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PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 2 OF 2024
CIVIL PROCEEDINGS – ESTIMATE OF PREPARATORY READING TIME

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

1. Following the indication given that paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Royal Court (Cost and Fees) Rules, 2012, as amended, will again be applicable with effect from 1 January 2025, enabling fees to be payable to the Court in respect of preparatory reading by a Judge when such reading time exceeds one hour, it is essential that an accurate assessment of the expected reading time is provided, which will also assist in the allocation of judicial time to all matters.
2. On every occasion when a matter comes before the Court, other than in the Ordinary Court at 9.30 am on a Friday morning, the party submitting the matter, whether that be an Advocate or a litigant in person, should liaise with all other parties (unless it is *ex parte*) in order to reach agreement as to a realistic and accurate time estimate for the essential preparatory reading envisaged to be undertaken by the Judge to whom the matter will be allocated, which will then be set out in an accompanying letter or by such other means as will make that estimate apparent. The requirement for an estimate therefore applies to all matters in the Interlocutory Court, Tuesday morning Courts, other special appointments and trials.
3. Practice Direction No. 2 of 2013 is hereby repealed.

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