

In the High Court of Justice King's Bench Division Administrative Court



In the matter of an application for judicial review

THE KING

on the application of

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-and-

(1) MINISTER FOR THE CABINET OFFICE (2) MINISTER FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE

<u>Defendants</u>

Claimant

-and-

## SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Interested Party

On the claimant's application dated 21 May 2024 to amend the Statement of Facts and Grounds in the respects set out in the draft dated 21 May 2024;

Following consideration of the defendants' solicitor's email of 21 May 2024 indicating that the defendants do not object to the application;

## ORDER by the Hon. Mr Justice Chamberlain:

- 1. Pursuant to CPR 17.1(2)(b) & 54.15, the claimant has permission to amend the Statement of Facts and Grounds as set out in the draft dated 21 May 2024.
- 2. However, paragraph 1 of this Order does not determine the admissibility or relevance of the statements relied on at paragraphs 48A and 49 of the draft.
- 3. Accordingly, the parties must address the admissibility and relevance of those statements in their skeleton arguments.
- 4. Any remaining dispute in relation to those matters will be determined at the hearing on 6 June 2024.

## REASONS

The claimant seeks to amend the Statement of Facts and Grounds to rely on statements made during the passage of the Bill which became the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024. The statements were made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in the House of Commons and by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Home Office in the House of Lords, in both cases at Second Reading.

The amendment is not opposed (though also not formally consented to). However, the Form JR-MPA. Judicial Review. Miscellaneous Paper Application. Version September 2020

defendants and interested party make no concession as to the admissibility or relevance of the statements relied on at paragraphs 48A and 49 of the draft amended Statement of Facts and Grounds.

In those circumstances, the most convenient course is to allow the amendments without prejudice to the admissibility and relevance of the statements in question. Those matters are to be addressed by the parties in their skeleton arguments and will be determined at the hearing now fixed for 6 June 2024, if and to the extent that they remain in issue.

Signed: Mr Justice Chamberlain Dated: 22/5/2024