



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

MR NIGEL HILLS

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

"Mr Nigel Hills, a magistrate appointed to the City of Westminster Bench, has resigned following a report by a Conduct Investigation Panel into inappropriate comments in the retiring room of Westminster Magistrates' Court. The Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor considered the report of the Conduct Investigation Panel and indicated their intention to remove Mr Hills from the magistracy as he had not demonstrated the necessary sensitivity to all appearing before the courts required of all magistrates. However, following his resignation, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have decided that no further action is required."

ENDS

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