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QBD CALLOVER - Actions listed for hearing w/c 23 November 2020

The Office of Lord Chief Justice has today announced that on **Friday 20 November**, Mr Justice McFarland will carry out a review of all **QB actions listed for trial w/c 23 November 2020** with a view to ascertaining readiness to proceed.

- The reviews will be scheduled **TODAY, 20 November** between **2.00** and 3.30 p.m.
- A list for the callover is attached.
- The callover will be conducted **Remotely** using **Sightlink 52** - Parties must not attend the court.
- Guidance on how to connect to Sightlink is available [here](#).
- The Guidance for Civil Actions published on 23 September stipulated that parties must collaboratively complete the **HR1 Form** and lodge it with the Central Office (centraloffice@courtsni.gov.uk) no later than 14 days in advance of the hearing.

Adjournment Requests

- If the parties intend to vacate the hearing date and apply for an adjournment, a **HR1 Form must be completed** and filed for consideration by the Judge, and legal representatives will be expected to join the callover (via Sightlink) on **20 November 2020. This applies even if the adjournment is by consent.**

Callovers will continue to be scheduled every Friday when all listed cases for the following week will be reviewed.

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