



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

MR PAUL FORREST

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“In June 2010 an independent Review Body recommended to the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice that Mr Paul Forrest, HM Coroner for the District of Avon, should be removed from his position as Coroner.

“Mr Forrest made representations against his removal which were considered by the Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice did not find those representations persuasive and were in agreement that Mr Forrest should be removed from his position as Coroner in accordance with the recommendation of the Review Body report.

“Mr Forrest initiated proceedings seeking judicial review of the decision to remove him. The High Court today (3 February 2011) dismissed his application for judicial review. As a result the Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor's decision to remove Mr Forrest from his post stands.”

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