



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS
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MRS BERNADETTE MACDONALD-RAGGETT

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“Mrs Bernadette MacDonald-Raggett, a magistrate appointed to the Dorset Bench, has resigned following a report by a Conduct Investigation Panel into her conduct. The Panel found that she had acted in a way which fell short of the standards of conduct expected of all magistrates by behaving in an offensive manner towards another magistrate. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice had indicated their intention to remove Mrs MacDonald-Raggett from the magistracy. Following her resignation, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have indicated that no further action is required.”

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