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Dear Mr Slavich

### **JK SLAVICH v THE QUEEN SC52/2009 and SC53/2009**

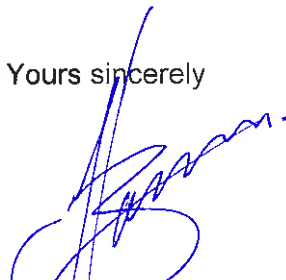
Thank you for your email of 25 February 2014 in which you allege unacceptable delays in the determination of two sets of applications in the Supreme Court.

Your email expresses concern at the time taken for decisions to be made by the Supreme Court in respect of the applications. As Minister for Courts, I am unable to comment on or intervene in decisions of the court. It is a fundamental principle of our constitutional system that court proceedings must operate entirely independently from Ministers and government officials. However, I can provide the following general comments which I hope you find useful.

My officials have confirmed that these applications have been determined by the Supreme Court. I understand that the Supreme Court issued two Minutes to you dated 6 November 2012 and 29 January 2013 with the outcomes of the applications referred to in your letter.

I trust I have clarified the circumstances for you. I now regard the correspondence on this matter closed.

Yours sincerely



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