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CIVIL PROCEEDINGS – ESTIMATE OF PREPARATORY READING TIME

I am directed by the Bailiff to issue the following Practice Direction:-

1. The Royal Court (Cost and Fees) Rules, 2012, provide in paragraph 2 of the Schedule for a charge to be payable in respect of preparatory reading, and subsequent writing of judgment, by a Judge when either activity exceeds one hour.
2. In order to assist the Court in calculating the charge and to assist in the allocation of judicial time, whenever a hearing bundle is lodged in conformity with Practice Direction No. 1 of 2008 (paragraph 7.2.1) the Advocate presenting the cause, application etc., shall provide in an accompanying letter, an estimate of the likely preparatory reading time. This estimate will have been arrived at in liaison with the other parties. This requirement also extends to trial bundles.
3. This practice direction applies whenever the reading time is likely to exceed one hour.
4. Practice Direction No. 1 of 2011 is hereby repealed.

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