



MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

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DECISION NO: 292/03/117C

IN THE MATTER of the Medical Practitioners Act
1995

-AND-

IN THE MATTER of a charge laid by a Complaints
Assessment Committee pursuant to
Section 93(1)(b) of the Act against
**JEFFREY NORMAN
HARRILD** medical practitioner of
Masterton

BEFORE THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

TRIBUNAL: Miss S M Moran (Chair)
Mr P Budden, Dr R J Fenwicke, Professor W Gillett,
Dr U Manu (Members)

NO APPEARANCES as dealt with on the papers.

COUNSEL: Ms K P McDonald QC and Ms J Hughson for the Complaints
Assessment Committee ("the CAC")

Mr C J Hodson QC and Mr A Lewis for Dr J N Harrild

Decision of the Tribunal regarding Application by Dr Harrild for

Video Link Evidence to be taken

1. On 29 June 2004 Dr Harrild applied for an order that the witness, Mr Peter Dukes, have his evidence heard by video link upon the grounds that to require Mr Dukes to attend in person would cause undue delay in the proceedings and upon the further grounds set out in a Memorandum of Counsel filed in support of the application.
2. The hearing of the charge against Mr Harrild has been adjourned part heard. The one remaining witness to give evidence is Mr Peter Dukes whose written brief of evidence has previously been filed.
3. The hearing is scheduled to resume on 12 July 2004. Mr Dukes will be unable to attend in person by that date as he is presently in California, United States of America.
4. The next available date for resumption of the hearing if Mr Dukes is to attend the hearing in person will be in October.
5. Mr Dukes is able to give evidence from California by video link on 12 July 2004.
6. Counsel on behalf of the Complaints Assessment Committee filed on 5 July 2004 a letter consenting to Mr Dukes' evidence being heard by video link and agreeing that his statement of evidence (already filed) could be taken as read.

7. Accordingly, an order is made by consent that Mr Dukes' evidence be taken by video link on 12 July 2004 from California and his written statement of evidence be taken as read.
8. The parties' attention is drawn to the procedure to be followed where evidence is to be taken by video link in Schedule 1 to the Practice Note attached to this decision.

DATED at Wellington 9th day of July 2004

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S M Moran

Senior Deputy Chair

Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal