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PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE

Employment Tribunal awards for injury to feelings and psychiatric injury following De Souza v Vinci Construction (UK) Ltd [2017] EWCA Civ 879

SIXTH ADDENDUM TO PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE ORIGINALLY ISSUED ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

- 1. This Sixth Addendum updates, but does not otherwise replace, the Presidential Guidance originally issued on 5 September 2017 and the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Addenda subsequently issued on 23 March 2018, 25 March 2019, 27 March 2020, 26 March 2021 and 28 March 2022, which remain relevant to claims presented before 6 April 2023. The Sixth Addendum takes into account changes in the RPI All Items Index released on 22 March 2023*.
- 2. In respect of claims presented on or after 6 April 2023, the "Vento bands" shall be as follows: a lower band of £1,100 to £11,200 (less serious cases); a middle band of £11,200 to £33,700 (cases that do not merit an award in the upper band); and an upper band of £33,700 to £56,200 (the most serious cases), with the most exceptional cases capable of exceeding £56,200.
- 3. In respect of claims presented in Scotland, the bands remain subject to paragraph 12 of the original Presidential Guidance.

Judge Barry Clarke Ju

Judge Susan Walker

24 March 2023

^{*} The Presidents remain aware of the shortcomings of the Retail Prices Index as a measure of inflation. They will consider at the relevant time any future change to the appropriate index of inflation that might be adopted in the Judicial College's *Guidelines for the Assessment of General Damages in Personal Injury Cases* and/or by section 34 of the Employment Relations Act 1999.