We have, in our case, if you could just find that	19	THE PRESIDENT: But if you are wrong, standing at 1972,
20	for a moment, in footnote 4, a characteristic	20	prerogative cannot have been exercised as you argue
21	understatement a footnote, at the various statements	21	today, in 1972, how do you say that has changed? Do you
22	upon which we rely.	22	say that has changed as a result of subsequent
23	LADY HALE: Page reference?	23	legislation?
24	MR EADIE: I am going to give you them 12337.	24	MR EADIE: We say the legislative scheme has to be looked at
25	LADY HALE: Thank you.	25	as a piece. This is the current issue.
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1	MR EADIE: 12337, and you will see that I don't think	1	THE PRESIDENT: I know you do, but it is the logic of your
2	your version of our case probably has MS numbers in it,	2	argument by saying looked at as a piece we could
3	does it?	3	conclude that if we were judging this in 1973, we would
4	THE PRESIDENT: Yes.	4	be against you, but by judging it in 2016, we could be
5	MR EADIE: Have you got MS numbers for footnote 4	5	in your favour.
6	THE PRESIDENT: We don't have cross-references, if that is	6	MR EADIE: I am not sure that is the logic of my argument.
7	what you mean, but this was clearly stated on many	7	I am not sure I am asserting that the later legislation
8	occasions, is that what you are	8	provides a statutory authority or basis
9	MR EADIE: Exactly so.	9	THE PRESIDENT: Why are we looking at it then?
10	THE PRESIDENT: We have that.	10	MR EADIE: Because all sorts of concerns have been raised
11	LORD MANCE: What is the nature of this argument? Is it	11	inter alia around the scale of the change, and whether
12	only relevant if there was up until this moment a no	12	or not this is relevant constitutionally, that
13	right to use the royal prerogative, in which case you	13	Parliament has passed this legislation and has set it
14	are arguing, are you, that the Act reintroduces a right	14	up.
15	to use the royal prerogative, because if there is	15	LORD SUMPTION: It is relevant only to this extent, isn't
16	already or is it just confirmatory	16	it, that if it is submitted in the 1972 Act nobody
17	MR EADIE: Yes, and it is addressing, I am going to tell you	17	contemplated withdrawal, by the time the Act has been
18	this again in a moment if I may, it proceeds on the	18	amended in 2008, that argument seems no longer
19	premise that the prerogative is available, but if the	19	available, but it doesn't seem to have any other
20	concern is, and some of the questions that have been	20	significance than that.
21	asked by the court indicate that the concern may be that	21	MR EADIE: My Lord, can I develop the core points we make on
22	there is a difference between the ability of Government	22	it, and give you them, just so I don't go off-piste and
23	under section 2 to go all the way back to 1972 to alter	23	give the wrong answer
24	the corpus of rights from time to time, brackets, but	24	THE PRESIDENT: Do that, and then we may come back to our
25	the implicit assumption underlying it all is that	25	questions. That is fair enough.
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1	LORD CLARKE: Can I ask one question arising out of the	1	footnote 4, that this is a briefing paper in which the
2	material that was available. In paragraph 107 of the	2	Government, is the implication, has assured Parliament
3	divisional court judgment, they say that they refer	3	that it is simply going to be advisory in that sense and
4	to a document which they say made it clear to Parliament	4	Parliament, the implication being, is going to have
5	that it was only to be an advisory referendum. Is that	5	another go, whatever the outcome.
6	correct, and if so, where is the document?	6	LADY HALE: Mr Eadie, before we leave footnote 4, had it
7	MR EADIE: It is in bundle 18; tab 202, MS 6279. I am	7	been your intention to give us the cross-references
8	slightly out of my course because I was going to give	8	which we don't have?
9	you another	9	THE PRESIDENT: The cross-references within the footnote is
10	THE PRESIDENT: You were going to come back to this.	10	what my Lady is referring to.
11	MR EADIE: No, let's deal with it now, because we are there	11	LADY HALE: It refers to the Conservative manifesto, it
12	but if you still have, just by way of let's have them	12	refers to Hansard and it refers to the leaflet that we
13	both open at the same time, if you still have our case	13	all got
14	footnote 4.	14	MR EADIE: My Lady, could I give those, if you have not got
15	THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we do.	15	them. The first one, the Conservative manifesto, is
16	MR EADIE: I was going to add in, if I may, one further	16	authorities bundle 16, tab 178.
17	reference to footnote 4.	17	LORD CARNWATH: We have got them, further up the page.
18	THE PRESIDENT: What is that?	18	THE PRESIDENT: I think the best thing to do is for you to
19	MR EADIE: Which is authorities 39, tab 509, supplemental MS	19	let us have them in a document tomorrow, rather than
20	981, a statement by the foreign secretary on second	20	going through all this and taking up court time.
21	reading of the bill, effectively saying this is going to	21	LORD MANCE: On a different point, in your references to the
22	be decisive, it is a matter for the people to decide,	22	whole scheme, looking at the whole legislative scheme,
23	and not anyone else.	23	could you give us, if we don't already have it in the
24	So	24	papers, on authority on the extent to which these
25	LORD MANCE: What does this go to? Construction of the	25	statutes can be regarded as in pari materia, in other
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1	MR EADIE: Well, you will have seen from the Lawyers for	1	words dealing with the same subject matter, the whole
2	Britain's written intervention that they do say it goes	2	group that you referred to from 72 up to 2015, or any of
3	to interpretation of the Act. We don't need I think to	3	them, and the extent to which we can construe an earlier
4	go that far, or do not go that far, but we do	4	statute by reference to a later in the context of this
5	respectfully submit that it is relevant, that that was	5	case? I think it would just be helpful to get the
6	the basis on which Parliament was proceeding in passing	6	principles.
7	this Act and we say that is confirmatory of our	7	MR EADIE: I will come to that just before I make my four
8	position, which is that they left in place, which is the	8	principle submissions on the statutory scheme, I have
9	only way in which effect could be given to it, which was	9	a little section that says "Is later legislation after
10	to exercise the prerogative power to withdrawal and to	10	the 1972 Act relevant? So you are going to get it.
11	give the Article 50 notice. That is the significance,	11	LORD MANCE: Good. We are thinking along the same lines.
12	but no more than that.	12	MR EADIE: I promise to write it down.
13	You have seen a pretty desultory debate as well	13	It is of some significance because the divisional
14	about whether or not this Act is properly to be	14	court proceeded on the fundamental premise that it was
15	described as advisory, which is the next lead-in point,	15	not. So I am going to have to address that.
16	as it were, to the briefing paper that I have just taken	16	So advisory I have dealt with could be advisory
17	you to, but again we respectfully submit there is little	17	for Government as well as law makers; not undermined by
18	that can sensibly be attached to that characterisation	18	the briefing paper. We have got to the briefing paper.
19	because it could be advisory, either as the divisional	19	Short points in relation to the briefing paper, the
20	court concluded in 106, for law makers in Parliament, as	20	first one is that this is a House of Commons Library
21	they put it, or it could be advisory for Government, so	21	briefing paper. Some concern I think may have been
22	it is entirely neutral to call it advisory.	22	expressed by the House of Commons authorities as to the
23	Then they say the briefing paper involves in effect	23	appropriateness of referring to it, but it is referred
24	the Government assuring Parliament, brackets, contrary	24	to in the divisional court's judgment, so that horse may
25	to all the express statements I have just shown you in	25	have bolted, but Part 2, Article 9 of the Bill of
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Rights. It is a House of Commons Library briefing 1 sort of impact on rights and obligations that would flow 2 2 paper, not written by Government but by a member of from withdrawal. Do we leave the club, is the question 3 House of Commons staff. It tells one nothing, 3 that the referendum posed and, if we do, the processes 4 therefore, about the intention of Government. It is not 4 of the club necessarily go, the effect on rights 5 an assurance to Parliament by Government, it is not 5 necessarily occurs and Parliament was plainly entirely anything that would bear on parliamentary intention. It alive to that fact. It could not possibly be improper 6 6 7 7 is not a legitimate aid to interpretation. to use the prerogative to give effect to the results of 8 If it is being suggested that this is some form of 8 the democratic process that Parliament had chosen to set 9 Government statement to the House, then it would need to 9 10 be set alongside the absolutely clear statements that 10 The counter position, it might be thought, is worth 11 are collected in footnote 4 of our case, but we 11 at least considering. It involves contending that 12 respectfully submit, at a more fundamental level, it is 12 Parliament had left Article 50 and the giving of 13 unhelpful in terms of assessing whether or not the 13 an Article 50 notice within the prerogative sphere in 14 2015 Act is to be treated as advisory in the sense that 14 the earlier legislation, and the 2015 Act in effect and 15 the divisional court used that term in. 15 implicitly reverses that position and now requires that 16 So that is what I say about that document. I hope 16 the giving of such notice should be subjected to primary 17 that answers my Lord, Lord Clarke's question on that. 17 legislative authority. 18 18 Two core points on the 2015 Act, if I may. The So they have already considered Article 50 in 2008 19 first, and this is its true legal significance, we 19 and in 2011, and the thesis that is now advanced is that in 2015 --20 respectfully submit, is that it proceeds on precisely 20 21 the same footing as the other parts of the scheme of 21 THE PRESIDENT: I think the point, the way it would be put 22 control over the conduct of international relations by 22 against you, I suspect, is that under the 1972 Act it 23 Government. It makes no provision seeking to control 23 was not left with the prerogative and no subsequent act 24 the prerogative powers that the Government exercises. 24 was inconsistent with that, because that was the 25 25 position in 1972 and that is what it remains, the It imposes no requirement as other acts had done in the Page 165 Page 167 same territory as we have seen for primary legislative 1 1 argument --2 authority, before any step is taken in the exercise of 2 MR EADIE: That may well be the submission but that is not 3 3 the point about the 2015 Act. If they are right at the those powers, nor indeed for any of the other nuanced 4 4 base level, then so be it. That was the point you were forms or mechanisms for parliamentary involvement, and 5 5 that, no doubt, is because it is itself primary putting to me earlier. 6 THE PRESIDENT: Yes, that is what is put against you. 6 legislation. Specifically, there is nothing to 7 7 I don't think it is put that it survived any constrain the Government giving Article 50 notice. Its 8 8 significance in legal terms is precisely that it does differently. 9 q MR EADIE: Quite but there is a jump, we respectfully not do so, as it could perfectly well have done, see the 10 raft of earlier legislation. 10 submit, between 2011 and 2008. 11 THE PRESIDENT: I can see that. I can understand what you 11 The silence, we submit, is compelling and consistent say on that point. 12 12 with the rest of the legislative scheme and that point 13 is powerfully reinforced by two other facts. Firstly, 13 MR EADIE: And 2015. That contrast is stark. 14 14 in the event of a decision to leave, if that was the The second on core points on the 2015 Act is that it 15 outcome of the referendum that Parliament set up, the 15 was passed with Parliament acknowledging at the very 16 16 least the political realities associated with the scale process of withdrawal had to commence in the prescribed of the decision to stay or leave. We respectfully 17 way. Article 50 notice was the only, and under the 17 18 18 submit that the proper implication from that act is that Lisbon treaty the mandated, first step and as we already 19 19 know from the legislative scheme that we have gone doing so, Parliament was acknowledging and acknowledging 20 through, from 2008 and 2011 in particular, Article 50 20 plainly, consistently with the statements that happened 21 was already been considered by Parliament and left in 21 to have been made, that the vote should decide that 22 22 the hands of the Government. So that the first question and that all concerned, including Parliament, 23 23 would respect the outcome. reinforcement. 24 The second is, moreover, the 2015 Act represents 24 On that basis, it has obvious constitutional 25 25 significance. In the Shindler case, which as you will specific contemplation by Parliament of precisely the Page 166 Page 168

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recall, preceded this litigation, the Shindler case,
I am not going to invite you to turn it up now, but it
is in core authorities volumes 3, tab 18, MS627, and
Lord Dyson at paragraph 13 describes the matter thus:
"The referendum (if it supports withdrawal) is
an integral part of the process of deciding to withdraw

We respectfully submit that that is an entirely correct characterisation of what the 2015 Act was doing. It ascribes proper constitutional significance to the fact of the referendum and to the fact that Parliament has itself decided to put that decision to the people in the vote.

I add in parenthesis that some of the other parties, Pigney and Expat respondents, suggest that Lord Dyson was also indicating that he expected that Parliament would have a role in that process. We respectfully submit that, when you actually consider the issues that were truly being debated in Shindler, that point is not a good one but the significance, and you see that from just looking at paragraphs 13 and 19 in their context, but the true significance of it is in the correct description, as I have just indicated: the referendum he said, if it supports withdrawal, is an integral part of process of deciding to withdraw from the EU.

1972 in isolation because of the nature of the question

that you are asking, which is the current state of

3 prerogative powers. You take the legislative scheme as

4 it exists in its entirety, as of the date on which you 5 are asking that question -- in other words today.

6 In any event, we submit that there is good authority

which, at the very least, implies at a high level,

8 a high level of judicial decision making, that

9 constitutional issues of the kind that confront you

today need to be determined in the light of present

11 constitutional circumstances. That is the true

significance, we submit, of the ECA and that legislative

scheme governing EU matters, EU treaty making, that is

the true significance of describing that legislative

scheme as constitutional.

We do respectfully submit that, in that respect, the

Robinson case to which reference has already been made

is of real interest. We have given you quote from

19 Lord Bingham in our annex to our case at paragraph 3,

20 but Robinson itself, which I am not going to take you to

but which I recommend to the court, if I may, core
 authorities volume 4, tab 81, MS3272, Lord Bingham.

Can I therefore make four principle summary

24 submissions --

THE PRESIDENT: Which page is Lord Bingham's observation on,

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Of course the 2015 Act frames the question, we submit, now to be asked, and it does so in circumstances in which Parliament has evidently confronted the consequences of the binary question that it put to the people, including, at a basic level, the consequences that some rights and obligations flowing from membership of the club would not be available and specifically contemplating in the leave part of the binary question the very effect on rights which it is now said is constitutional anathema.

So we respectfully submit that it is not correct to

treat that as legally irrelevant. The legal effects and the legal significance may be more or less subtle, but they are direct in the sense of it leaving the prerogative power, the Article 50 power, in place, and, if one chooses to review the matter more broadly constitutionally, the effect is precisely as Lord Bingham described it.

Is the later legislation relevant? My Lord, Lord Mance's question. We respectfully submit that it is a current question. The legislative impact on

prerogative powers can and does change as the

legislative scheme alters and Article 50 of course does

not arrive until 2008. So you could hardly freeze that

issue in 1972. So you don't grapple, we submit, with

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sorry? Let us know later, it is all right.

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2 MR EADIE: I think it is paragraph 12. I will just check

that. Paragraph 12 we quote in the annex.

4 THE PRESIDENT: Okay, we will find it. Thank you.

5 MR EADIE: In any event, I think this is the point my Lord,

Lord Mance asked expressly, the in pari materia one. I

can't remember if we have got cases in our case to

8 support that, but, if we do, I think it is our case at

9 paragraph 76, we respectfully submit in any event on

ordinary principles of interpretation it is legitimate

to rely on later parts of a scheme when considering the

12 1972 Act, firstly because the 2008 Act amends the

13 1972 Act -- that is our case at paragraph 75 -- and,

secondly, because we are in in pari materia territory.

15 That is our case at paragraph 76 and the citation is

there set out.

16 there set out 17 Four prin

statutory scheme, trying to draw the points together if I may. Submission one is that the shape of the schemes of control over the exercise of prerogative powers

Four principle summary submissions then on the

20 of control over the exercise of prerogative powers 21 represent precisely the exercise of parliamentary

sovereignty. Parliament has considered what the nature

of those controls should be. Parliament knows what

prerogative powers in the conduct of international

relations exist in relation to the making of treaties,

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in relation to the negotiation of treaties, and in relation to withdrawing from treaties. Those are all proper parts of the generally expressed, the generally characterised, prerogative power. That is we submit the legislative premise or base position on which the scheme of legislation exists and the prism through which it is to be viewed.

So the specific controls that Parliament has seen fit to enact in the scheme I have taken you through represent their considered view as to the extent of its encroachment on to that base position, on to those base powers, and the base position is otherwise left in place. That is why it is as significant to examine what Parliament has not done as to examine what it has done. That is why I started my submissions in describing the prerogative by indicating that its source was not legislative, and that it had its own freestanding common law source, and it is for Parliament to make those decisions, we submit, about the extent of encroachment. to craft the scheme of control, to make the legislative policy decisions as to when and in what form it wants to exercise that control. Those are not decisions which we respectfully submit the court can or should make under our constitution. So applying the scheme of control that Parliament has chosen is, we submit, an acceptance MR EADIE: That caveat, the subject two was the next point -- it was going to be there was no express provision

2 3 that Article 50 notice or withdrawal is subjected to

4 legislative conditions and must thereafter be exercised 5 accordingly. Of course there are the controls which my

6 Lady has just reminded me about, but, in relation to the

7 exercise of our powers, there is no control in that way.

8 The clear position indeed is directly to the opposite 9 effect. The controls and the limits of the controls

10 have been decided upon and made the subject

11 unsurprisingly of express provision. The rest is 12 prerogative.

That was the basis on which the 72 Act proceeded, that was the basis on which each of the pieces of legislation thereafter proceeded and that was the basis on which the 2015 Act proceeded, albeit with its additional constitutional significance of the kind that I have indicated and there is therefore, we submit, no necessary implication, no necessary implication because, in this sphere, this is the force of the reasoning of Lord Justice Lloyd in the Rees-Mogg case, Parliament when it wants to exercise control has done so very deliberately and very expressly.

So we are not in the sort of territory that you had in all of those earlier De Keyser type cases. We are

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and not an abnegation of parliamentary sovereignty. That is the first submission.

The second submission is that Parliament, it is clear, has legislated expressly, both generally in relation and in relation to the EU, to establish the nuanced system of controls you have seen and it has conspicuously refrained from making any provision to control the withdrawal from treaties or the steps commencing a process leading to withdrawal. It has not done so in CRAG, which is all about ratification. It has not done so when specifically considering which types of decision in the EU context our very contexts should be the subject of what forms of control. LADY HALE: I suppose if one is being really technical about

16 prerogative in relation to the withdrawal of other 17 countries from the EU. That is Lord Carnwath's point 18 about the inclusion of Article 50(3) in schedule 1. 19

it, it has legislated to control the exercise of the

MR EADIE: My Lady, yes. You are right.

20 LADY HALE: If one is being really technical about it.

21 MR EADIE: Yes, you are right -- can I add "subject to the 22 point my Lady's point" then to the point I have just

23 made then.

LADY HALE: Forgive me, I didn't mean to put you off your

stride. That was not my intention.

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not dealing with a situation in which Parliament has said, "This is the activity that you can do and, if you are going to do it, these are the controls, these are the regulations, these are the preconditions, you have to jump over hurdle A, B and C, and then you can exercise the power." That is what has created the necessary implication or something virtually analogous to that in the past and we are simply not in that territory. We are nowhere near it, because what that requires, as we saw from De Keyser, is a very precise identification of the nature of the act in question.

What is the act in question here? It is the giving of Article 50 notice and there has been no control over that at all. There is no direct regulation, there is no regulation at all of that activity, and so there is no necessary implication, (a) for the reason given directly transposable into our context by Lord Justice Lloyd in Rees-Mogg, but, (b) and in any event, were one to apply properly the reasoning and principles laid down by the House of Lords in De Keyser and subsequent cases, for the reason I have just identified.

It is self-evident, we submit, that withdrawal or revocation of the treaties has the potential to affect EU related rights and obligations in a very serious way, and Parliament knew that and yet left that power

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1	untouched, that prerogative power untouched.	1	MR EADIE: The source of the power was and remains the
2	No one can pretend they were not fully aware of what	2	prerogative, that was my first fundamental point about
3	would happen if Article 50 notice was given, it was one	3	it, and my second one was, as it were, the rather looser
4	of the principal changes made by the Lisbon treaty noted	4	constitutional point designed to scotch concerns about
5	in the explanatory notes. If its intention truly had	5	scale, if I can put it that way.
6	been that to subject leaving or withdrawing to	6	My Lord, that may be a convenient moment to break.
7	a requirement for primary legislation, not merely could	7	I think we are on track.
8	it have said so, but we submit it undoubtedly would have	8	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much for letting us know
9	said so undoubtedly because it is evident that in	9	that.
10	those pieces of legislation I took you to, particularly	10	10.15 tomorrow or as soon as thereafter as we can
11	the 2008 Act, it was specifically considering both	11	come in. Thank you very much indeed.
12	and they are distinct aspects the mechanisms of	12	Court is now adjourned.
13	transposition into domestic law and conduit, the stuff	13	-
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14	of the 72 Act part 1, and section 2 in particular, and		(The court adjourned until 10.15 am the following day)
15	the stuff of the later legislation in particular, the	15	
16	controls it wished to impose on the exercise of	16	
17	prerogative powers by Government on the	17	
18	international plane.	18	
19	LORD REED: You take from the authorities you cited this	19	
20	morning that the current state of the prerogative in	20	
21	relation to this matter depends on the current state of	21	
22	the statute book and what the answer might have been in	22	
23	1972 is not actually the issue?	23	
24	MR EADIE: Yes, and you don't freeze it there. You don't,	24	
25	as it were, get to a place where you say "The Act must	25	
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1	have had that meaning then, so it didn't" You are	1	INDEX
2	not in that territory at all. You are in the territory	2	
3	of asking a current fundamentally important	3	Opening statement by THE PRESIDENT1
4	constitutional question. This court in particular,	4	Submissions by THE ATTORNEY GENERAL4
5	I hesitate to say, but this court in particular has	5	Submissions by MR EADIE16
6	shown itself to be well aware of the concerns about the	6	
7	law reaching conclusions which the ordinary man and	7	
8	woman on the street simply would not understand.	8	
9	If you said to the ordinary man or woman on the	9	
10	street, "Do you regard the fact that a referendum has	10	
11	occurred to be remotely relevant to the question of	11	
12	whether or not the Government can give Article 50	12	
13	notice?" the answer would be, "Of course it is."	13	
14	THE PRESIDENT: If you put it as "remotely relevant"	14	
15	MR EADIE: Relevant as a matter of law.	15	
16	THE PRESIDENT: As a matter of law, they would probably say	16	
17	"I will ask a lawyer".	17	
18	MR EADIE: My Lord, certainly, but the divisional court's	18	
19	conclusion is that you just exclude that from the	19	
20	court's consideration. They say it is legally	20	
21	irrelevant.	21	
22	LORD HODGE: (Inaudible) as a matter of law, as to what it	22	
23	doesn't say, what it assumes. Your position really is	23	
24	that the source of the power was and remains the	24	
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