

BINGHAM CENTRE FOR THE RULE OF LAW ANNOUNCES REVIEW INTO STREAMLINED JUDICIAL REVIEW CONSISTENT WITH THE RULE OF LAW

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The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law announces a Review to consider and report on possible ways of improving procedures in the Administrative Court, to save and protect public funds, in a manner consistent with the rule of law.

The Review aims to issue an interim report by the end of this year and a final report in early 2014. It will be chaired by Michael Fordham QC, Fellow of the Bingham Centre. The other members of the Committee are: Martin Chamberlain QC, Iain Steele and Zahra Al-Rikabi.

Director of the Bingham Centre Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, said:

"The Bingham Centre has taken an important initiative in establishing a review that will gather and report on constructive ideas to streamline judicial review procedures in the Administrative Court within the parameters of access to justice and the rule of law. We are delighted it is being chaired by Michael Fordham, one of the country's leading experts in judicial review and administrative law." Michael Fordham QC, said:

"In this Review, the Centre aims to examine in a constructive and practical way whether the procedures of the Administrative Court, including judicial review, could be adjusted in ways which could achieve savings and efficiencies while meeting rule of law standards and safeguarding access to justice."

This Review is distinct from the responses which the Bingham Centre has made and will make to the recent consultations on judicial review and on legal aid.*

The Review welcomes all ideas, suggestions and comments on modifying practice and procedure in the Administrative Court. To make a submission or contact the review, go to the Inquiry's web site at www.binghamcentre.biicl.org/JRinquiry. The Committee would like comments and submissions as soon as possible, but in any event by 15 November 2013.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. *The Bingham Centre has previously responded to proposals by the government in respect of judicial review (23 Jan 2013) and legal aid (4 June 2013).

2. The Bingham Centre is a London-based independent research institute devoted to the study and promotion of the rule of law worldwide. It is part of the British Institute for International and Comparative Law, a registered charity based in London.

3. For interviews with the Review Chair, email him at: michaelfordham@blackstonechambers.com

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