



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

His Honour Judge Jonathan Durham Hall QC

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“His Honour Judge Jonathan Durham Hall QC has been subject to a conduct investigation into complaints following a comment he made during sentencing. He stated that he would pay the victim surcharge himself if the defendant were forced to pay. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice considered this failed to demonstrate impartiality, and that his comment amounted to misconduct. They have issued HHJ Durham Hall QC with formal advice.”

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