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THE BAR COUNCIL AGAINST THE LORD CHANCELLOR

I have now had a report from Richard Stoate and the Chairman of the Bar Council about the outcome of this action. The case was settled this morning in the High Court, on the basis that the timetable set out in Richard Stoate's letter of 24 March to Jill Rutter at the Treasury form the foundation of a firm programme for negotiations between the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Bar.

Because this settlement amounted in the Court's eyes and in the Bar's contention to all that the Bar wanted, costs were awarded against the Lord Chancellor's Department. The press that is sophisticated in this area will portray this tomorrow morning as a victory for the Bar, even though the court was only rubber stamping out-of-court settlement.

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