

PRACTICE DIRECTION 25.2

REPORTS ON HEARINGS

HELD IN CHAMBERS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Proceedings held in chambers not open to the public are those where the press and the public are excluded from attending. Practitioners are reminded of the provisions of Practice Direction 25.1 dated 31st May 2005 governing chambers hearings in civil proceedings in the High Court, the District Court, the Family Court and the Lands Tribunal.

2. No report should be made of any proceedings (including the judgment) held in chambers not open to the public without the authority of the master or the judge before whom the proceedings were conducted. If the master or the judge considers that proceedings should be open for reporting or the judgment should be released for publication he should afford the parties an opportunity to make representations upon the matter before so declaring.

3. This Practice Direction shall take effect on 18 July 2005 and supercedes the previous undated Practice Direction 25.1 (which contained two paragraphs).

Dated this 31st day of May 2005.

Andrew Li
Chief Justice