

**Core participants Ruling 26**  
**Recognised Legal Representatives Ruling 21**  
**Costs of Legal Representation Awards Ruling 20**

1. Asa Winstanley and MCD each make three applications: first, for designation as core participants; secondly, that Cormac McDonough of Hodge Jones and Allen be designated as their recognised legal representatives; thirdly, that an order for costs is made in their favour. I accede to each application.
2. Both applicants “belonged” to the London branch of the International Solidarity Movement, a loose knit group supporting the deployment of volunteers in support of Palestinians opposed to Israeli activity in what they term “occupied territory”. I have used parentheses to describe their connection with the group, because it had no formal membership structure; and to describe the area in which volunteers operated to avoid political comment on a contentious issue. HN18 (“Rob Harrison”) infiltrated the group during their period of membership. Each says that he befriended them and participated in the activities of the group.
3. Both say that they did not realise that HN18 had infiltrated the group until his cover name was posted on the Inquiry’s website on 11 December 2018. Their application was made by letter on 11 February 2019. I accept that they did not know and had no reason to know that the group had been infiltrated by HN18 until then. I am satisfied that they have applied promptly on discovering that it had been.
4. Both have potentially valuable evidence to give about HN18’s deployment. The International Solidarity Movement was a small group with an overseas focus. One of the tasks of the Inquiry is to determine why a group such as the International Solidarity Movement was targeted for infiltration. The evidence which both can provide may assist in fulfilling that task. Further, they can each provide evidence about the nature of the activities in the group which HN18 undertook. No other person has so far come forward who can do either.
5. One of the ultimate aims of both applicants is to establish what was done with intelligence provided to his managers about them. It is possible that the Inquiry will be obliged not to pursue this issue to its ultimate end, because to do so would take it outside its terms of reference. That is an issue for the future.
6. Neither applicant could be expected to participate effectively in the Inquiry without skilled legal representation. Hodge Jones and Allen already represent one other

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core participant, albeit in a different category. One of the members of the team which will represent the applicants is well versed in the Inquiry's procedures. They are well suited to acting as the applicants' recognised legal representative.

7. Hodge Jones and Allen have provided short statements of the means of each applicant, the truth of which I accept. Their finances are not such as to require them to bear the financial burden of legal representation at the Inquiry.
8. I designate each applicant as a core participant under rule 5(2)(a) of the Inquiry Rules 2006 in category [K]. I designate Cormac McDonough of Hodge Jones and Allen as their recognised legal representative under rule 6(1). I make an award of costs in their favour under section 40(2) of the Inquiries Act 2005.

14 February 2019

Sir John Mitting  
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry