

HN9: Gist of Dr Busuttil Report

Dr Busuttil saw HN9 in August 2017. His conclusions were that HN9 was suffering from a chronic prolonged adjustment disorder with mild anxiety and depressed mood. He has suffered from catastrophic thinking and suicidal ideations as part of his Adjustment Disorder. He had not received any treatment for his conditions and Dr Busuttil recommended that he should engage in treatment. It was Dr Busuttil's opinion that should his true or cover identities be revealed, on the balance of probability this would exacerbate his Adjustment disorder and he would become a very serious risk of completed suicide.

At the request of the Inquiry, Dr Busuttil provided a further report in February 2018 addressing questions raised by the Chairman. Dr Busuttil set out the specific information on which he considered that the suicide risk arose including that it would be a much higher risk if his adjustment disorder progressed to a formal depressive illness. Dr Busuttil confirmed whilst protective steps in a hearing might mitigate some of the impact, that if HN9 strongly suspects that his cover name or real name are likely to be disclosed, then irrespective of the measures his suicide risk is likely to be extremely high, and very real.