

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
000286
QUEENS BENCH DIVISION

Claim No. QB-2020-

BEFORE: The Honourable Mr Justice Jay

B E T W E E N:-

HER MAJESTY'S SOLICITOR GENERAL

AND

EDWARD WILLIAM ELLIS



ORDER

UPON the Applicant's application for committal of the Respondent, brought with the permission of Mr Justice Goose, granted on 17 June 2020 ('the Committal Application')

AND UPON the Respondent making various applications without notice

AND UPON HEARING Counsel for the Applicant and the Respondent in person on 3 November 2020

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Respondent's applications

1. The Respondent's application that Mr Justice Jay should recuse himself is dismissed.

2. The Respondent's application for an adjournment on the ground that the decision of May J given in February 2020 to extend the GCRO is pending appeal in the Court of Appeal is dismissed.
3. The Respondent's application for an adjournment on grounds that he has or may have a pending appeal in the Court of Appeal against the Order of Mr Justice Goose is dismissed.
4. All other applications of the Respondent set out in his document dated 31 October 2020 entitled "*Royal Commission + Contempt Claim Fraud 2020 000286 Remedy Proposals*" are dismissed.

Adjournment of Committal Application

5. The hearing of the committal application is adjourned part-heard to be continued before Mr Justice Jay on 14 and 15 December 2020 at 10:30am, with a time estimate of 2 days.
6. The adjourned hearing will be conducted according to the following timetable:
 - a. The Respondent shall be permitted to give oral evidence in chief, if so advised, for a maximum of 3 hours, with a 15 minute break after 1½ hours;
 - b. The Applicant shall be permitted to cross examine the Respondent for a maximum of 1 hour;
 - c. The Respondent's closing submissions shall be limited to a maximum of 2½ hours.
7. The Applicant shall notify the Respondent of the dates of the adjourned hearing by letter, to be sent by email and first-class post.

Other directions

8. The Respondent may, if so advised, file and serve, (a) a Witness Statement that shall stand as his evidence in chief, and/or (b) any medical evidence upon which he wishes to rely in order to support his arguments or resist the Committal Application, including but not limited to evidence about the state of his renal function and psychiatric evidence. Any such Witness Statement and any such medical evidence shall be filed and served by 4pm on Tuesday 1 December.

9. If possible, the Court shall provide the parties with a recording of the hearing on 3 November 2020 on CD or in an electronic audio file but there shall be no order for a transcript to be produced at public expense.

Permission to appeal

10. The Respondent's applications for permission to appeal against the Orders and Directions set out above are dismissed.

Costs

11. Costs reserved.

Dated this 3rd day of November 2020