



# EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS

**Claimant:** Mr C Okpara

**Respondent:** Ministry of Justice

**Heard at:** Watford (by video)

**On:** 18 December 2025

**Before:** Employment Judge Russell

## Representation

**Claimant:** In person

**Respondent:** Mr J Fireman, Counsel

# JUDGMENT

1. There is a typographical error in the Claimant's surname in the claim form. By consent the Claimant's surname is changed to Okpara.
2. The claim is struck out as an abuse of process as the matters to which it relates have already been determined at a previous hearing.
3. The Respondent's application for a costs order is refused. The Tribunal considered that the conditions in rule 74(2)(a) were satisfied but that it would not be appropriate to make a costs order.

Approved by:

**Employment Judge Russell**

**18 December 2025**

JUDGMENT SENT TO THE PARTIES  
ON

22 December 2025.....

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FOR THE TRIBUNAL OFFICE

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