

# Your application for renewal of your PC

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Dear Mr Mericka,

You have been provided with Judge Gray's investigation reports. He has not purported to make any findings as to whether the allegations on your website are substantiated or unsubstantiated, nor did he consider that such a determination was within the scope of his investigation (refer paragraph 12 of Judge Gray's report dated 22 June 2021).

The reasons for Judge Gray's recommendation are clearly stated at paragraphs 12-29 and 36-38 of that report. We note his comments (at paragraph 29):

*I do not accept that lawyers of good repute who believe a public institution or officer to be acting corruptly, would choose publication of the allegations on the internet over a report to an appropriate statutory authority. To do so in my view would not meet the high professional standards expected of them.*

The Council has accepted this conclusion and the Judge's recommendation. Judge Gray does not claim to have investigated any of your allegations and specifically recommends that if you wish to have those allegations investigated the appropriate forum to do so is by way of a complaint to IBAC.

Regards

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