| 1 | Monday, 9 March 2015 | 1 | direction. |
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| 2 | (10.30 am) | 2 | So that's all I was going to say about issue 30. It |
| 3 | CMC HEARING | 3 | may be that Mr Zacaroli wants to add to that but that's |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Trower. | 4 | sufficient for my purposes. |
| 5 | MR TROWER: My Lord, your Lordship has before you today the | 5 | There are then the parties' positions in relation to |
| 6 | CMC in relation to tranches B and C, 2 and 3. I was | 6 | issues 31, 31 and 33. 31 is whether a currency a |
| 7 | though going to start with just wrapping up one or two | 7 | conversion claim can arise in relation to particular |
| 8 | points in relation to tranche A which we also dealt with | 8 | forms of master agreement. Now, the position was, so |
| 9 | in the skeleton arguments and it seemed sensible to | 9 | far as 31 is concerned the position was that the Senior |
| 10 | start with that. They obviously were the interest and | 10 | Creditor Group and Wentworth were in dispute as to |
| 11 | foreign currency conversion issues. | 11 | whether the issue was capable of being determined at all |
| 12 | What we have done is produced for your Lordship | 12 | as part of this application given the state of the |
| 13 | a note on the agreed issues. | 13 | evidence. |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 14 | Now, the joint administrators have now determined |
| 15 | MR TROWER: Which deals with those issues which where the | 15 | this question is of actually no material significance in |
| 16 | parties are ad idem as to the answer. My Lord, can | 16 | any event and doesn't need to be determined. We are |
| 17 | I say just so it is clear, we're not actually inviting | 17 | intending to post a statement to that effect on the |
| 18 | your Lordship to hear and now grant declarations or give | 18 | website but our present position is in the light of that |
| 19 | directions. The reason we formulated it in this way was | 19 | your Lordship doesn't need to determine question 31. |
| 20 | to try and get as much certainty as we could in relation | 20 | As far as question 32 is concerned that is whether |
| 21 | to what your Lordship would be asked to do in due course | 21 | if the answer to 31 is "no", a currency conversion claim |
| 22 | once you've considered the other points. | 22 | can arise in relation to those master agreements |
| 23 | My Lord, that note of agreed issues deals with | 23 | referred to, and everyone's agreed that the issue is not |
| 24 | issues 1, 3, 5, sub-issues of 5, and 29. | 24 | capable of being dealt with on this application. So |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. Page 1 | 25 | again we're not inviting your Lordship to answer Page 3 |
| 1 | MR TROWER: And then behind it there is the form of proposed | 1 | question 32, and there will be a posting on the website |
| 2 | declaration and I think, as I understand it, so far as | 2 | as yet -- I think there already has been in relation to |
| 3 | the parties are concerned on 1, 3, 5 and 29 there aren't | 3 | 32. As yet there's no response. If there is a response |
| 4 | any points for your Lordship in relation to either of | 4 | we'll deal with it. |
| 5 | the note or the form. It may be that they would wish to | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: On the face of it I would hav |
| 6 | say something else about the issues before your Lordship | 6 | thought that 32 would fall with 31. |
| 7 | today but I'll leave that to them. | 7 | MR TROWER: Yes, it does. |
| 8 | My Lord, it was originally intended that issue 30 | 8 | And then issue 33 is the transferee issue in |
| 9 | should also appear in the note of agreed issues and | 9 | relation to -- |
| 10 | that's the issue of whether there's a non-provable claim | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 11 | where the interest applying a rate applicable apart from | 11 | MR TROWER: -- CCCs. Now, the position there is the joint |
| 12 | the administration on a sterling admitted claim when | 12 | administrators have been unable to identify any cases in |
| 13 | converted into the relevant foreign currency is less | 13 | which the issue arises and so for their part, again, |
| 14 | than the amount of interest which would accrue applying | 14 | they don't think it's appropriate for the court to be |
| 15 | a rate applicable to the claim apart from the | 15 | asked to answer the question. And again we put |
| 16 | administration to the original FCC. Now, everyone is | 16 | a posting on the website in relation to that and we'll |
| 17 | agreed on the answer, that such a claim does exist, but | 17 | wait to see what happens. But our present position is |
| 18 | Wentworths have suggested that the formulation of the | 18 | that that question doesn't need to be answered, subject |
| 19 | declaration or the direction might be better left until | 19 | to any response from the website. |
| 20 | your Lordship has dealt with issues 2 and 39. And we | 20 | My Lord, then the only other question that -- no, |
| 21 | for our part agree that that's a sensible approach and | 21 | there are two more questions you just need to deal with |
| 22 | so we haven't suggested at the moment that it's | 22 | in relation to tranche A. The first relates to issue |
| 23 | appropriate for the parties to get to the stage of | 23 | 37 , and there is a separate note on issue 37, which |
| 24 | an agreed formulation of what the answer is on issue 30 | 24 | I hope your Lordship has, it came in with our skeleton. |
| 25 | and how that declaration should be reflected in a | 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. I see it. |
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|  | MR TROWER: This is the one in relation to agreements that | 1 | it? |
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| 2 | were entered into subsequent to the administration date | 2 | MR TROWER: From 4(2). |
| 3 | in relation to the settlement of claims where the claims | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 4 | fell into two parts or more than one part anyway, and | 4 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 5 | there are also sub-issues that arise in relation to the | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Although it doesn't expressly |
| 6 | application of set-off. | 6 | say so. |
| 7 | The places that your Lordship just needs to go to | 7 | MR TROWER: No, and the other point about the drafting of |
| 8 | for this is -- we dealt with them briefly in paragraph 6 | 8 | this, and I think we accept that we could do with |
| 9 | and 18 of our skeleton for this hearing. Then there's | 9 | a little bit of tweaking on this, the other point about |
| 10 | the note itself. | 10 | the drafting is that what's intended within (2) and (3) |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 11 | is to encapsulate the circumstances in which there |
| 12 | MR TROWER: Annexed to the note is a suggested order in | 12 | hasn't been an agreement -- |
| 13 | relation to what the court should be invited to declare | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 14 | in relation to issue 37. Broadly speaking, certainly so | 14 | MR TROWER: -- and what you inject into the equation. It's |
| 15 | far as the first part of the order is concerned, I don't | 15 | not intended of itself to say anything at all one way or |
| 16 | think there's any issue between the parties in relation | 16 | the other about what would have happened in |
| 17 | to how that should work. | 17 | circumstances in which there was an agreement. |
| 18 | The issue that arises insofar as it's an issue | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I follow. |
| 19 | arises in relation to the set-off element which is dealt | 19 | MR TROWER: And it's not entirely clear that that's the way |
| 20 | with in paragraph 4 of the order, and can I just ask | 20 | the drafting works but I think that's the essence of |
| 21 | your Lordship, the sensible way of dealing with this is | 21 | what's intended to be captured by that and we will have |
| 22 | for your Lordship to turn back to the note which | 22 | another go at getting that one right. |
| 23 | describes the sub-issue, which is the set-off sub-issue | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Does (4) apply to circumstance |
| 24 | at paragraph 9. | 24 | in (1) as well as (2)? |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. Let me just ... Page 5 | 25 | MR TROWER: I think it does, yes. Page 7 |
| 1 | MR TROWER: 9 of the note. | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It may be helpful just when yo |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Beginning | 2 | are having a re-think about it to make clear (2) and (3) |
| 3 | MR TROWER: If your Lordship would just read that. | 3 | go together. One point that was raised I think in the |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'll read it. (Pause) | 4 | note was the question of as at what date set-off took |
| 5 | MR TROWER: Then if your Lordship would move on to | 5 | place. But is there any choice? |
| 6 | paragraph 15 of the note. (Pause) | 6 | MR TROWER: The set-off takes effect as at the date of the |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I suppose I had better read | 7 | notice. |
| 8 | paragraph 10 as well. Paragraph 15 refers back to | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 9 | paragraph 10. (Pause) I can see why that approach is | 9 | MR TROWER: And this gives rise to a question in relation |
| 10 | adopted. | 10 | to -- but it takes into account the claims as at the |
| 11 | MR TROWER: Then just so -- because there are three points | 11 | commencement date. |
| 12 | we just need to touch on -- the way that sub-issue is | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 13 | dealt with in the proposed order, a draft order is | 13 | MR TROWER: Which gives rise to a point that's raised in |
| 14 | behind the note, or it is in my file -- | 14 | Mr Dicker's skeleton argument, which I think I need to |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, it is. | 15 | deal with which is the second point I wanted to draw to |
| 16 | MR TROWER: The first bit that deals with the non-settled | 16 | your Lordship's attention on this. It's his skeleton |
| 17 | point is paragraph 1. | 17 | argument for the issues themselves, ie in volume 6 of |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That reflects paragraph 10. | 18 | the trial bundle at tab 1, paragraphs 44(1) and 44(2). |
| 19 | MR TROWER: That's right and then paragraph 4 reflects the | 19 | I think the easiest way to deal with this is if |
| 20 | position in relation to or is intended to reflect the | 20 | your Lordship would read 44(1) and 44(2). |
| 21 | position in relation to set-off. | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay I'll read that. (Pause) | 22 | MR TROWER: The issue arises in relation to the |
| 23 | Yes, but subparagraph 3 -- so 4(3). | 23 | subparagraphs (4) and (5) of 442. |
| 24 | MR TROWER: | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes (Pause) Yes I have read |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That follows on from (2) doesnt | 25 | that. |
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|  | at the end of the day boils down to the fact that the | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That is fine. It's a very |
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| 2 | Harrahill case, it appears to decide that you get | 2 | puzzling issue in a way. |
| 3 | an extra day's interest in a leap year; we respectfully | 3 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 4 | suggest that that simply does not work as a matter of | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It's puzzling too that it has |
| 5 | construction of our legislation and the reason in short | 5 | never come up before. |
| 6 | order we say it doesn't work as a matter of our | 6 | MR TROWER: It may be that it's never been worth anyone's |
| 7 | legislation is what you are entitled to under the | 7 | while. If you look at the Harrahill case it's quite |
| 8 | statute is 8 per cent per annum. | 8 | bizarre although the judge devotes a couple of pages in |
| 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Where is this? | 9 | his judgment I think it made about $£ 2$ difference. |
| 10 | MR TROWER: Does your Lordship have the bundles from the | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. |
| 11 | previous hearing? | 11 | MR TROWER: So it is perhaps not surprising that it doesn't |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. I have them all here. | 12 | come up very often. |
| 13 | MR TROWER: It's in 3A I think, the Judgments Act, tab 11. | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I mean it could, as I remarke |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you. | 14 | last time I think at the last hearing it could make |
| 15 | MR TROWER: I think it's actually I think it's, having said | 15 | quite a difference here. |
| 16 | that I think it's -- there is somewhere in the bundles | 16 | MR TROWER: It could. |
| 17 | and I'll find it in just a moment or ask someone to, | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It's helpful sometimes to thin |
| 18 | there's an updated version of it because all we have | 18 | of some examples and one that occurred to me which you |
| 19 | behind 11 is the as enacted but this particular bit of | 19 | might like to meet is this: that if a claimant enters |
| 20 | the wording hasn't changed and: | 20 | judgment on 1 June 2015 and it's paid on 1 August 2015, |
| 21 | "Be it enacted [it's section 17, page 2 of 2 print] | 21 | he will get pounds X judgment rate interest. |
| 22 | that every judgment debt shall carry interest at the | 22 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 23 | rate of $£ 4$ per centum per annum from the date of | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: If he enters judgment on |
| 24 | entering into judgment." | 24 | 1 June 2016 and it's paid on 1 August 2016 he will get |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, I'm looking at Page 13 | 25 | slightly less. <br> Page 15 |
| 1 | a different one in tab 11 then. | 1 | MR TROWER: Yes, and that is a function of the per annum |
| 2 | MR TROWER: 3A? | 2 | calculation concept. |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Because the tab 11 I have is the | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But it's a strange result isn't |
| 4 | version in force April 26/1999 | 4 | it? |
| 5 | MR TROWER: Your Lordship has the right one, for some | 5 | MR TROWER: Well, it's not as strange we would respectfully |
| 6 | strange reason I don't. | 6 | suggest as the result that -- effectively what Mr Smith |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: "Every judgment shall carry | 7 | has done is he's converted from a per annum to |
| 8 | interest at the rate of $£ 8$ per centum per annum from | 8 | a per diem and then back up again to get to a different |
| 9 | such time as shall be prescribed by rules of court." | 9 | annum is what he's actually done. But I accept that. |
| 10 | CLAIMANT: Yes, so it's the pounds per centum per annum that | 10 | It all flows from -- |
| 11 | we rely on and it's 8 per centum and the effect of | 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You would say well if the |
| 12 | Mr Smith's construction is that actually you're getting | 12 | judgment is outstanding for a whole year the 8 per cent |
| 13 | 8.002 per centum per annu | 13 | per annum means that -- if it's outstanding for the |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: For a leap year? | 14 | whole of 2012, then you get slightly more than |
| 15 | MR TROWER: For a leap year. | 15 | 8 per cent. |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: No, sorry, yes, I follow the | 16 | MR TROWER: Yes you do, which is contrary to the statute we |
| 17 | point. I haven't -- I have read his original skeleton | 17 | would say. The problem with this flows from the need to |
| 18 | and the references to Harrahill. I'm not sure | 18 | reduce to a per diem rate in order to calculate for part |
| 19 | I actually have read all the new notes which is rather | 19 | of the year otherwise we respectfully suggest there |
| 20 | dumb. Mr Smith refers to an article which has appeared | 20 | wouldn't be an argument at all. If you were simply |
| 21 | in successive editions of the Law Society Gazette and | 21 | looking at whole years the answer would be obvious. |
| 22 | also a Bank of England document, are they in the -- | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see that. But as you say - |
| 23 | MR TROWER: They're in the bundles. Your Lordship has | 23 | yes I see. It may depend on what the import of the |
| 24 | those. They're in the additional materials bundle, | 24 | words "at the rate of" is. |
| 25 | I think it's 4. | 25 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see the debate. | 1 | a form of wording which should be incorporated in the |
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| 2 | MR TROWER: So what your Lordship has in the bundle is our | 2 | draft order 37, I'm not sure that that wording is agreed |
| 3 | further note and the reply note from York as they -- | 3 | but I'm sure the parties could come up with something |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you. And the reply | 4 | sensible to reflect it. So that's that point. |
| 5 | note ... Yes, thank you. | 5 | The next point in relation to issue 37, again |
| 6 | MR TROWER: My Lord, I'm very much in your Lordship's hands. | 6 | mentioned by my learned friend, concerns the operation |
| 7 | I could either now sit down and let others talk or say | 7 | of set-off, given that there were no agreed claims for |
| 8 | anything they want to on tranche A but I could go | 8 | the notice of intention to distribute. Your Lordship's |
| 9 | straight on to -- | 9 | seen the letter and there is nothing I think I need to |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Let's deal with anything on | 10 | add in relation to that. |
| 11 | tranche A. I think that would be convenient Mr. | 11 | So far as the final point which concern |
| 12 | Dicker. | 12 | paragraph 442(4) and (5) of our skeleton, my Lord, the |
| 13 | MR DICKER: My Lord, a couple of very short points. First | 13 | administrators identified that as a sub-issue. We dealt |
| 14 | of all so far as the note on agreed issues is concerned, | 14 | with it in our skeleton argument below. There was no |
| 15 | one point in relation to issue 3, if your Lordship goes | 15 | response from any other party but, my Lord, obviously if |
| 16 | to the note on agreed issues, it's paragraph 7. | 16 | the administrators think that insufficient attention was |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Just give me a moment. Yes. | 17 | paid to it at the hearing and there may need to be |
| 18 | MR DICKER: Paragraph 7: | 18 | further argument in relation to it then so be it. At |
| 19 | 'The parties consider the answer to issue 3 is as | 19 | the moment we think that is the correct position. And |
| 20 | follows and invite the court to give directions | 20 | I have nothing else I think in relation to tranche A. |
| 21 | accordingly. The words 'the rate applicable to the debt | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you very much |
| 22 | apart from the administration in ...(Reading to the | 22 | Mr Smith. |
| 23 | words)... interest accrues on a debt." | 23 | MR SMITH: My Lord, just very quickly on the leap year |
| 24 | My Lord, just to remind your Lordship that although | 24 | point. My Lord, obviously the Judgments Act provides |
| 25 | the parties agree on that summary they disagree as to Page 17 | 25 | for interest at a per annum rate but that's the rate Page 19 |
| 1 | what in fact it means. | 1 | and, my Lord, in our submission when it comes to be |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, I follow. | 2 | applied the way that is done is by converting the annual |
| 3 | MR DICKER: My Lord, it's because of that we wonder whether | 3 | rate into the daily rate. Now that seems to be common |
| 4 | it's necessarily sensible for your Lordship to giv | 4 | ground between the parties, that's what the |
| 5 | directions at this stage in relation to that issue. | 5 | administrator say in their on position paper at |
| 6 | Unless and until your Lordship has actually ruled on | 6 | paragraph 8. And if one is approaching it in that way |
| 7 | issues 2 and 3. | 7 | then in our submission the daily rate ought to be the |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. I'm certainly not going to | 8 | same rate irrespective of whether or not it was a leap |
| 9 | make any declarations today | 9 | year. In our submission that reflects, what was decided |
| 10 | MR DICKER: No, and I don't think my learned friend was | 10 | in Harrahill reflects the practice in the banking |
| 11 | inviting your Lordship to. | 11 | markets as per the Bank of England document and it |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: He made clear he wasn't asking | 12 | reflects what appears what appears to be the position in |
| 13 | me to, no. | 13 | relation to damages in personal injury claims, which is |
| 14 | MR DICKER: So that's the first. The second are three | 14 | the Law Society Gazette article. So that is all I would |
| 15 | points in relation to question 37. The first point is | 15 | add on that point. |
| 16 | the consultation point. Just so your Lordship knows how | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you very much, Mr Smith |
| 17 | we put it in our skeleton argument for the last trial. | 17 | Mr Zacaroli. |
| 18 | If your Lordship goes to our skeleton argument it's | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: A couple of short points on tranche A. Issue |
| 19 | page 158 and the footnote at the bottom, very short it | 19 | 3 we agree with the comments that our friend Mr Dicker |
| 20 | says: | 20 | made and my Lord is waiting anyway until he has decided |
| 21 | "It would plainly be sensible for the administrators | 21 | issues 2 and 3 before making any declaration on that. |
| 22 | to ...(Reading to the words)... are identified and | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 23 | considered by the administrators." | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Issue 30 I think we would say the point goes |
| 24 | That's what we thought was sensible. As we | 24 | slightly further than the formulation of the issue as |
| 25 | understand it my learned friend agrees. We suggested | 25 | Mr Trower put it, recognising the tension between that |
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| 1 | and 39 if we are right on 39. If we are wrong on 39 no | 1 | be limited to a very defined and more precise generic |
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| 2 | problem but if we are right there is clearly a tension | 2 | of circumstances which rendered the whole process |
| 3 | and therefore sensibly delayed until my Lord determines | 3 | at had been thought as being appropriate under the |
| 4 | issue 39. | 4 | scenarios paper something that I think everyone accepts |
| 5 | Issue 31, which we accept is not for determination | 5 | is not sensible now and doesn't really advance matters |
| 6 | now, I just mention this, that my clients remain | 6 | very much further |
| 7 | surprised that the point isn't of wider import across | 7 | So that's where we are in relation to the directions |
| 8 | the estate and I will continue to probe the | 8 | that were made on the last occasion. Where we now are |
| 9 | administrators on certain questions they have in | 9 | is that most of the questions I think which |
| 10 | relation to that so it might be raised again but at the | 10 | your Lordship is going to be asked to consider now |
| 11 | moment we accept that it's not part of the proceedings, | 11 | relate to issue 36, ie whether or not the agreement |
| 12 | that is all I am saying. | 12 | ought to be enforced if it did operate as a release. Or |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you very much. | 13 | either of the agreements ought to be enforced if they |
| 14 | Yes, Mr Trower. Moving on to tranche B. | 14 | did operate as a release. But just before we go there |
| 15 | MR TROWER: Yes. Post administration contracts is what | 15 | there's one issue on -- one part of issue 34 that I just |
| 16 | tranche B is all about. What we're doing in tranche B, | 16 | need to draw to your Lordship's attention. If we could |
| 17 | my Lord, is the application notice is behind tab 1. | 17 | turn up issue 34. |
| 18 | We're doing 9, 34, 35, 36 and 38. | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 19 | MR TROWER: Which is: |
| 20 | MR TROWER: 9, I don't think there's any need to pause on | 20 | "Whether a creditor's currency conversion claim has |
| 21 | and there are no issues that arise in relation to it for | 21 | been released in circumstances in which the creditor |
| 22 | the purposes of today | 22 | entered into a foreign currency CDD incorporating a |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes | 23 | release clause, a sterling CDD incorporating a release |
| 24 | MR TROWER: 34 and 35 deal with the impact of the CRA and | 24 | clause or the CRA." |
| 25 | the CDDs and in particular their release provisions on Page 21 | 25 | Now, what the joint administrators are suggesting is Page 23 |
| 1 | currency conversion debts under 34 and statutory | 1 | that the reference to "creditor's currency conversion |
| 2 | interest under 35. Issue 36 is of course whether any | 2 | claim" should be expanded to include any oth |
| 3 | releases should in the circumstances be enforced. | 3 | non-provable claim and your Lordship might have seen |
| 4 | At the last CMC that we had in November | 4 | reference to that in the skeletons and the |
| 5 | your Lordship gave directions in relation to evidence | 5 | correspondence. I think everyone agrees that -- |
| 6 | for this tranche and since then the evidence that's come | 6 | Wentworth certainly agree that that's sensible. I think |
| 7 | in is Mr Pearson's 7th witness statement and Mr Copley's | 7 | the FCG wanted to know what other non-provable claim we |
| 8 | first witness statement which were provided by the joint | 8 | had in mind. The other non-provable claim we had in |
| 9 | administrators in compliance with paragraph 4 of that | 9 | mind was any non-provable claim that arises as a result |
| 10 | order. There has then been some evidence that's come in | 10 | of the circumstances that had been argued before |
| 11 | from the respondents on these issues, which are | 11 | your Lordship on the tranche A hearing. We just wanted |
| 12 | Goldschmid, Ryan, Browning, which your Lordship also has | 12 | to make sure such non-provable claims as there might be |
| 13 | in the CMC bundle, two from Wentworth and one from the | 13 | in the light of the way the argument has gone generally |
| 14 | Senior Creditor Group. | 14 | in relation to these arguments are covered by this |
| 15 | The other direction that went to these issues that | 15 | provision. |
| 16 | was made by your Lordship at the hearing in November | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 17 | related to a draft scenarios paper. Now, the position | 17 | MR TROWER: So that's the first -- the rather narrow issue |
| 18 | in relation to that is that scenarios paper process is | 18 | that arises in relation to issue 34 . |
| 19 | no longer considered by the parties to be a very | 19 | There is a debate on issues 34 and 35 as to what |
| 20 | sensible way of proceeding. Essentially there was an | 20 | evidence ought to be admissible in relation to issues 34 |
| 21 | issue about the process for preparing it. I don't think | 21 | nd 35 as factual matrix evidence to assist the court in |
| 22 | we need to look back at anything in relation to that now | 22 | construction points that arise under questions 34 and |
| 23 | because matters have been slightly overtaken by | 23 | 35. |
| 24 | a suggestion that was initiated in a Freshfields letter | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 25 | of 27 February in which they said that issue 36 should | 25 | MR TROWER: What the joint administrators ultimately |
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| 1 | suggest, although if I can sort of park the point | 1 | papers on this issue. There is a bit of a debate which |
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| 2 | without elaborating on it too much until we have looked | 2 | not sure has been finally resolved on timetabling in |
| 3 | at issue 36, what the joint administrators suggest is | 3 | at. The broad idea is that there should |
| 4 | that they are content to try to produce a statement o | 4 | be -- that the FCG should go first. Wentworths should |
| 5 | agreed facts in relation to issues 34 and 35 which draw | 5 | go second and that we should try and draw the threads |
| 6 | together the threads both in relation to those facts | 6 | together going third and that the purpose of our |
| 7 | which are agreed and those facts which | 7 | exercise will be not just to produce a position paper |
| 8 | which everyone accepts is relevant and those where there | 8 | but also to identify what is agreed and what is not as |
| 9 | is a debate as to whether or not they are relevant that | 9 | part of the process of getting there and so far as the |
| 10 | debate can be identified on the basis of the statement. | 10 | joint administrators are concerned that will be done in |
| 11 | So the court has a document which identifies what is | 11 | conjunction with but as a separate process from the |
| 12 | agreed, what is agreed to be relevant and where there is | 12 | production of the agreed statement of facts in relation |
| 13 | an issue as to whether something that is agreed is or is | 13 | to issues 34 and 35 because they're obviously linked |
| 14 | not relevant. | 14 | although they're not the same exercise. |
| 15 | But that needs to be set against the pres | 15 | My Lord, the last we got to was a -- and it's dealt |
| 16 | position in relation to issue 36 which obviously gives | 16 | with in our skeleton at paragraph 27 -- propose |
| 17 | rise to rather broader factual questions than the pure | 17 | compromise between the parties' various positions on |
| 18 | construction points. I think at this stage can I jus | 18 | position papers which would lead to the FCG putting |
| 19 | show your Lordship the bifurcation, which seems to be | 19 | something in by 31 March. Wentworth by 13 April and us |
| 20 | a word everyone is using, of issue 36 which was first | 20 | 21 April which should then fit in time for the |
| 21 | suggested by Freshfields. It is page 62 of the bundle | 21 | resent directions in relation to the skeleton arguments |
| 22 | It starts at page 61 really. Would your Lordship rea | 22 | that are required for the substantive trial which a |
| 23 | from paragraph -- I think it's really the bit under | 23 | equired for 24 April. |
| 24 | question 36 issues generally | 24 | And the way that's be |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And read through to? Page 25 | 25 | inute of order for this hearing -- does your Lordship Page 27 |
| 1 | MR TROWER: | 1 | have the draft? I don't think I have taken you to it |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Certainly. (Pause) | 2 | t. It's behind tab 4 in my bund |
| 3 | Yes. | 3 | there in yours. |
| 4 | MR TROWER: Then they say in paragraph 7 "We think this | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Tab 4 of which bundle? |
| 5 | argument can and should be dealt with in part B", and | 5 | MR TROWER: Sorry, of the CMC bundle. |
| 6 | they then explain why over the page on page 63. | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. I have that. |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 7 | MR TROWER: So just going through the -- issue 34, the |
| 8 | MR TROWER: That is there and perhaps your Lordship coulc | 8 | amendment, is the first paragraph that I've already |
| 9 | just cast your eye down to the end of that section | 9 | dressed you on. Then issue 36 be split into two |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 10 | issues, that's the bifurcation that's suggested and that |
| 11 | MR TROWER: That position Linklaters, for the joint | 11 | second part of the issue simply be adjourned generally |
| 12 | ministrators, on page 72 of the bundle explain that we | 12 | and 6 deal with the FCG, Wentworth an |
| 13 | thought this was a sensible and pragmatic suggestion. | 13 | us on production of position papers in relation to |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 14 | hat has become 36A. |
| 15 | MR TROWER: Then Kirkland \& Ellis in a letter of 4 March, and I think the relevant bit is on page 92, they start this section on 91 but their position seems to be -it's probably right that your Lordship actually reads from C on page 91 , the bottom C , "We make the following general observations", down to after (iv) on page 93. (Pause) | 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 16 |  | 16 | MR TROWER: Paragraph 7 is the two-stage process of |
| 17 |  | 17 | ducing a document on facts relevant to 34 and 35 and |
| 18 |  | 18 | facts relevant to 36A which we will undertake. |
| 19 |  | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And in fact you're anticipatin |
| 20 |  | 20 | ment will identify facts which are |
| 21 |  | 21 | spute -- not necessarily in dispute but the relevance |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 22 | of -- |
| 23 | MR TROWER: That reflects the parties' position. Now, everyone is agreed that there's a need given the suggested bifurcation for there to be updated position Page 26 | 23 | MR TROWER: The relevance of which is in dispute. I think |
| 24 |  | 24 | that needs a little bit of drafting, a bit of tinkering |
| 25 |  | 25 | with. |
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| 1 | My Lord, that's where we've got to on this. I'm not | 1 | 34, 35 and 36 at this stage unless your Lordship wish me |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | sure what the parties' final position is on timetabling | 2 | to. |
| 3 | and it may be your Lordship needs to hear from them. | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: No, that's fine. Thank you very |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Very good. Mr Dicker. | 4 | much. Mr Smith. You're not taking part in this? |
| 5 | MR DICKER: My Lord, so far as the amendment to question 34 | 5 | MR SMITH: No, My lord. This might be a convenient moment |
| 6 | is concerned, we're content with that. The only thing | 6 | just to mention that your Lordship will have seen -- |
| 7 | we would say is we're still considering whether this | 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You would like to be supplied |
| 8 | requires any amendment to the position papers or any | 8 | ition papers. |
| 9 | further evidence. Obviously the administrators in their | 9 | MR SMITH: Yes, skeleton arguments and position papers in |
| 10 | evidence haven't considered other potential non-provable | 10 | the normal way but not to file our own or to participate |
| 11 | claims but I don't think that is going to be a practical | 11 | in the hearing as presently advised. |
| 12 | issue. | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: All right. |
| 13 | So far as the question of admissibility is | 13 | MR SMITH: Grateful my Lord. |
| 14 | concerned, we respectfully suggest the administrators' | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Zacaroli. |
| 15 | approach is also a sensible pragmatic one. We suspect | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, can I make some submissions about the |
| 16 | it's unlikely at the end of the day that there will be | 16 | reed statement of facts for issues 35 and 35 on the |
| 17 | any material dispute in relation to this but if there is | 17 | one hand and then the approach to issue 36 on to other. |
| 18 | then obviously that can be most easily determined at th | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 19 | hearing itself | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: And preface it with this point, that we are |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Dicker, can I just interrup | 20 | not here concerned with construing an agreement between |
| 21 | if you just move the microphone so it points at you. It | 21 | the two parties that are before the court and therefore |
| 22 | might be of assistance to the transcriber. | 22 | taking into account the matrix of facts available to the |
| 23 | MR DICKER: So far as the draft order is concerned, subject | 23 | two parties before the court. What we are asking the |
| 24 | to I think two small points we're content with | 24 | court to do in relation to issues 34 and 35 is to come |
| 25 | paragraphs 2 to 6 . The two points we have are firstly Page 29 | 25 | up with an answer of construction that is as of general Page 31 |
| 1 | in relation to paragraph 4. The timing. What we | 1 | application as it possibly can be amongst parties who |
| 2 | originally suggested was 10 April. We think we can | 2 | are not before the court and whose own person |
| 3 | probably cope with 6 April. Any sooner than that is | 3 | circumstances are not known. |
| 4 | going to be very difficult if not impossible, in large | 4 | In those circumstances we think the only way the |
| 5 | part because both Mr Fisher and I now have to prepare | 5 | court can do that is to proceed on the basis of not just |
| 6 | for the Waterfall 1 appeal and obviously we didn't argue | 6 | agreed facts but agreed facts which are assumed to be |
| 7 | that the first time round in front of your Lordship and | 7 | the only relevant facts for the purposes of that |
| 8 | there's a fair amount that requires to be done in | 8 | determination. There may well be creditors who have had |
| 9 | relation to that. | 9 | personal communications with the administrator or whose |
| 10 | My Lord, the second is paragraph 4(2). It's the | 10 | rcumstances are such that there are other factual |
| 11 | reference to "file and serve a statement particularising | 11 | atters relevant to construction of their agreement, |
| 12 | all of the relevant facts." | 12 | it's important that any such creditor can see at |
| 13 | My Lord, we are slightly concerned that if that is | 13 | a glance whether the findings the court makes on this |
| 14 | what is required the document may end up rather longer | 14 | generic level are distinguishable or not because it's |
| 15 | and less useful. What we would simply suggest is, we | 15 | own facts have been distinguishable or not. For that |
| 16 | will and are happy to file and serve a statement | 16 | reason there are two things, the court must be clear |
| 17 | particularising the relevant facts, what we don't want | 17 | what facts the court has taken into account, and, |
| 18 | is someone to subsequently turn round and say this small | 18 | secondly, make clear that it's assuming that those are |
| 19 | fact wasn't included and therefore you are not entitled | 19 | the only facts relevant. |
| 20 | to rely on it but again I'm sure that is something the | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Can you just help me on this |
| 21 | parties can deal with sensibly. | 21 | The CDDs first of all, they were bilateral agreements |
| 22 | My learned friend I think mentioned the tweak | 22 | were they? |
| 23 | require to paragraph 7 so far as the administrators' | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: They were yes. |
| 24 | document is concerned. We would be content with that. | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But in a common form? |
| 25 | I wasn't proposing to say anything more in relation to | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: Well -- |
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: There are several editions of | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's the difficulty I'm having |
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| 2 | them but they were not individually negotiated. | 2 | hear in a way. |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: Some were | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: Where one is dealing with something which is |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Some were? | 4 | not -- well, let's take this right down to this case, |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: Some were, yes. There are different varieties | 5 | let's say we are talking about a currency conversion |
| 6 | out there and there are slight differences between | 6 | claim, whether that is included or not and assuming that |
| 7 | different CDDs between different parties. So we are | 7 | both parties had no appreciation of the existence of |
| 8 | looking here at the ones that are most generally -- | 8 | a currency conversion claim then that could be |
| 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So we are looking at | 9 | a relevant fact to the construction of the agreement but |
| 10 | particular -- I see. But particular CDDs in particular | 10 | if particular parties had different understandings about |
| 11 | forms and those forms were quite widely used | 11 | that then it might be different. So for example if |
| 12 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, and there's the point about changing over | 12 | a creditor understood there were such claims -- I don't |
| 13 | ime because the latter ones had exclusions for -- | 13 | know that that's the case of course but just assume -- |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. I see. So the CDDs to | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: We have evidence that the |
| 15 | which 34 and 35 are directed, albeit that they clearly | 15 | administrators didn't -- this point had not occurred to |
| 16 | changed other time were nonetheless -- could be | 16 | them until it was raised with them in early 2013, so |
| 17 | described as standard form agreements, is that right? | 17 | I can't -- I mean, it's a slightly -- I'm not sure in |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Mostly standard form but not absolutely | 18 | terms of the construction of the standard -- of |
| 19 | standard form. What the court has is a typical example, | 19 | an agreement whether the subjective knowledge of the |
| 20 | which was annexed to our original position paper and so | 20 | parties, the existence of a claim -- it's a difficult |
| 21 | far that's the only whole CDD that's actually been -- | 21 | thing to grapple with. |
| 22 | the court's been asked to determine issues in relation | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Subjective knowledge not but if there were -- |
| 23 | to. | 23 | again we're speculating, we haven't identified every |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: There's one CDD -- | 24 | creditor and examined the circumstances that existed |
| 25 | MR ZACAROLI: There are two because there's one that's Page 33 | 25 | between every creditor and the administrators when they Page 35 |
| 1 | a pure CDD, there is second one that is a CDD entered | 1 | entered into their CDD, whether there were different |
| 2 | into by creditors who signed up to the CRA. | 2 | communications between them that are not replicated |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: As I understand it I'm being | 3 | in -- are not revealed in the evidence because the |
| 4 | asked -- will be asked to look at different editions of | 4 | evidence here is dealing with general matters. We just |
| 5 | the CDDs so it's gone wider than that. | 5 | don't know what's out there. |
| 6 | MR ZACAROLI: It has gone wider than that although I'm not | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Anyway your point is you have t |
| 7 | entirely clear how many different editions given that | 7 | be clear -- I'm in agreement with this, the court and |
| 8 | most of the editions referred to in the evidence of | 8 | the parties have to be clear what facts are being used |
| 9 | Mr Lomas are those that are after the time that waivers | 9 | as the relevant material for the construction of the |
| 10 | were included in them as a matter of course, which | 10 | agreement. And as you say creditors who say there are |
| 11 | there's obviously no argument to be had about whether | 11 | different facts applicable to them, that preserves their |
| 12 | they waived a currency conversion claim and if it | 12 | position to say well it has a different meaning for me. |
| 13 | specifically excluded that from the waiver. | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: That's one side. The other thing is we need |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think the reason I'm askin§ | 14 | to know at the hearing what facts the court is being |
| 15 | these questions is that where you've got a standard form | 15 | asked to take into account. |
| 16 | agreement which is in reasonably wide use, and the | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Quite. I think Mr Trower was |
| 17 | parties adopt that standard form, or enter into it in | 17 | hoping on 34 and 35 to produce a document which will |
| 18 | knowing that it is a standard form -- of course you | 18 | make that clear. |
| 19 | might have specific clauses added -- but on the issues | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: And the only addition I would make to that -- |
| 20 | which we are concerned with here, as a matter of | 20 | it's paragraph 7 of the proposed draft order. What's |
| 21 | construction, you would not expect the agreement in | 21 | missing from -- although I think it's meant to be there |
| 22 | similar terms to be construed differently depending on | 22 | from the discussion that has been had this morning, the |
| 23 | different parties, depending on the identity of the | 23 | facts must be those which -- a general application that |
| 24 | parties. | 24 | are relevant and are admissible. And it's the third |
| 25 | MR ZACAROLI: I'm not sure I -- | 25 | word, admissibility, which -- |
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think what Mr Trower is | 1 | purposes of the currency conversion claims and not with |
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| 2 | envisaging is he will produce a document which -- there | 2 | everything on the appeal. So I understand there's a lot |
| 3 | may be disagreement about whether a particular fact is | 3 | of work for them to do but we do need these position |
| 4 | relevant and therefore admissible. | 4 | papers well in advance of the May date so that we can |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 5 | prepare our responsive paper but also prepare arguments |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And his document will identify | 6 | in good time for the May date. And the other point is |
| 7 | that. | 7 | we are of course receiving their papers just before the |
| 8 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, so long as that's clear. | 8 | Easter break and producing ours just after the Easter |
| 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think Mr Trower is probably | 9 | break, we are content to provided we have the times here |
| 10 | proposing to rejig paragraph 7 a bit to reflect that. | 10 | but if we only get theirs on, I think it was suggested |
| 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes in which case we are content with that. | 11 | 6 April, it makes it very tight for us indeed in order |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You are content with that? | 12 | to get the papers properly prepared in advance of us |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, we are. The fact is that most of the | 13 | producing our skeleton arguments. |
| 14 | evidence is inadmissible that's been served to date. I | 14 | So we would suggest the compromise dates are |
| 15 | think there is common ground about that. There may be | 15 | a sensible compromise and we are happy to go with those. |
| 16 | some matters at the edges but most of it has not been | 16 | My Lord, that's all I have to say on issue 36. |
| 17 | served with the intention of being admissible. | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. Thank you very much |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The CRA, that's the agreement | 18 | Mr Trower. |
| 19 | ich was the earlier agreement in the context really of | 19 | MR TROWER: My Lord, I don't think I have anything that |
| 20 | client money claims is it? | 20 | I need to add. The only thing I thought I ought just to |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Trust assets. | 21 | mention to your Lordship in the light of the way the |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Not client money, thank you. | 22 | discussion went about admissibility is that Mr Lomas |
| 23 | Yes. | 23 | does deal with the CDDs and the extent to which they |
| 24 | MR ZACAROLI: That we have said on 35 and 35. 36, | 24 | were standard form documents in his evidence and they |
| 25 | essentially we are agreeing to this process, the cut | 25 | were presented as take it or leave it documents, there |
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| 1 | down version of issue 36. Although we do make this | 1 | may have been some negotiation round the edges on some |
| 2 | point in our skeleton, I reiterate it today, we do | 2 | f them but that is the background. It's dealt with in |
| 3 | remain sceptical that this is possible, that it is | 3 | paragraph 45 of his witness statement. |
| 4 | capable of being resolved at a generic level on the | 4 | But, my Lord, so far as the timetable is concerned |
| 5 | basis that we are here talking about whether -- assuming | 5 | I don't really have anything to add. We do respectfully |
| 6 | the agreements do waive these claims whether the | 6 | suggest our compromise is -- |
| 7 | circumstances are such the administrators should not be | 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Dicker says 31 March is goins |
| 8 | able to rely upon that as against creditors and there | 8 | to be very difficult. |
| 9 | the circumstances of different creditors may well lead | 9 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 10 | to different answers. So it's even more important here | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: He proposes 6 April. Which is |
| 11 | that the facts upon which the court is making the | 11 | Easter Monday I think. |
| 12 | decision, assumed to be the only facts relevant, are | 12 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 13 | clearly set out but with that marker we are in agreement | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Let's look at the end date which |
| 14 | as to the process. | 14 | is the date for your position paper. |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 15 | MR TROWER: The reason we went for no later than that was |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: In terms of timing -- this is paragraphs 4 anc | 16 | that skeletons from the respondents are required for the |
| 17 | 5 I think -- we are happy to agree the compromise date | 17 | tranche B trial on 24 April. |
| 18 | suggested by the administrators, so it's the last one in | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: When is the tranche B trial due |
| 19 | each of paragraph 4 and paragraph 5. Recognising of | 19 | to start did you say? |
| 20 | course that in -- so the FCG producing theirs by | 20 | MR TROWER: 18 May. It may be that can be pushed back |
| 21 | 31 March and us providing ours by 13 April. There are | 21 | a bit. |
| 22 | two points to make. First of all it is true that both | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So 18 May -- sorry -- and the |
| 23 | of my learned friends to my right are involved in the | 23 | keletons were due -- the respondents' skeletons -- by |
| 24 | Waterfall 1 appeal although it's all right to point out | 24 | the respondents you mean Wentworth -- |
| 25 | that the Senior Creditor Group was only involved for the | 25 | MR TROWER: Wentworth and the FCG. It's a direction that |
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| 1 | was given in November. | 1 | clearly terribly important on this sort of issue. |
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| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So that's at the moment | 2 | I mean I wasn't -- it's difficult to know exactly what |
| 3 | 24 April, is it? Did you say? | 3 | one's really talking about here. But I mean it will be |
| 4 | MR TROWER: No I think it is ... Yes. It is paragraph 21 | 4 | undesirable for relevant facts to come in later. |
| 5 | of the order of November order. At the moment the | 5 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 6 | directions for the respondents' skeleton are 24 April | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I mean if they're material thei |
| 7 | yes, that's right. And then we were going to lodge ours | 7 | I think they should be in the statement. If they're not |
| 8 | on 1 May. Then there was time for reply skeletons on | 8 | material well they probably shouldn't play any part in |
| 9 | 11 May, supplementals, and I think we're down to the | 9 | any consideration of the matter. |
| 10 | 18th. | 10 | MR TROWER: We would respectfully agree with that and |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And the Court of Appeal hearins | 11 | I suspect -- I may be wrong but one can see that maybe |
| 12 | starts when? | 12 | the words "all of" gave an unsatisfactory emphasis to |
| 13 | MR TROWER: 23rd of this month. | 13 | the most minute of facts. |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It might be that particularisin |
| 15 | MR TROWER: And it's for a week. | 15 | the relevant facts, which actually basically means all |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm sympathetic to Mr Dicker's | 16 | of them, perhaps doesn't ... |
| 17 | position and I think there is scope for extending the | 17 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 18 | timetable a bit in terms of skeletons. What I'm going | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think it is a case where you |
| 19 | to say is that paragraph 4 should have 6 April for the | 19 | have to have a Statement of Case which sets out the |
| 20 | FCG to file their position -- well, I'm not sure they'll | 20 | facts on which you rely for the relief which you say the |
| 21 | be able to file it on that day as I don't think the | 21 | court should give or rather the Senior Creditor Group. |
| 22 | court is open on Easter Monday but I suppose they can | 22 | MR TROWER: I mean the example Mr Dicker gave one might say |
| 23 | file it by email, maybe they can. So anyway, Easter | 23 | that the fact wasn't actually relevant for the purposes |
| 24 | Monday then I'll leave it to you, to you all to agree | 24 | of which this order was drawn. We entirely agree with |
| 25 | knock-on dates which I'm sure you can do in a way which Page 41 | 25 | that. It's plainly important that everybody should know Page 43 |
| 1 | will sensibly give everyone the time they need before | 1 | what are the material facts on which the court has |
| 2 | the start of the trial of tranche B. | 2 | reached its conclusion. |
| 3 | MR TROWER: That's to include some telescoping of the | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's right and I'm -- |
| 4 | skeletons -- | 4 | precisely that -- that Mr Zacaroli and indeed you should |
| 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, but in a way -- it may be | 5 | respond to the case made on the identified facts. So if |
| 6 | that everyone -- given that, frankly part of the tim | 6 | it is then sought to introduce more facts well then |
| 7 | that would you have had Mr Dicker's position paper may | 7 | there will be an application to do so which could no |
| 8 | be down time over the Easter weekend, it's not going to | 8 | doubt be sensibly dealt with and provided it didn't add |
| 9 | be down time for him and his team, but, you know, that | 9 | to people's burden it would be allowed in. |
| 10 | may give you a little bit of slack, as it were, | 10 | MR TROWER: Yes quite. |
| 11 | agreeing but I feel sure you will be able to agree | 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I had better ask Mr Dicker - |
| 12 | something. | 12 | MR DICKER: I fully understand where your Lordship is coming |
| 13 | MR TROWER: We'll -- | 13 | from and in broad terms we agree. |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You will endeavour to. | 14 | The only thing that I would emphasise to |
| 15 | MR TROWER: We will endeavour to do so, my Lord, and if | 15 | your Lordship is the parties are trying to find a way to |
| 16 | unexpectedly we run into difficulties we will let you | 16 | enable your Lordship to decide this issue. There are, |
| 17 | know. | 17 | as we understand it, some 1600 CDDs, with 460 client |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Of course. So far as the -- the other point Mr Dicker said is on paragraph 4(2), a statement particularising all of the relevant facts. | 18 | money supplemental deeds entered over a period of |
| 19 |  | 19 | a number of years. And the CDDs themselves changed as |
| 20 |  | 20 | your Lordship knows in form over time and the context is |
| 21 | And Mr Dicker said he felt that could be sensibly dealt with, which again I think it can be but I think it should be clear, I'm sure it is clear to Mr Dicker, that his statement should set out really all the facts of any significance on which they rely because the facts are Page 42 | 21 | obviously absolutely vital, we say. That broad context |
| 22 |  | 22 | is given by the evidence which has been filed, |
| 23 |  | 23 | particularly by the administrators in the form of |
| 24 |  | 24 | Mr Lomas' statements and Mr Copley's, and certainly we |
| 25 |  | 25 | see the good sense of producing a statement of facts, |
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| 1 | relevant facts. What we were concerned I think | 1 | aren't going to suggest to your Lordship that your |
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| 2 | essentially to avoid was trying to turn everything in -- | 2 | Lordship insist on it. Then annexed to the draft order |
| 3 | Mr Lomas', Mr Pearson's and Mr Copley's witness | 3 | is the questions and the question so far as the foreign |
| 4 | statements et cetera into that statement of facts. | 4 | lawyers are concerned, schedule A for the New York law |
| 5 | I don't think in the end this should be an issue. But | 5 | experts, schedule B for the German law experts and |
| 6 | the only thing I would say is we don't accept my learned | 6 | schedule C for the French law experts are, as |
| 7 | friend Mr Zacaroli's characterisation of the evidence to | 7 | I understand it, agreed. There aren't any questions |
| 8 | date as largely inadmissible. Plainly there are -- | 8 | that arise in relation to them. |
| 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think he was talking about | 9 | So the only issue that remains for your Lordship to |
| 10 | issues 34 and 35 when he said that. | 10 | be informed about is the parties' present position in |
| 11 | MR DICKER: Even in that context -- | 11 | relation to timing. The administrators only interest -- |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You don't accept that? | 12 | well, it has two interests, they have two interests. |
| 13 | MR DICKER: Plainly there are statements in there of | 13 | One is to ensure that we get this case ready for trial |
| 14 | subjective belief as to what the document means and | 14 | as soon as practicable and the second is that there is |
| 15 | those may be inadmissible. But much is intended | 15 | built into the timetable a slot for the administrators |
| 16 | essentially to set out what the objective purpose, as | 16 | to put in evidence of foreign law if so advised and |
| 17 | understood by the parties, of those agreements was and | 17 | that's really just to make sure that if there are points |
| 18 | as I say context in this situation is everything. But, | 18 | that aren't being taken by the parties they are covered |
| 19 | my Lord, we would invite your Lordship certainly to | 19 | off in some way or another. |
| 20 | delete the words "all of". | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Zacaroli I think in his |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I will delete the words "all of | 21 | skeleton suggests that I should direct that a date be |
| 22 | but let it be clearly understood I expect the statement | 22 | fixed through the usual channels for tranche C-- for |
| 23 | to contain the material facts on which you all rely | 23 | a trial. It struck me as having a lot of sense. |
| 24 | MR TROWER: On which happy note we move on to tranche C. | 24 | MR TROWER: I think it certainly concentrates the parties' |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: We move on to tranche C. Page 45 | 25 | minds. Page 47 |
| 1 | MR TROWER: Tranche C is a little further down the line. | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And |
| 2 | What tranche C is all about is essentially all about | 2 | timetable. |
| 3 | master agreements. Cost of funding and foreign law are | 3 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 4 | the two areas of contention in relation to the evidence. | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: In the queue. Is it thought |
| 5 | So far as the -- it may be that from my point of | 5 | metime in the autumn is the time to aim for? |
| 6 | view, because I probably won't have -- don't have very | 6 | MR TROWER: We had always had in mind a date in October |
| 7 | much to say on this because there's a bit of a debate | 7 | sometime, if that was feasible. |
| 8 | going on between the parties, but if your Lordship goes | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. I do think that's |
| 9 | to the draft order, I can most happily deal with in that | 9 | a sensible thing then everyone knows the date to which |
| 10 | way for today's purposes. The directions that are being | 10 | we're working. |
| 11 | sought in relation to these issues relate to expert | 11 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 12 | evidence. The parties are essentially ad idem on expert | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And so I could give a directior |
| 13 | evidence of foreign law. | 13 | that the parties apply to the clerk of the list to fix |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 14 | a date for trial of tranche C, before me on the first |
| 15 | MR TROWER: The questions, your Lordship will see there are | 15 | available date after whatever date you think sensible in |
| 16 | a whole series of blank dates in there and the joint | 16 | October. |
| 17 | administrators aren't able to say exactly where the | 17 | MR TROWER: Yes. Part of that may depend on the time that |
| 18 | parties are in relation to that and it's largely driven | 18 | the parties think is required for the expert evidence |
| 19 | by them not us at this stage. | 19 | but that is very sensible, my Lord, yes. |
| 20 | As far as the foreign lawyers are concerned we are | 20 | The main area for debate relates to the disciplines |
| 21 | talking about a New York lawyer, a German lawyer and | 21 | required for the cost of funding -- |
| 22 | a French lawyer, there was a suggestion at one stage as | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So far as dates for the expert |
| 23 | to whether or not there should be a single expert but | 23 | evidence is concerned, do I take it that that's a matter |
| 24 | that doesn't seem to have gone anywhere and the nature | 24 | on which you're aiming to agree? |
| 25 | of this litigation is such that the joint administrators | 25 | MR TROWER: I hope so although I haven't -- I regret |
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| 1 | I haven't really heard what the parameters of the | 1 | MR ZACAROLI: The timing is agreed, so the end of June for |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | dispute is. So whether it's -- I would imagine it's | 2 | first round of experts on foreign law. In a sense the |
| 3 | capable of agreement. I certainly hope so. But | 3 | timing thereafter for responsive reports in meetings |
| 4 | I haven't seen what it is that the two warring factions | 4 | I think probably await the date we know that that's |
| 5 | want by way of time for the foreign law aspect. | 5 | going to be fixed because it's sensible to work back |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Should we just deal with the | 6 | from that and I'm sure that can be agreed between the |
| 7 | foreign law aspect first before getting on to the rest | 7 | parties. We have identified experts in two of our |
| 8 | of -- | 8 | fields and we are working on a third. |
| 9 | MR TROWER: Yes. | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm not going to require the |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Have the parties got anywhere in | 10 | experts to be identified in the order because I think |
| 11 | identifying their expert? You wouldn't because you are | 11 | it's better to get the order finalised and made but I do |
| 12 | reserving your position. Mr Dicker | 12 | think it's sensible in agreeing dates to take account of |
| 13 | MR DICKER: My Lord, so far as foreign law experts are | 13 | the commitments of the experts you instruct. All right. |
| 14 | concerned we are content with paragraphs 8 to 25 of the | 14 | I think, Mr Trower, it looks as if you can agree between |
| 15 | draft order. There is, as my learned friend mentioned, | 15 | you the dates that are to be inserted there. |
| 16 | a question of timing. I'm not sure the parties are | 16 | MR TROWER: Yes, and Mr Zacaroli's point about it working |
| 17 | warring in relation to this. We originally suggested | 17 |  |
| 18 | extending the existing date of 30 April to 22 May | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Very sensible. We then move t |
| 19 | Wentworth's response was that it would seem more | 19 | the cost of funding points. |
| 20 | sensible to have until the end of June and we can see | 20 | MR TROWER: Yes. There's quite a lot of material on this |
| 21 | some sense in that. That would obviously giv | 21 | which the parties have taken. I think it's fair to |
| 22 | ficient time still for the start of the trial. I'm | 22 | characterise the joint administrators position on this |
| 23 | not sure the parties have agreed times that fall within | 23 | is that we have been trying to broker a deal, which is |
| 24 | that. But I think that's the present suggestion | 24 | what we've been trying to do, in order to -- as |
| 25 | So far as the questions are concerned in schedules | 25 | I understand it we are now, and I think probably the |
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| 1 | A, B and C, again those as I understand it are agreed | 1 | best place to find this is in the correspondence bundle; |
| 2 | between the parties and there is nothing I need to say | 2 | ere are issues between the parties in relation to the |
| 3 | in relation to those | 3 | precise nature of the expertise that is required. And |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Identified your experts yet? | 4 | there are issues between the parties I think still in |
| 5 | MR DICKER: My Lord, as I understand it we have although | 5 | relation to the precise question that needs to be asked |
| 6 | I don't have their names to hand. | 6 | of the cost of funding the experts and how far it goes. |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Because in a sense -- this is | 7 | The parties have been moving together on this point |
| 8 | quite important when one's fixing dates because they may | 8 | and it may be that it's -- the place your Lordship finds |
| 9 | have commitments -- it's an iterative process but i | 9 | the latest iteration of the questions for the cost of |
| 10 | they have an immoveable commitment one has to work round | 10 | funding experts is I think page 109. Then there's a red |
| 11 | it. I would prefer if the order identified the experts, | 11 | line version at pages 111 and 113. |
| 12 | which is what the CPR at the very least recommends. | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So 109 -- |
| 13 | MR DICKER: I've just been I think corrected. We have | 13 | MR TROWER: 109 is a clean version of what your Lordship |
| 14 | identified our German law expert. I'm instructed our | 14 | finds at 111 |
| 15 | New York and French experts are not at the moment | 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes okay. I see. |
| 16 | served. I suppose the other issue in relation to trial | 16 | MR TROWER: My Lord, I wasn't really going to say anything |
| 17 | of course is an estimate as to how long it will take | 17 | more about it than that at the moment. I mean we -- |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 18 | apart from save to say this: the joint administrators, |
| 19 | MR DICKER: We were thinking certainly two weeks, given the | 19 | obviously on this issue as on any other issue, are |
| 20 | volume of expert evidence that may be required. Again | 20 | concerned to get as much assistance as the court can |
| 21 | I don't know | 21 | sensibly give in relation to the working out of claims |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: We'll have to move -- it partly | 22 | that are actually being made. And they can see and |
| 23 | depends on the other area of expert evidence. | 23 | agree with the concept of the court getting considerable |
| 24 | MR DICKER: Yes. | 24 | assistance from expert evidence on this point. Now how |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Zacaroli. | 25 | far the point goes from a question of on the one hand |
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| 1 | pure point of construction in relation to what the words | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But it may be that that's really |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | mean in a specific defined market, how far it goes | 2 | just a drafting point because it may be your real |
| 3 | beyond that is a question on which there may be | 3 | questions are the in particular ones. And so that's |
| 4 | a certain -- there still is a certain amount of debate | 4 | just a comment I want to make, that I prefer the |
| 5 | between Wentworth and the FCG. But I think from -- and | 5 | question of construction to be tied to particular types |
| 6 | in a sense I don't want to be stealing anyone's thunder | 6 | of financing. |
| 7 | in relation to that because it is right that they | 7 | I get to 1(a) and that's just borrowing, so that's |
| 8 | express their position in their own words so | 8 | an identified -- and the question there is that doesn't |
| 9 | your Lordship can hear exactly where they are on that. | 9 | seem to me conceptually that that raises the difficulty |
| 10 | But so far as the joint administrators are concerned | 10 | I mentioned. The question is does that phrase mean only |
| 11 | I think the most I can say is that the more assistance | 11 | borrowing, is really what that 1 (a) is asking. That is |
| 12 | we can get as to what it means and how it is to be | 12 | right isn't it? |
| 13 | applied the better. | 13 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Just with that in mind could we | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: In the first line incidentally |
| 15 | just spend a moment looking at the questions first of | 15 | is it $1(\mathrm{a})$ : |
| 16 | all. | 16 | "Only be ascertained with reference to the |
| 17 | MR TROWER: Yes. | 17 | ...(Reading to the words)... cost ..." |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So we start with question 10. | 18 | "to the payee" rather than "of the payee", just |
| 19 | This is under the ISDA master agreement. Incidentally | 19 | a minor slip there, I think it is probably "to the |
| 20 | can I ask this? Is there, so far as this is concerned, | 20 | payee". And in fact within (a) you have a second |
| 21 | any difference between the 1992 and 2002 editions? | 21 | question -- well you have a series of questions in the |
| 22 | MR TROWER: I don't think there is. But can someone behind | 22 | brackets actually. |
| 23 | me check. | 23 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I don't know -- of course it | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I wasn't quite sure -- I'm |
| 25 | wouldn't necessarily just be the definition of default | 25 | asking all this because it has a bearing really on the |
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| 1 | rate, there could be other difference. But at any rate | 1 | whole question of expert evidence. But I wasn't quite |
| 2 | so far as question 10 is concerned that looks just to be | 2 | clear, looking at the words in brackets -- I mean I can |
| 3 | a pure question of construction, it doesn't raise any | 3 | see the first part of the words in brackets: |
| 4 | matters of expert evidence at all save as to foreign | 4 | "(and if so whether such borrowing should be assumed |
| 5 | law. | 5 | to have recourse solely to the claim that it is funding |
| 6 | MR TROWER: Yes. | 6 | or to the rest of the relevant payee's encumbered |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Can I say with question 11 I'n | 7 | assets.)" |
| 8 | troubled by the first -- well the first sentence. "On | 8 | So that's a kind of recourse and non-recourse |
| 9 | the true construction of the term default rate as it | 9 | finance sort of question. But I find slightly more |
| 10 | appears what meaning should be given to the expression?" | 10 | puzzling the words that follow: |
| 11 | Then you quote it and then you have in particular. I | 11 | "And if the latter whether the cost of funding |
| 12 | mean it seems to me that that's not necessarily the way | 12 | should include the cost to the relevant payee of |
| 13 | that one goes about issues of construction. The normal | 13 | incurring additional debt against its existing asset |
| 14 | approach would be just for a party to say this is our | 14 | base." |
| 15 | cost of funding -- I'm perhaps not so much addressing | 15 | I have some difficulty in understanding what that is |
| 16 | Mr Zacaroli's trade usage argument at the moment. This | 16 | saying or what it's saying in addition to the previous |
| 17 | is our cost of funding, which we've worked out by | 17 | part. So someone may want to comment on that. |
| 18 | reference to a particular mode of financing. And the | 18 | MR TROWER: I'm going to leave Mr Dicker to respond on that |
| 19 | other side say well that's not within the meaning of the | 19 | point if I may. |
| 20 | clause. | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. Then (b) says: |
| 21 | This is very broadly expressed. It seems to us, the | 21 | "Can this cost can be ascertained in other ways |
| 22 | court, to come up with an exhaustive definition or | 22 | including with reference to funds which might be raised |
| 23 | construction of the words which I think is asking too | 23 | by way of equity investment in the payee and if so..." |
| 24 | much. | 24 | Again I think this is too broad. |
| 25 | MR TROWER: Yes. | 25 | MR TROWER: There has been an attempt to try and -- I mean |
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| 1 | Mr Dicker will go into a bit more detail on this I'm | 1 | claims being assigned and who the payee -- |
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| 2 | sure but there has been an attempt to try and tie this | 2 | MR TROWER: Yes. I'm not -- I haven't noted down that it's |
| 3 | down by way of example the McKee witness statement in | 3 | agreed. But I can see that it's an issue which may need |
| 4 | particular that identifies specific ways of looking at | 4 | consideration as to how relevant it is. Well, no, |
| 5 | it. But I quite appreciate that the wording as | 5 | I think it would be relevant if it is an issue. |
| 6 | present -- drafted on the face of the application notice | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I can see that if the payee in |
| 7 | does in effect invite your Lordship to write a textbook | 7 | e definition of default rate means the counterparty, |
| 8 | and we're certainly not inviting your Lordship to do | 8 | the counterparty has assigned its claim, and the |
| 9 | that. | 9 | counterparty has since gone into liquidation and been |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Not an invitation I would | 10 | dissolved how is this meant to work, but the question I |
| 11 | accept. | 11 | nk may be well, is anyone saying that is a real |
| 12 | MR TROWER: No, I can understand that. And it may be that | 12 | issue? |
| 13 | one of the things we need to do is to make sure that it | 13 | MR TROWER: Yes. No I think that's right. |
| 14 | is clear insofar as it isn't already clear from the | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Anyway. Is 17 a live issue? |
| 15 | examples that have been put forward through the McKee | 15 | What does it mean? |
| 16 | witness statement as to exactly what it is that | 16 | MR TROWER: 17 links back I think to 10 and 11 as I've read |
| 17 | constitutes other costs apart from the basic borrowing. | 17 | it. |
| 18 | Having made that observation it may be better for | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So stated I find it difficult to |
| 19 | Mr Dicker to carry on. | 19 | really understand the question actually. |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. (Pause) I'm just reading | 20 | MR TROWER: "In circumstances where ...(Reading to the |
| 21 | further down. Going on to 12. I think perhaps again | 21 | rds)...asserted costs if it were to fund the releva |
| 22 | the comments I've made before apply --12(i) and (ii) | 22 | amount." |
| 23 | appear to be talking about borrowing costs. I may be | 23 | So it's trying to get at the hypothetical. |
| 24 | wrong. (iii) is again in a very broad term, expressed | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It is indeed but I'm not sure |
| 25 | very broadly and I think too broadly (iii). <br> Page 57 | 25 | what is meant by "what principles should be applied". <br> Page 59 |
| 1 | MR TROWER: In a sense of course at the time these questions | 1 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 2 | were drafted they were trying to elucidate resp | 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Again it's perhaps rather |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. (Pause) | 3 | generally expresse |
| 4 | 14 and 15 are rather different. Those are not | 4 | MR TROWER: I think it falls into your Lordship's point |
| 5 | clearly questions to which expert evidence is -- | 5 | about the text book writing. |
| 6 | MR TROWER: No, and indeed once one goes to them quite a lot | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Then 18 is a question of |
| 7 | of these are agreed. 14 and 15 are certainly agreed. | 7 | construction of the agreement. |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: They're agreed are they? | 8 | MR TROWER: Yes. |
| 9 | MR TROWER: Yes. As is 18 I think | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So 14 is basically you have to | 10 | MR TROWER: I've just been told from behind that 16 does in |
| 11 | act rationally and i | 11 | fact appear to be agre |
| 12 | MR | 12 | R JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And 15, the burden lies on the | 13 | MR TROWER: So we have a raft in there of issues which are |
| 14 | other party on the challenge. | 14 | likely to be agreed. |
| 15 | MR | 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay, Mr Trower, that's ver |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. So they're not going to | 16 | helpful, thank you. So I think on any footing some of |
| 17 | arise | 17 | these questions may need to be -- I think will certainly |
| 18 | MR TROWER: The main burden of the case is actually 10 and | 18 | need to be amended to -- |
| 19 | 11 in fact. | 19 | MR TROWER: Defined down to identify precisely what it is -- |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Can I just read -- is 16 agreed | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Exactly. |
| 21 | or not? | 21 | MR TROWER: -- that is being is asserted. |
| 22 | MR TROWER: 16 I don't think ... I didn't note down that it | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But on the question whether |
| 23 | was. (Pause) | 23 | there should be expert evidence and to what extent at |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. Yes I see. Does 16 -- | 24 | this stage you are content for Mr Dicker and Mr Zacaroli |
| 25 | that's a real issue is it? This is it the context of | 25 | to address me. |
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MR TROWER: Yes, apart from to say that the principle of expert evidence we do support --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, I mean there are two stages
to this, aren't there? Mr Zacaroli says -- he wishes to
advance a case that this phrase or at any rate part of
it has a market usage.
MR TROWER: Yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And that the ISDA master
agreement should be construed in accordance with that
market usage.
MR TROWER: Yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Which is I mean classically
a matter for expert evidence. I think Mr Dicker as
I understand it is concerned to understand well what market are we talking about here? Which participants does this apply to and questions of that sort. He will explain himself.
MR TROWER: Yes, he will explain himself.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Zacaroli says that's the full
extent to which expert evidence should go. Mr Dicker
says that it should go much wider or rather wider and
include corporate finance evidence going to the different types of funding.
MR TROWER: Yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It may be the best point is to Page 61
hear from both of them but I am concerned to understand how the administrators are going to be best helped by answers to these questions and what is needed in order to provide practical assistance to the administrators.
MR TROWER: In very short form what is needed for the administrators is obviously this sense that when someone is asserting a particular cost of funding in a form which has been identified as being a realistic form, hence the McKee evidence, the administrators are reasonably well-equipped to determine whether or not what is actually asserted on the ground complies with
what's requires to be proved for the purpose of establishing the cost.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. Thank you very much.
I think what I ought to do is to take the two strands of expert evidence separately and probably to hear Mr Zacaroli first on the market usage evidence and you will have an opportunity of responding to that, Mr Dicker, and I will deal with the expert evidence you would like to adduce. So, Mr Zacaroli.

MR ZACAROLI: I'm not quite sure what my Lord -MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: There is some evidence you wis to adduce and I'd like to hear you about that.

MR ZACAROLI: Yes. As we've set out in our skeleton argument and our position paper it is to establish

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a market usage amongst certain participants in the derivatives market and we have identified them as financial institutions. Now, my learned friend Mr Dicker's solicitors wrote to us yesterday with a series of questions about the precise ambit of the market, how notorious et cetera, the sort of questions one might -- they've asked those questions. And asked for a response by 31 March. The reality is we're prepared to do that. We are prepared to answer those questions by 31 March, the deadline they have requested from us.

My Lord might not be surprised to hear that although there were various deadlines for expert evidence on part C that were running in tandem with what we've been doing in the last two months events have to a large extent overtaken us and therefore we are grateful for that opportunity and we will provide the answers requested in that time. But in essence it's a particular usage within not all users of the master agreement but for a certain class of users.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: When you say financial institutions, what do you mean by that?
MR ZACAROLI: Again we will provide in due course with the assistance of an expert the precise ambit but broadly speaking we start with banks. But it's not just banks, Page 63
it's institutions similar to banks that are involved in the derivatives market on an active and regular basis. That's, again we can define that more clearly but broadly speaking. So one can say what's excluded perhaps more easily. It's a hedge fund for example which is not within that categorisation and it excludes your ordinary corporate user of a master agreement who is entering into it for a particular swap transaction et cetera. It's parties that are -- if one goes back to very beginning of the ISDA master agreement, if one starts with the parties it was primarily intended for, banks and other institutions, of a similar nature but I can't really, without going back to our expert --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: All right. This would lead to the possible conclusion that the ISDA master agreement contained -- is to be differently construed depending on who the parties to the agreement are and the way you are approaching the case is to say that provided financial institutions, as you define them, are on both sides of the equation, then the market usage would apply.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But unless that's the case it carries whatever meaning it carries, there is no market usage.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes.
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. So what direction are | 1 | necessarily. There may be entities which don't fund |
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| 2 | you looking for from the court at this stage? | 2 | mselves by borrowing at all or for whom equity |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: The only direction at this stage -- I think | 3 | funding would for one reason or another be more |
| 4 | se questions are in agreed form I think. And if | 4 | appropriate and (b) deals with that. |
| 5 | my Lord has the most recent set of questions, page 109 | 5 | 11 |
| 6 | of the correspondence bundle I think, it's simply | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So (b) is really directed to |
| 7 | questio | 7 | equity investment, |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You say that question 1 is that | 8 | MR DICKER: Yes. 11(2) deals with a different way of |
| 9 | question is agreed? | 9 | approaching this. Again your Lordship will see this in |
| 10 | MR ZACAROLI: I believe so. The form of that question -- | 10 | due course from Mr McKee, this is what he refers to as |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It's agreed okay, fine. What | 11 | the first basis. The short position in relation to this |
| 12 | sort of expert is going to be giving evidence on this? | 12 | is that again an expert on corporate finance will say |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: An expert -- essentially someone who is expert | 13 | that the most accurate way of measuring the cost of |
| 14 | hin financial institutions in the derivatives market | 14 | funding involved in a case like this is essentially to |
| 15 | So it's an expert in the derivatives market from the | 15 | work out the cost of funding this particular asset. In |
| 16 | perspective of financial institutions | 16 | other words one's concerned with the incremental cost of |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, I understand. So that's | 17 | obtaining the additional funding and the expert will say |
| 18 | re | 18 | the most accurate way of measuring that is affectively |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI | 19 | by reference to the asset itself which is the defaulted |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'll hear Mr Dick | 20 | LBIE receivable. And the answer to that comes from some |
| 21 | asp | 21 | k by two individuals who ended up winning the Nobel |
| 22 | MR DICKER: My Lord, just before dealing with that would | 22 | price for it, that effectively the result is independent |
| 23 | wh your Lordship | 23 | the asset or capital structure of the entity |
| 24 | 11 ? | 24 | oncerned. So essentially you end up with the same |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, certainly. Page 65 | 25 | answer regardless of the corporate entity involved. <br> Page 67 |
| 1 | MR DICKER: My Lord, I entirely agree with your Lordship's | 1 | Again I can show your Lordship that from Mr McKee's |
| 2 | comment about the way the question is formulated. But | 2 | witness statement. |
| 3 | just to explain the structure which has been followed | 3 | So we essentially have two bases. The first one is |
| 4 | through your Lordship will see in Mr McKee's statement. | 4 | broken down between borrowing on the one hand, but |
| 5 | 11(1) and (2) break down the possible ways in which | 5 | including the question of what the true cost of |
| 6 | a party might say it has incurred costs within the | 6 | borrowing is. Is it simply limited to interest fees or |
| 7 | definition of default rate. 11(1)(a) deals initially | 7 | has it an incidental impact which also needs to be |
| 8 | with borrowing. The second part in brackets | 8 | measured and -- alternatively by reference to equity. |
| 9 | your Lordship referred to deals with an issue tha | 9 | And then the second approach your Lordship will see is |
| 10 | arises in that context. The Senior Creditors Group's | 10 | discussed in terms of essentially the cost of the |
| 11 | case is if you incur, if you borrow money the cost to | 11 | relevant payer being forced to fund LBIE because one way |
| 12 | the entity of borrowing that money is not limited simply | 12 | of analysing this is effectively the entity has in |
| 13 | to the interest rate on the borrowing and any fees | 13 | effect extended credit to LBIE, it's owed money by LBIE |
| 14 | incurred, if you borrow money that has an impact on your | 14 | which LBIE at the moment is not paying. So that's the |
| 15 | capital structure which increases the cost of equity and | 15 | structure of question 11. |
| 16 | any corporate, properly advised, would include that cost | 16 | If your Lordship then goes to the draft order, my |
| 17 | in estimating its total cost of funding for the purposes | 17 | learned friend Mr Zacaroli is right. The terms of |
| 18 | of default rate. So that's the reason for the | 18 | question 1 are agreed. Those essentially relate to |
| 19 | additional works. | 19 | Wentworth's arguments that there is a trade usage in |
| 20 | And your Lordship see this in due course from the | 20 | relation to this. And your Lordship is also right that |
| 21 | two bases on which Mr McKee proceeds in his statement. | 21 | Wentworth's case is that the definitions of default rate |
| 22 | This is effectively the second basis. Subparagraph (b) | 22 | in the ISDA master agreement effectively has two |
| 23 | is effectively an alternative to borrowing. Wentworth | 23 | different meanings, depending on the entity that's |
| 24 | as we understand it say one is essentially concerned | 24 | involved. |
| 25 | with borrowing and that's it. We say again not Page 66 | 25 | Now your Lordship can see that most clearly if you Page 68 |


| 1 | go back to, if your Lordship has it, the position papers | 1 | of costs referred to above." |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | in the bundles of the last hearing, and go to the fourth | 2 | And: |
| 3 | respondent's, Wentworth's position paper. It's | 3 | e expression 'cost of funding ...(Reading to the |
| 4 | bundle 1, tab 5. It's at page 24 of tab 5 that | 4 | words)...subject again to the definition of costs |
| 5 | Wentworth deals with question 11. If your Lordship | 5 | referred to above." |
| 6 | quotas to paragraph 70: | 6 | The reference to costs referred to above |
| 7 | "So far as issues 11(1) and 11(2) are concerned the | 7 | your Lordship will see if you go back to 69 -- the cost |
| 8 | answer differs depending on whether the ...(Reading to | 8 | to it of notionally or actually raising funds in an |
| 9 | the words)... such as a fund or corporate." | 9 | amount equal to the relevant amount. The use of the |
| 10 | And then it deals with each separately. So 71: | 10 | word "cost" indicates the expression refers to such |
| 11 | "In relation to credit institutions and financial | 11 | amount as the counterparty would be required to pay in |
| 12 | institutions referred to generically as banks. The | 12 | funding the amount. The point is then made that it |
| 13 | expression 'cost if it were to fund the relevant amount' | 13 | should be the lowest amount because otherwise we're not |
| 14 | has a general understood meaning in the banking | 14 | dealing with a cost but an amount paid voluntarily. |
| 15 | derivatives market ie among bank counterparties to ISDA | 15 | On Wentworth's case in addition, so far as nonbank |
| 16 | master agreements namely that it means the bank's own | 16 | entities are concerned, there is also the question as to |
| 17 | cost to fund." | 17 | what the cost to the entity is of notionally or actually |
| 18 | So one has two stages. First of all this is | 18 | raising funds in an amount equal to the relevant amount. |
| 19 | concerning banks and banks only. And secondly so far as | 19 | My Lord, so far as the expert evidence which |
| 20 | banks are concerned there is a generally understood | 20 | Wentworth seeks is concerned, my Lord, as I hope I've |
| 21 | meaning. This phrase means cost of funds. Cost of | 21 | made clear firstly we're content with such directions to |
| 22 | funds (2): | 22 | be given for such expert evidence. We are content that |
| 23 | "Is a concept generally understood in | 23 | the questions in paragraph 1 (a) to (g) and our |
| 24 | market to mean the weighted average ...(Reading to the | 24 | additional request for clarification is something |
| 25 | words)... total notional amount." Page 69 | 25 | Wentworth is happy to provide by 31 March. Page 71 |
| 1 | My Lord, the first point as your Lordship knows is | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you. That's helpful. |
| 2 | we have asked for clarification of Wentworth's case in | 2 | I think that probably takes care of the area of |
| 3 | relation to this. Because though they refer to credit | 3 | expert evidence that Mr Zacaroli wishes to put before |
| 4 | institutions or financial institutions here, or | 4 | the court and to which you would want to respond. So |
| 5 | generally banks, the way they have expressed it in | 5 | far so good. |
| 6 | correspondence has varied over time, on occasions it's | 6 | Now we move on to the expert evidence you wish to |
| 7 | banks, on other occasions it's financial institutions | 7 | put forward which as I understand it Mr Zacaroli |
| 8 | active in the derivatives market. Generally active and | 8 | opposes. |
| 9 | other variants. What we've essentially asked for is for | 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 10 | Wentworth to explain its position in relation to each of | 10 | MR DICKER: The second area of expert evidence is relevant |
| 11 | the points in question 1(a) to (g) of the draft order | 11 | in two contexts. Firstly if the Senior Creditor Group |
| 12 | page 109. These are the questions for the experts but | 12 | is correct, that the phrase in the ISDA master agreement |
| 13 | obviously it would be helpful to know Wentworth's | 13 | should be given its natural meaning, whether you are |
| 14 | position is in relation to each of these points -- | 14 | a bank or other entity and doesn't bear some separate |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 15 | trade meaning and, secondly, so far as Wentworth's |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: -- before we actually ask our expert for his | 16 | alternative position is concerned, by that I mean its |
| 17 | view. That is the agreed and that is by 31 March. | 17 | position in relation to funds and corporate entities. |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Quite. | 18 | Now, the meaning of the phrase in the ISDA master |
| 19 | MR DICKER: My Lord, the second part of Wentworth's | 19 | agreement is obviously ultimately a question of |
| 20 | construction, your Lordship see at paragraph 72 of their | 20 | construction for the court. But in the usual way issues |
| 21 | position: | 21 | may arise in that context on which expert evidence may |
| 22 | "In relation to funds in corporate entities | 22 | be of assistance. For example we say that we're |
| 23 | ...(Reading to the words)... refers simply to costs | 23 | entitled to calculate our costs on a basis $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ or Z or |
| 24 | which the relevant entity would incur if it were to | 24 | to include factors A and B and if we do so that will |
| 25 | acquire the relevant amounts subject to the definition | 25 | fall within the relevant provision in the master |
|  | Page 70 |  | Page 72 |


| 1 | agreement and Wentworth disagrees. | 1 | claim an effective rate of interest greater than the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | And we say an expert can assist in identifying the | 2 | Judgments Act rate and again I will come back to those. |
| 3 | various costs that an entity may incur and explain why | 3 | Wentworth's position, as we understand it, is that |
| 4 | they are or are not costs. Your Lordship's seen | 4 | Mr McKee clearly sets out the basis on which claims can |
| 5 | an example already from question 11. You can borrow | 5 | be advanced. Its position as we understand it is that |
| 6 | money. Is the cost of borrowing money simply limited to | 6 | that explanation is sufficiently clear, no expert |
| 7 | the interest of fees or does that have an impact on your | 7 | evidence is required. And we say not so. |
| 8 | capital structure and effectively causes you to incur | 8 | As your Lordship will see in a moment expert |
| 9 | an additional cost as well? | 9 | evidence will assist the court in understanding the two |
| 10 | My Lord, the expert may also be able to comment on | 10 | approaches and assist it in deciding on what does or |
| 11 | the way in which entities may approach the question of | 11 | does not or is or is not capable of being a cost for the |
| 12 | ascertaining such costs and explain the concepts | 12 | purposes of the definition of default rate. |
| 13 | involved. | 13 | Now, just showing your Lordship the two bases and |
| 14 | My Lord, at the last CMC your Lordship said that | 14 | starting, because it's probably easiest to start with |
| 15 | would be helpful to have greater clarity on the bases | 15 | this, with the second basis. If your Lordship goes to |
| 16 | upon which claims can be put forward. And that led to | 16 | paragraph 18, picking it up at 19, Mr McKee says: |
| 17 | the November order, let me just remind your Lordship of | 17 | "As an alternative, ie alternative to the first |
| 18 | that. It's in the CMC bundle volume 1 at tab 3. It's | 18 | basis, albeit less precise way of measuring cost of |
| 19 | volume 1. Tab 3 is the order and the relevant paragraph | 19 | funding would be to look at the enterprise's overall |
| 20 | is paragraph 10. | 20 | cost of funding across all its assets and attribute that |
| 21 | "The Senior Creditor Group do by 15 January file and | 21 | blended cost to the amount in question. In this context |
| 22 | served on the administrators ...(Reading | 22 | many of the same principles discussed above are |
| 23 | words)...substantiate such claims to interest and | 23 | relevant. Using this approach one would examine the wa |
| 24 | any experts instructed in due course pursuan | 24 | the enterprise has obtained funding for all purposes, ie |
| 25 | paragraph 12 below in preparing the expert evidence by Page 73 | 25 | what percentage is debt rather than equity funding, Page 75 |
| 1 | reference to such real claims." | 1 | estimate the funding cost of each component and based or |
| 2 | And that was in part a response to your Lordship's | 2 | this analysis calculate the enterprise's overall blended |
| 3 | suggestions and in part also prompted by the | 3 | cost of funding. The result is the enterprise's |
| 4 | administrators, as my learned friend Mr Trower said, | 4 | weighted average cost of capital being the cost of |
| 5 | wishing to ensure that the administrators get guidance | 5 | funding a portfolio of all the enterprise's existing |
| 6 | which they can apply. | 6 | investments. |
| 7 | That led to, as my learned friend said, Mr McKee's | 7 | "Having calculated a relevant ...(Reading to the |
| 8 | witness statement which is at tab 14 of that bundle. If | 8 | words)... therefore one can use this calculation to |
| 9 | your Lordship goes to paragraph 4 on the third page | 9 | measure the cost to the relevant payee of raising |
| 10 | Mr McKee says: | 10 | an incremental sum of money equivalent to the relevant |
| 11 | "In compliance with the order ...(Reading to the | 11 | amount. Although a cost of funding calculated on the |
| 12 | words)... rate in excess of the Judgments Act rate." | 12 | second basis fails to isolate specific funding |
| 13 | And then that report is attached. The report is in | 13 | attributable to the defaulted LBIE claim in the way that |
| 14 | three parts. There's an introduction your Lordship can | 14 | first basis does the second basis accurately captures |
| 15 | see on the following page. Then just to identify the | 15 | a relevant payee's average cost of funding across all of |
| 16 | parts. Paragraph 10 contains the first of two bases of | 16 | its assets including its defaulted claim against LBIE. |
| 17 | calculation and I'll come back to these. The first | 17 | This is likely to produce a conservative result, ie to |
| 18 | basis for calculation starts at paragraph 10 and it's | 18 | understate the true cost of funding where, as will often |
| 19 | the cost of funding the defaulting party in the | 19 | be the case, the defaulted LBIE claim is riskier than on |
| 20 | relevant amount. | 20 | average the other assets of the relevant payee." |
| 21 | The second basis starts at paragraph 18 and it's the | 21 | And in this case 21 makes the point that: |
| 22 | cost of raising a sum of money equal to the relevant | 22 | "There are likely to be distinctions between the |
| 23 | amount. | 23 | respective costs of funding the different relevant |
| 24 | My Lord, then there are, beginning at paragraph 22, | 24 | payees even though they each hold an asset with |
| 25 | three examples of circumstances in which entities can Page 74 | 25 | ...(Reading to the words)... are taken into account in Page 76 |


| 1 | assessing their cost of funding. | 1 | of whether th |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | My Lord, that's one approach | 2 |  |
| 3 | Creditor Group contends is a proper way to measure cost | 3 | . |
| 4 | and cost of funding and is capable of falling within the | 4 | Now, my Lord, that's Mr McKee's explanation of two |
| 5 | definition of default | 5 | hich the Senior Creditor Group contend are prope |
| 6 | t basis, | 6 | aches to measuring costs, cost of funding and fall |
| 7 | paragraph 10, unlike the second basis focus | 7 | W |
| 8 | cost essentially of the specific asset with which one i | 8 | pectfully suggest that your Lordship would be |
| 9 | concerned and starting | 9 | ced by experts explair |
| 10 | A defaulted claim agains | 10 | ceptual basis underlying both bases, why they involve |
| 11 | belonging to the relevant payee. There is a cost | 11 | costs and costs of funding of the relevant entity, to |
| 12 | relevant payee of holding the defaulted clai | 12 | le your Lordship ultimately to decide whether as |
| 13 | having the funds that should have been paid to it by | 13 | atter of construction they're capable of falling |
| 14 | LBIE. Put another way there is a cost to the relevant | 14 | within the definition of default rate. |
| 15 | payee of being forced to fund LBIE in the sum of the | 15 | e do say that there's noth |
| 16 | relevant amount over the period of LBIE's default." | 16 | usual in any of this. For example if your Lordship |
| 17 | Then 11 | 17 | has an issue for example whether or not a surgeon wa |
| 18 | , | 18 | ilty of negligence it would be of course for |
| 19 | intuitive principle of corporate finance that the key | 19 | L Lordship to decide whether or not ultimately the |
| 20 | determinant of the cost of funding borne is the risk and | 20 | ons of a surgeon were or were not negligent but |
| 21 | term of the asset being funded, illustrated simply th | 21 | ciding the answer to that question your Lordship will |
| 22 | true cost to an enterprise of funding an investment | 22 | ten be helped by an expert to explain the task which |
| 23 | a risky bearing additional risk | 23 | e surgeon was undertaking, the way in which the |
| 24 | 12: | 24 | eon would normally undertake it, the reasons why |
| 25 | "In the case of LBIE's claims the relevant payee is Page 77 | 25 | ent wrong, essentially to insure your Lordship fully Page 79 |
| 1 | forced to bear the risk ...(Reading to the words)... for an indefinite term. A material chance the relevant payee will never be repaid in full which increases the riskiness of the asset. Market participants demand a high rate of interest for bearing such risk. It is this rate that represents the true cost to the enterprise of funding LBIE over its period of default." <br> Then 13: <br> "This key principle is captured in a widely understood postulate ...(Reading to the words)... does not depend on the type of financing a firm uses to raise capital, whether the firm uses equity debt or a mixture of the two but instead depends on the nature of the asset itself." <br> My Lord, I won't continue reading 14 through to 16 although those continue to explain the way in which this basis operates. Your Lordship should note 17 picks up the point I think I made earlier and Mr McKee says: <br> "It follows that there a number of different enterprises ...(Reading to the words)... factors to be a material distinction between their respective true costs of funding an asset. In other words applying the first basis to calculate the cost of funding of an enterprise in respect of a defaulted LBIE claim should not produce materially different funding costs Page 78 | 1 |  |
| 2 |  | 2 | cide the ul |
| 3 |  | 3 | ord, we say both bases are bases which would |
| 4 |  | 4 | repay or deserve assistance from an expert, certainly |
| 5 |  | 5 | I have never come across for example a Modigliani Mill |
| 6 |  | 6 | troduced it and it does take, |
| 7 |  | 7 | certainly speaking for myself, a little time to |
| 8 |  | 8 | derstand the economic intricacies involved. |
| 9 |  | 9 | Now -- |
| 10 |  | 10 | ICE DAVID RICHARDS: I wonder whet |
| 11 |  | 11 | DA 1992 master agreement was familiar with the |
| 12 |  | 12 | theorem |
| 13 |  | 13 | MR DICKER |
| 14 |  | 14 | aftsman of the master agreement was sufficiently wise |
| 15 |  | 15 | mply to say an entity ought to be able to claim its |
| 16 |  | 16 | funding, that being a question of fact, he was |
| 17 |  | 17 | ntially leaving it open for the parties to say we |
| 18 |  | 18 | derstand and can appreciate what precisely the |
| 19 |  | 19 | sts involved are, even if that understanding may not |
| 20 |  | 20 | as or wasn't present to |
| 21 |  | 21 | the draftsman at the time he drafted it |
| 22 |  | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But aren't you -- it seems to me |
| 23 |  | 23 | u're actually -- this is really like Mr Zacaroli's |
| 24 |  | 24 | approach. You're really suggesting there was a market |
| 25 |  | 25 | usage that as -- the concept of costs as used in the |
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| 1 | definition of default rate encompassed these sort of | 1 | definition of default rate. |
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| 2 | cos | 2 | MR DICKER: We say your Lordship will be assisted in |
| 3 | MR DICKER: My Lord, not necessarily. I mean, plainly it's | 3 | deciding that second question. If you fully understand |
| 4 | possible that parties have in the past used this method, | 4 | the conceptual basis and the nature of the costs |
| 5 | one or other methods to estimate their cost. That's one | 5 | incurred in the first and second bases as set out by |
| 6 | approach. But we're not contending, as it were, this | 6 | Mr McKee. I mean, take an example going back many, |
| 7 | meaning was a notorious universal meaning, or even | 7 | many years -- probably too many years, but if the court |
| 8 | universal between particular entities. We don't need to | 8 | were asked to decide for example what cost the capital |
| 9 | contend that. We say it's ultimately a question of | 9 | s. Now there are two approaches the court could |
| 10 | whether or not something is a cost. But in the context | 10 | determine. It could either say well this is just |
| 11 | of corporate finance, in understanding precisely what | 11 | a question of construction. I will effectively work it |
| 12 | costs an entity occurs and how properly you should | 12 | out for myself. Or it can say, well, one way in which |
| 13 | measure those costs, that is an area, plainly an area on | 13 | parties' accountants and others approach estimating |
| 14 | which expert economists, corporate financiers have | 14 | costs of capital appears by what's called the weighted |
| 15 | written and commented and your Lordship would repay some | 15 | average cost of capital and the court may think it's |
| 16 | assistance from them in understanding the concept in | 16 | helpful to ensure that it ultimately understands what |
| 17 | that context. | 17 | that theory is, how it works and how it applies before |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But the question is whether thi | 18 | finally ruling on what is or is not within the |
| 19 | definition encompasses costs of that sort. | 19 | contractual phrase "cost of capital". In a sense what |
| 20 | MR TROWER: Yes. | 20 | we're saying here is not that much different from that. |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's a question of | 21 | This is the way costs of funding is approached by |
| 22 | construction of the master agreement. If it does -- so | 22 | a corporate financier. These are costs and costs of |
| 23 | if it has a very broad meaning then in advancing a case | 23 | funding properly incurred. These are bases on which |
| 24 | for particular costs in a particular case one can | 24 | parties can rationally and properly advance a claim |
| 25 | readily see the scope for expert evidence. Because the Page 81 | 25 | interest. But your Lordship needs, we say, to Page 83 |
| 1 | claimant will say: well our cost of funding of the sort | 1 | understand those bases and in our respectful submission |
| 2 | that you've been describing was X and this is how we ge | 2 | that is best done by experts rather than simply by |
| 3 | to it. That's not the question here. The question here | 3 | reading Mr McKee's report which is what Wentworth |
| 4 | is whether this phrase encompasses that type of cost | 4 | appears to envisage. |
| 5 | Now, I'm trying to understand how you put the case | 5 | Now, my Lord, obviously in some cases one might be |
| 6 | there. Because before you get to the theorem and so on | 6 | concerned about costs involved in instructing additional |
| 7 | you have to have concluded that the ISDA master | 7 | experts. My Lord, obviously that shouldn't be a concern |
| 8 | agreement intended to encompass that type of cost within | 8 | for your Lordship in this case, the amounts involved are |
| 9 | this definition. | 9 | sufficiently large. But this isn't a case in which |
| 10 | MR DICKER: My Lord, that we say, like any question of | 10 | additional costs should play a material part in deciding |
| 11 | constructio | 11 | whether or not a direction for experts should be given. |
| 12 | Your Lordship needs to under | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Looking at the first basis o |
| 13 | costs which can be incurred and their conceptual bases | 13 | calculation, I mean I don't -- you may say I shouldn't |
| 14 | before coming back to ultimately decide whether or not | 14 | really enter into this, but looking at the definition of |
| 15 | they fall within the definition. | 15 | default rate it's the cost to the payee of funding the |
| 16 | I mean take - | 16 | relevant amount, plus 1 per cent per annum. Now the |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: In other words the sort of costs | 17 | relevant amount is the amount owed by the counterparty, |
| 18 | we're talking about -- I mean having -- you've set out | 18 | the close out amount, whatever it is. So the payee has |
| 19 | here types of costs which -- and your expert evidence | 19 | not received a million dollars, which it should have |
| 20 | will be directed to establishing that this is what | 20 | received and it's got to fund a million dollars. Why is |
| 21 | people talk about in a costs and sort of corporate | 21 | it anything to do with funding LBIE? The identity of |
| 22 | finance context. I mean that might all be agreed, that | 22 | the counterparty is irrelevant. We just have a |
| 23 | corporate financiers would talk about this in their | 23 | counterparty who hasn't paid the million dollars. Now |
| 24 | areas as cost and so on. The question then is well, is | 24 | what is the cost to the payee of funding a million |
| 25 | that a meaning to be attributed to costs in the | 25 | dollars? |
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MR DICKER: My Lord, again perfectly sensible questions, if
    I may respectfully say so, and answered by an expert --
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But not an expert in ISDA master
        agreements. He is just going to say -- I find it very
    difficult to see what that approach has to do with the
    definition of default rate as it appears in the
    agreement. He's not going to be able to assist me with
    that.
    MR DICKER: No he's not. What he is going to be able to do
        is ensure your Lordship understands this basis of
        calculation cost. So LBIE owes a sum of money --
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, paragraph 10 here, first
    basis of calculation, third sentence:
            "Put another way there is a cost to the relevant
    payee of being forced to fund LBIE in the sum of the
    relevant amount over the period of ..."
            Then it goes on to talk about risks of funding junk
    bonds and so on:
            "12. In the case of LBIE claims the relevant payee
        is forced to bear the risk associated with extending
        credit to an insolvent estate."
            Well no. I mean I just don't understand how that
    comes into play in the definition of default rate.
    MR DICKER: And if that was -- if that remains
    your Lordship's view --
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    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Having heard the expert. Bu
I must test it a bit. Why is -- looking at the
definition of default rate, this is a legal question,
why is it relevant that -- I mean the payee is not being
forced to extend credit to an insolvent estate, it is
being forced to obtain the money for itself.
MR DICKER: Yes. But, my Lord, what an expert would say is
that cost is effectively identical to the cost of
bearing the defaulted claim against LBIE. In other
words if one takes the incremental --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But he is not being asked to
fund the defaulted claim. He is being asked to fund the
relevant amount.
MR DICKER: My Lord, yes -- well --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's not the defaulted claim
You are not funding an asset here. You are funding
an absence of cash.
MR DICKER: No, although the incremental cost of obtaining
that funding, in other words if you take the position
before LBIE defaulted on the one hand and after it
defaulted and funding had to be obtained on the other,
after LBIE defaulted -- I mean the expression is graphic
and in a sense accurate. You have effectively extended
although you hadn't agreed to extend credit to LBIE, at
least in the sense that LBIE owes you a sum of money
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which it has not paid.
Now, you then have to get in funding and the
question is: what is your cost of funding of that? Now,
as I understand it the approach based on the
Modigliani Miller theorem, which Mr McKee says is not,
although fundamental is not immediately an intuitive
principle, it is that that cost is effectively
reflective of riskiness of the relevant asset.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm not concerned with the
riskiness of assets. If you're looking -- supposing the
counterparty is one of the primary banks in the world, a
prime US bank, and LBIE has defaulted on a swap with it.
It's owed a million dollars. The concern is how much is
it going to cost that US prime bank to fund the relevant
amount. The relevant amount I think we're agreed is
a million dollars. Nothing to do with LBIE, is it?
MR DICKER: But one takes it in stages. The first thing you
could say the prime bank does is go out and borrow a sum
of money. And the second basis, which Mr McKee deals
with, effectively says well, that the cost of borrowing
money isn't simply the interest and the fees on the
loan. Simply by borrowing a sum of money you
effectively weaken the position of your equity holders
and impose a cost on them. And that's the second basis.
Now, what Mr McKee says is well that's actually not
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an entirely accurate way of measuring cost of funding
because what you're doing is effectively taking
a blended range, giving LBIE essentially the benefit of
your -- the rest of your --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I really don't at the minute
understand what LBIE has to do with this. LBIE is the
defaulting party, it has failed to pay money. The focus
is now on the counterparty. How much is it going to
cost the counterparty to replace that money? At the
minute I simply cannot see the relevance of LBIE. I can
see of course there's an argument to be had as to
whether funding is intended to be restricted to
borrowing or other types of funding, that is
a completely different issue. But so far as this basis,
whichever basis it is, I find it at the moment quite
impossible to understand how it's relevant to, as
a matter of construction, default rate.
MR DICKER: Because the expert would say --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm sorry. Go on.
MR DICKER: Your Lordship is quite right, one is focusing on
the cost of funding.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm focusing on the words in the
contract.
MR DICKER: Yes. If it funds or if it were to fund the
relevant amount and the expert's response would be to
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| 1 | in other words when you deal with 2, you also need to | 1 | example market participants, including financial |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | have a look at Mr McKee's statement and the methods he | 2 | institutions of the sort he refers to, can and do use |
| 3 | identifies, together with possible approaches imply in | 3 | alternative methods of assessing funding, for example |
| 4 | the witness statement of Mr Bingham on behalf of | 4 | these. The second reason I understand question 2 is |
| 5 | Wentworth, or in Mr Lomas' statement and comment on | 5 | inserted, no doubt my learned friend Mr Trower will tell |
| 6 | whether those are consistent or inconsistent with your | 6 | me if I'm wrong, is to ensure the administrators don't |
| 7 | opinion. | 7 | simply get an answer to Mr Zacaroli's question, and are |
| 8 | My Lord, the final point is simply this. If | 8 | left with nothing more than being told default rate |
| 9 | your Lordship goes in the correspondence bundle to | 9 | bears its ordinary and natural meaning and there's no |
| 10 | page 100 there's a letter from Linklaters and it | 10 | further determination as to what precisely as a matter |
| 11 | identifies one other possible reason why expert evidence | 11 | of construction comes within that. |
| 12 | may be required. It's the penultimate paragraph on | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But this question here is |
| 13 | page 101. My Lord, it may be easiest if you were just | 13 | prefaced with "If the answer to question 1 is yes", so |
| 14 | to read that paragraph beginning "In addition to those | 14 | that presupposes that Mr Zacaroli's market custom |
| 15 | points". | 15 | meaning is accepted, in which case the question's |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. (Pause) Yes. | 16 | answered. |
| 17 | MR DICKER: My Lord, the obvious point is simply this. I do | 17 | MR DICKER: My Lord, maybe I'm reading too much into chang |
| 18 | not know whether or to what extent the evidence which | 18 | by the time one gets to page 109, which as we now have |
| 19 | the Senior Creditor Group would wish to adduce by way of | 19 | a tweak which means these questions arise whether or |
| 20 | expert evidence in support of two bases identified by | 20 | no |
| 21 | Mr McKee will necessarily cover this material. And | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think the same point arises |
| 22 | your Lordship I think can't safely assume that it would. | 22 | Insofar as question 1 is answered yes, at the moment |
| 23 | If so that, it seems to us at least, is a matter which | 23 | that looks like it's the end of it, as far as the case |
| 24 | the administrators need to consider, in other words is | 24 | that he's putting forward now. I appreciate he's |
| 25 | there more expert evidence that may be required, what do Page 93 | 25 | putting forward a case in respect of a subset of parties $\text { Page } 95$ |
| 1 | they need to ensure that they get the guidance that they | 1 | that enter into these ISDA master agreements or |
| 2 | are hoping to receive from your Lordship | 2 | transactions based on the master agreements but as far |
| 3 | My Lord, I think then at 104 that's picked up by th | 3 | as they are concerned, as far as the meaning for which |
| 4 | administrators, my learned friend Mr Trower reminds me | 4 | he contends in that context, as I understand it that's |
| 5 | in the Linklaters earlier draft amendment to the | 5 | the end of the debate. |
| 6 | proposed questions, if your Lordship just looks | 6 | MR DICKER: Yes, but if he's -- well, if he's right that |
| 7 | question 2(e), that as I understand it is a suggested | 7 | that debate itself may involve considering not merely |
| 8 | addition by the administrators effectively to deal with | 8 | how he says banks approach things, but also how the |
| 9 | the point in correspondence I just mentioned. | 9 | nior Credit -- or take the administrators' letter, |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The puzzling thing I think at | 10 | her creditors contend -- |
| 11 | the moment about this is that Mr Zacaroli's clients put | 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Well do you mean creditors |
| 12 | forward a specific market usage meaning. And at the | 12 | lling within his definition of financial -- |
| 13 | moment I don't understand that any of the issues in 2 | 13 | MR DICKER: Yes. |
| 14 | apply to the meaning which they put forward. The expert | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So even in a case where you have |
| 15 | evidence really on the market usage should be confined | 15 | a contract made between two financial institutions, as |
| 16 | to the meaning which Mr Zacaroli's clients put forward. | 16 | Mr Zacaroli uses that term, and assume the answer to his |
| 17 | Their case is it bears this meaning. Your case is it | 17 | question is "yes", it establishes that case, you say |
| 18 | doesn't. Indeed your case is it doesn't bear any market | 18 | that these issues still arise. |
| 19 | meaning | 19 | MR DICKER: No. I'm sorry if perhaps I wasn't clear. The |
| 20 | So I don't at the moment see why one needs to ask | 20 | submission was that in answering that question, in other |
| 21 | any of the questions in question 2, when considering the | 21 | words is Mr Zacaroli right or wrong as between such |
| 22 | meaning for which Mr Zacaroli contends. | 22 | institutions it means cost of funding as a bank |
| 23 | MR DICKER: I suppose two possible reasons. One of which is | 23 | treasurer would mean one response may be that's wrong. |
| 24 | the parties' response to Mr Zacaroli's position is it | 24 | It's wrong because the following alternative approaches |
| 25 | doesn't bear the meaning for which he contends, for | 25 | can and often are used. |
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That I follow. That I follow. | 1 | wish to occur, thus effectively a desire to engage in |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | So you would be saying that the way he expresses costs | 2 | a debate which may try to give the administrators |
| 3 | of funding for the purposes of financial institutions is | 3 | additional guidance. |
| 4 | wrong because actually they use it in a quite different | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I accept that. I accept that. |
| 5 | way. That is evidence which would go to rebut his case. | 5 | mean, your clients wish to advance the case that on |
| 6 | But if nonetheless he succeeds in his case, I don't se | 6 | its true construction default rate in the master |
| 7 | why we ask the questions in question 2 , which after all | 7 | agreements extends to the concepts of cost to which |
| 8 | are "or under any term of art established in response to | 8 | Mr McKee refers and explains. |
| 9 | question 1." | 9 | MR DICKER: Or put another way, extends to concepts of cost |
| 10 | MR DICKER: Because you then have the remaining part even on | 10 | included within paragraph 2(a) to (f) of the draft |
| 11 | my learned friend's case of the operation of the default | 11 | order. |
| 12 | rate. In order words do those institutions who are not | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. I think my query is why d |
| 13 | banks or financial institutions -- | 13 | we need expert evidence on it? |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But the point is that this | 14 | MR DICKER: Because we say your Lordship will be assisted in |
| 15 | question 2 here is: which of the following could fall | 15 | ure of the costs involve |
| 16 | within the scope of cost if it were to fund or | 16 | the way in which they are incurred, the conceptual basis |
| 17 | of funding, either in its general meaning or under any | 17 | of the assessment of costs in ultimately deciding |
| 18 | term of art established in response to question 1. And | 18 | hether or not as a matter of construction they are |
| 19 | it's that latter bit which is neither here nor there. | 19 | within the wording the default rate. |
| 20 | MR DICKER: I think on the way your Lordship formulates it | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It seems to me it's a very large |
| 21 | that's right. The on | 21 | exercise to undertake when one is seeking to construe |
| 22 | the rebuttal evidence to Mr Zacaroli's or Wentworth's | 22 | the clause. I don't really understand why -- I mean on |
| 23 | position ends up effectively establishing an alternative | 23 | one view one could take Mr McKee's witness statement and |
| 24 | trade practice. | 24 | exhibit as it is now and say does the definition of |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: No. That's impossible. | 25 | default rate extend to these costs? Here's |
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| 1 | there is only one trade meaning being put forward. | 1 | a description of it. Whether or not how it would play |
| 2 | MR DICKER: Your Lordship's quite right. So I think so far | 2 | out in any particular case of course is a different |
| 3 | as, unless I'm missing something, your Lordship's right | 3 | matter. But is it -- because that's the question I'm |
| 4 | in relation to those concluding words but we still have | 4 | being asked after all, conceptually are these costs as a |
| 5 | the points firstly the debate about whether or not | 5 | matter of construction within the meaning of the default |
| 6 | Wentworth is right may raise these alternative | 6 | rate definition. One approaches it as a matter of, you |
| 7 | approaches. In other words are these approaches which | 7 | know, ordinary litigation and the Statement of Case. |
| 8 | the banks can and do take, ie is this evidence that | 8 | I don't at the moment understand why the parties |
| 9 | contradicts the existence of a general practice. And, | 9 | couldn't agree well that is indeed a way in which |
| 10 | secondly, one has at least the remaining part of | 10 | corporate financiers might approach the question of |
| 11 | Wentworth's case in relation to funds or other corporate | 11 | costs. It's a perfectly respectable approach to the |
| 12 | entities where you have effectively the same questions. | 12 | concept of costs. It just doesn't happen to be what |
| 13 | My Lord, just stepping back, one way the parties | 13 | this clause contemplates. |
| 14 | could have approached this was effectively to say to | 14 | MR DICKER: My Lord, your Lordship then needs, we say, to |
| 15 | your Lordship: look, ultimately this is a matter of | 15 | understand precisely what these costs are and why they |
| 16 | certification for the individual claimant. They have to | 16 | are ascertained in this way to be able -- |
| 17 | provide their estimate of costs and if it's rational and | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But Mr McKee does a pretty good |
| 18 | bona fide that's an end of it. And effectively said | 18 | job of explaining things. |
| 19 | that's the process that should be adopted as between | 19 | MR DICKER: With the greatest of respect Mr McKee he is not |
| 20 | each claimant and the administrators. | 20 | an expert and he is not someone we would be proposing to |
| 21 | Now as we understand it that's not an approach which | 21 | tender for the purpose of dealing with these matters. |
| 22 | the administrators would wish to occur. | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'll hear what Mr Zacaroli says |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: No. | 23 | but I'm just concerned that we're about to embark on |
| 24 | MR DICKER: To the extent it ends up delaying things it's | 24 | an exercise, for the parties and the court, which is |
| 25 | not an approach which the Senior Creditor Group would | 25 | simply not required in order to answer the question. |
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| 1 | MR DICKER: My Lord, I need to persuade your Lordship | 1 | And thirdly: |
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| 2 | obviously that there is sufficient potential benefit to | 2 | derstanding the various ways in which the true |
| 3 | make it sensible to embark on this process now to avoid | 3 | cost of raising an incremental sum of money can and |
| 4 | the risk of, come the trial, your Lordship on hearing | 4 | should be measured." |
| 5 | from Mr McKee or anyone else decides some more | 5 | And the fourth way is: |
| 6 | assistance would be helpful | 6 | "To understand the ways in which the true costs |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: There is always a chicken and | 7 | associated with being forced to fund defaulting party |
| 8 | egg here, I agree. Yes. | 8 | can and should be measured." |
| 9 | MR DICKER: My Lord, unless I can help your Lordship | 9 | Now a number of terms used in those subparagraphs, |
| 10 | further. | 10 | the first of which is reference to the true cost. It |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Mr Zacaroli. | 11 | immediately begs the question true according to what |
| 12 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, we start with the point that this is | 12 | standard? The only are relevant question is: is that |
| 13 | a question of the construction of the phrase "the cost | 13 | cost, that concept of costs referred to there within the |
| 14 | to the relevant payee if it were to fund the relevant | 14 | four corners of the definition in the master agreement? |
| 15 | amount." | 15 | Otherwise it's irrelevant to ask what true costs mean. |
| 16 | The proposed expert evidence which the Senior | 16 | Similarly the reference to how entities can calculate |
| 17 | Creditor Group wish to adduce in relation to that goes | 17 | their costs. "Can" could be used in two meanings there. |
| 18 | to the question of, my learned friend's put it in | 18 | First of all a way in which in theory they could go |
| 19 | various ways today, the cost to an entity of funding the | 19 | about doing it as a matter of calculation. That takes |
| 20 | entries as he put it, or cost to the entity of funding | 20 | us nowhere. The second possibility is "can" means the |
| 21 | the asset being the receivable from LBIE. There are a | 21 | way in which they are permitted to do so. But that is |
| 22 | number of different things you might be funding but not | 22 | also meaningless unless it's in the context of the words |
| 23 | the cost to fund the relevant amount, which is the only | 23 | of the agreement and takes you straight back to the |
| 24 | thing this court's concerned with, the construction of | 24 | question of construction, where the evidence will give |
| 25 | that phrase. And the way in which an entity might, an Page 101 | 25 | no assistance at all. What a corporate finance theorist Page 103 |
| 1 | corporate or a fund might calculate the cost to it of | 1 | or practitioner might think the words mean. |
| 2 | funding its liabilities generally or funding | 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's clearly not -- I don' |
| 3 | a particular asset is irrelevant to that question. | 3 | think Mr Dicker would suggest that they could give |
| 4 | Now, my learned friend today has accepted two | 4 | evidence on that. |
| 5 | things: first of all as it clearly stated | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: That is in fact the question that's being |
| 6 | correspondence before today that the FCG's case does not | 6 | suggested here because it's how should they measure |
| 7 | involve asserting any market usage. So that's not their | 7 | their costs and the only relevance of that question is |
| 8 | case. And secondly he accepts today that the expert | 8 | in the context of the construction of the agreement. |
| 9 | evidence he proposes to adduce would not assist the | 9 | Similarly then the other way to put it here is how |
| 10 | court with the meaning of the words. So we do ask the | 10 | do these entities calculate their costs? That really is |
| 11 | question well then what is the point of the expert | 11 | what this may come down to at the end of the day. |
| 12 | evidence if there's no market usage being asserted and | 12 | Mr Dicker wishes to advance evidence which simply |
| 13 | it would not assist the court in determining the meaning | 13 | explains the way in which corporates, funds, typically |
| 14 | of the words, which is the only question for the court? | 14 | do calculate whatever it is they're calculating, it |
| 15 | What they say in their skeleton is paragraph 64 of the | 15 | doesn't appear to be said to be calculating the amount |
| 16 | FCG's skeleton, tab 6 of the CMC bundle, page 24. | 16 | owed to them under the ISDA master agreement default |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 17 | interest definition, it's more general than that, it's |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Summarising four subparagraphs about the ways | 18 | how they generally calculate their cost -- |
| 19 | in which they say the court would be assisted. First of | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The question is for what |
| 20 | all in understanding how entities can and do calculate | 20 | purpose. |
| 21 | their funding costs, generally they are not referenced | 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Exactly. We say that one doesn't need expert |
| 22 | to the ISDA master agreement: | 22 | evidence to identify as a matter of fact the ways in |
| 23 | "Secondly understand the conceptual bases for the | 23 | which it is being suggested that or the concepts of cost |
| 24 | group's case that the cost of ...(Reading to the | 24 | which is being suggested fall within the definition. In |
| 25 | words)...not limited in that way." | 25 | the same way as for example a notice says "no bicycles |
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| 1 | in the park", you might want to know what a bicycle is | 1 | question then would be given that background is that |
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| 2 | and the court needs to understand what a particular | 2 | what the definition of default rate is aimed |
| 3 | party is saying constitutes a bicycle and it would ask | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: So when I say for the purposes of construction |
| 4 | itself whether that fits the description or not. You | 4 | we are prepared to accept those are credible ways in |
| 5 | don't need expert evidence to tell you what the bicycle | 5 | which concepts of costs in the corporate financial |
| 6 | is, or at least what the argument for the bicycle -- | 6 | sphere. That doesn't mean we have to accept that they |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: There is always a danger in | 7 | actually are. One doesn't need to go to that step. All |
| 8 | analogies. | 8 | we are saying is we are prepared to have the argument |
| 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Of course. | 9 | that whether they exist or not are they within the |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I suppose -- I mean clearly - | 10 | meaning of the words, we are prepared to accept for the |
| 11 | the administrators would like this issue determined. | 11 | purpose of the argument, of construction, that they can |
| 12 | That's clear. The Senior Creditor Group is putting | 12 | be treated as if they are real concepts that happen in |
| 13 | forward a case for the meaning of default rate which | 13 | the real world. |
| 14 | encompasses costs which are a good deal wider than the | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 15 | case that you put forward. And so there's no objection | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: Which means you don't need expert evidence, |
| 16 | to the case being put forward | 16 | hich is frankly unlimited in scope here because it's |
| 17 | The issue is whether there needs to be expe | 17 | not -- there are two bases of calculation put forward in |
| 18 | evidence about that. | 18 | Mr McKee's evidence. He then has at the back of the |
| 19 | Now, does Wentworth accept that the concepts of cost | 19 | argument three actual case and my learned friend has |
| 20 | being put forward by Mr McKee on behalf of the Senior | 20 | seen those. It might be worth just glancing at them. |
| 21 | Creditor Group are concepts of costs which are in fact | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 22 | in use by corporate entities, financial or otherwise. | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Tab 14 of the CMC bundle. It's about halfway |
| 23 | Or do they say no, this is all complete nonsense, no one | 23 | through the tab. There no page numbers but there's -- |
| 24 | ever thinks in these terms at all. | 24 | it's paragraph 22 in the long exhibit document. |
| 25 | MR ZACAROLI: We haven't undertaken the same exercise -Page 105 | 25 | Paragraph 22 is the example. He identifies three actual Page 107 |
| 1 | quite extensive exercise probably -- of going to | 1 | examples without names. The first is a corporate in the |
| 2 | corporate finance experts and asking -- | 2 | part of a large group, with 3 billion in adjusted |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Is this a load of baloney? | 3 | profits et cetera and he sets out the sort of |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: -- does this make any sense at all in some | 4 | calculations over the next two pages which can be relied |
| 5 | context or other. I'm prepared to accept for the | 5 | upon in support of the first basis and then the second |
| 6 | purposes of argument today that if we did do that we | 6 | basis. So between paragraph 22 and 30 you'll see actual |
| 7 | would find that in certain contexts this isn't baloney, | 7 | numbers there, an actual application of the bases to |
| 8 | this is something which corporate finance theorists and | 8 | particular facts. |
| 9 | practitioners would identify as a cost that a fund or | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. |
| 10 | a corporate might incur. It might be a way of | 10 | MR ZACAROLI: The same thing happens in examples 2 and 3 . |
| 11 | describing the costs they incur for particular purposes | 11 | So the court will have as it were the equivalent of |
| 12 | but that takes us nowhere because -- | 12 | a pleaded case which is we say as a matter of definition |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It takes us somewhere in the | 13 | costs includes the following three or four or five |
| 14 | sense that it is a legitimate use of the word cost -- | 14 | concepts. It will also have worked examples of that so |
| 15 | MR ZACAROLI: I accept that. | 15 | it can understand what those concepts are said to mean. |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: -- or the cost of funding. | 16 | And that we submit is all the court really needs in |
| 17 | MR SMITH: Yes. | 17 | order to answer the question of construction, which |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 18 | requires you to go back to the agreement, the context |
| 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So in a sense without evidence | 19 | et cetera. One doesn't need any more. You certainly |
| 20 | but that being the case being put forward by Mr Dicker's | 20 | don't need theorists and practitioners from the world of |
| 21 | clients you would have to accept that that was | 21 | corporate finance doing extensive reports about the ways |
| 22 | a legitimate description of costs -- | 22 | in which this or may not happen in practice amongst |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 23 | a whole range of different types of company. We are not |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: -- used in certain, and you | 24 | here talking about a particular expertise or |
| 25 | wouldn't have to define which circumstances. The | 25 | a particular profession with its own rules and |
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|  | can say it's within the meaning as a matter of concept | 1 | first? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | but - | 2 | MR ZACAROLI: I don't dissent from that. This may be |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That is as I understand it. | 3 | a timing point as opposed to anything but that extra |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: But obviously in any given case you have to | 4 | guidance -- if we look at one question for example which |
| 5 | look at the circumstances of the particular | 5 | is question 15 in the list of issues. Question 15 is, |
| 6 | counterparty. | 6 | as I've been reminded, an agreed issue but of course it |
| 7 | We made the suggestion in our skeleton that if the | 7 | contains the words at the end which everyone's ignored, |
| 8 | administrators wants guidance that goes beyond pure | 8 | rightly, because it's impossible to determine that |
| 9 | construction, that a way of achieving that that might be | 9 | question within the context of these proceedings. |
| 10 | worth giving consideration to is test cases, because you | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 11 | can't -- Mr McKee's evidence tells us how particular | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: So it may well be as my Lord says that the |
| 12 | funds have or are likely to calculate their costs but we | 12 | question of construction would have to be first |
| 13 | don't know anything about those funds other than the | 13 | determined to see what's |
| 14 | bare facts. You don't know the full circumstances, what | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think it might be a more |
| 15 | borrowing would have been available to them at the time | 15 | efficient use of court time and indeed parties' time and |
| 16 | for example. All that information is necessary before | 16 | money to decide the issue of construction. |
| 17 | you can decide the amount they did certify was rational | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. I accept that. But what I'm saying is |
| 18 | and in good faith, taking into account the | 18 | that to the extent that further guidance is -- which is |
| 19 | circumstances. | 19 | useful, I'm sure it is useful to have broader guidance |
| 20 | So we have made the suggestion that if the | 20 | than that across the types of claim that are likely to |
| 21 | administrators want to get further assistance, where you | 21 | be raised, then the appropriate forum for that is a test |
| 22 | would be able to adduce expert evidence in various | 22 | case as opposed to trying to force in those sorts of |
| 23 | fields no doubt, relative to a particular case, then | 23 | question into a question of construction -- |
| 24 | provided you choose the cases carefully, and with types | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Coming back to it I mean th |
| 25 | of claim that are representative of the entire group, Page 113 | 25 | question with Mr McKee's witness statement, the question Page 115 |
| 1 | then the court could give, case by case specific, but | 1 | is raised well are these costs that can fall within the |
| 2 | guidance by determining the very issues in the context | 2 | definition of default rate. So it may be that |
| 3 | of test cases. | 3 | administrators will want to ask the same question in |
| 4 | Now we suggest that would be a way of broadening the | 4 | respect of other types of costs, I mean they haven't |
| 5 | scope of -- broadening the extent of the guidance the | 5 | said so yet but that's the point that Mr Dicker I think |
| 6 | court can give, which it simply can't give if it's | 6 | made in his skeleton. |
| 7 | simply asking questions of construction as are raised by | 7 | Those necessarily are quite generic issues but |
| 8 | this issues. So we have made that suggestion. | 8 | they're real in the sense that there are creditors who |
| 9 | hasn't so far been taken up by anybody but we reiterate | 9 | ish to put forward at any rate the case Mr Dicker |
| 10 | the suggestion. | 10 | advances. |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: With a test case of course - | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: But the point I'm making is those of course |
| 12 | mean the first issue in a sense would be the issue of | 12 | are determinable on a question of construction, are they |
| 13 | construction. | 13 | off side or not. |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's the same issue as is | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: No expert evidence required for that. Expert |
| 16 | raised by the administrators. And then in practice -- | 16 | idence to the extent that it would be useful comes |
| 17 | well, in practice probably you'd have a single hearing | 17 | at the next stage. |
| 18 | where you would argue the issue of construction, but you | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I follow, yes. |
| 19 | also have the expert evidence and so on going to the | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, unless I can assist further those are |
| 20 | issue as to whether if on its proper construction | 20 | our submissions on that issue. |
| 21 | default rate includes these types of costs, whether the | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you very much. I wil |
| 22 | claimant can establish that case in these particular | 22 | hear Mr Dicker at the end but I think I should hear you |
| 23 | circumstances. | 23 | first, Mr Trower. |
| 24 | Now a court faced with that claim might say well | 24 | MR TROWER: My Lord, I wasn't going to say anything at all |
| 25 | shouldn't we determine the question of construction | 25 | on the pure debate in relation to expert evidence |

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| 1 | because I realise that's what's your Lordship is dealing | 1 | the assertions are being described and characterised by |
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| 2 | with. Just so I can clarify our position in relation to | 2 | the arguments made on behalf the Senior Creditor Group, |
| 3 | question 2, the questions under 2, in the cost of | 3 | that your Lordship may feel assisted by expert evidence. |
| 4 | funding experts, your Lordship can see how that fits | 4 | But it's expert evidence of that character to assist the |
| 5 | from our perspective. What they were from the joint | 5 | court in understanding what may be being asserted as |
| 6 | administrators' perspective, irrespective of whether or | 6 | a cost of funding that may be not entirely, can I put it |
| 7 | not expert evidence in that form was considered by the | 7 | this way, easy to grasp at first blush, certainly if one |
| 8 | court to be appropriate, was a distillation of the | 8 | is a lawyer rather than an economist. |
| 9 | description of the forms of costs of funding which were | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Once one reads Mr McKee's |
| 10 | derive from a combination of the position papers and the | 10 | ness statement, as I have done, although I haven't |
| 11 | McKee evidence for the purposes of establishing whether, | 11 | worked through the detail of the examples at the end, |
| 12 | where in circumstances in which an assertion is made by | 12 | his explanation is very clea |
| 13 | a creditor this constitutes the cost of funding, the | 13 | MR TROWER: Yes. That's why I put it in a relatively |
| 14 | court is able to give the administrators guidance as to | 14 | low-key way. Some tribunals may find it easier to grasp |
| 15 | whether or not that category of costs falls within, | 15 | the concepts that underpin this than others and at the |
| 16 | conceptually, the idea of cost of funding within the | 16 | d of day the expert evidence is to assist the court -- |
| 17 | meaning of the ISDA. So to that extent there's | 17 | because the one thing the administrators don't want to |
| 18 | obviously a very close correlation between that and the | 18 | find is at the end of this process the court feels |
| 19 | ultimate question which | 19 | comfortable about asking the question because the |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think actually question 2 is | 20 | idence which has been adduced in support of |
| 21 | the question for the court rather than the question for | 21 | understanding of the issue isn't sufficiently clear |
| 22 | the experts. | 22 | don't think it would be right for me to make any other |
| 23 | MR TROWER: I can see why it is that Mr Zacaroli put it | 23 | bmissions apart from that. |
| 24 | way. Just subject to one extra point which I am asked | 24 | MR DICKER: Just a few points by way of reply. Firstly so |
| 25 | to mention, and Mr Dicker raised this, there is the Page 117 | 25 | far as the wording of question 2 is concerned, I think Page 119 |
| 1 | issue under 2(e) on page 104 that was mentioned in the | 1 | your Lordship and my learned friend Mr Zacaroli are |
| 2 | Linklaters letter that Mr Dicker took you to on | 2 | right as phrased. This is essentially asking the |
| 3 | page 101, is a further way of characterising or | 3 | ultimate question for the court and it could and in our |
| 4 | describing a cost that may be asserted as constituting | 4 | submission should be rephrased, essentially to ask which |
| 5 | a cost of funding. | 5 | of the following could be within the scope of "cost" |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Who asserted this? | 6 | raising an amount et cetera. So focusing more on the |
| 7 | MR TROWER: It was by another creditor. So it came to the | 7 | word "cost" than on the definition within default rate. |
| 8 | joint administrators relatively late on in the process. | 8 | The second point is this: My learned friend I think |
| 9 | So there is one category of descriptive cost of funding | 9 | was prepared to accept on a limited basis that certain |
| 10 | which isn't included in the McKee evidence but in | 10 | corporate finance theorists or practitioners, at least |
| 11 | respect of which the administrators would now like to | 11 | in some contexts, might apply one or other of the bases |
| 12 | seek an answer. It hasn't made it across from 104 to | 12 | advanced by Mr McKee. |
| 13 | 109 but it needs to do so. I quite appreciate that | 13 | My Lord, I have to say I was unclear as to the |
| 14 | that's a different question from the one of whether or | 14 | extent of the concession. It appeared to be limited |
| 15 | not your Lordship is going to direct expert evidence of | 15 | olely to today and if so it is irrelevant for the |
| 16 | those questions. | 16 | rposes of the trial. Secondly, it was also unclear to |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: What view does the | 17 | me whether it extended to such use within the context of |
| 18 | administrators have of whether there should be expert | 18 | default rate or within analogous situations or whether |
| 19 | evidence? | 19 | hat he was effectively accepting for the purposes of |
| 20 | MR TROWER: My Lord we -- can I answer the question this way? It remains the case that we would like the court | 20 | argument was it might be used simply in other -- |
| 21 |  | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It certainly wasn't -- but the |
| 22 | to answer the questions by reference to these arguments | 22 | the evidence wasn't -- your case is not being put |
| 23 | as to what might constitute cost of funding and it | 23 | rward on the basis. Your case is not being put |
| 24 | remains the case that if the court feels any concerns | 24 | forward on the basis that this is used as a cost for the |
| 25 | about understanding the way in which in a market sense | 25 | purposes of default rate. Your case is that this is |
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| 1 | your Lordship's seen that. My Lord, certainly speaking | 1 | solicitors stating their position as regards Mr McKee's |
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| 2 | for myself I would be assisted by an expert in | 2 | witness statement. I mean I anticipate in the light of |
| 3 | explaining to your Lordship how and why those costs were | 3 | what Mr Zacaroli has said that there will be |
| 4 | incurred and therefore why they are properly to be | 4 | an acceptance that these are approaches to the |
| 5 | regarded as costs within the scope of the definition. | 5 | calculation of cost which are in fact adopted as |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You can't do that. He is not | 6 | a general matter by corporate financiers and so on but |
| 7 | permitted to give evidence as to why they should be | 7 | it's for them to explain their position in relation to |
| 8 | regarded as costs within the definition. | 8 | your case which is set out in Mr McKee's witness |
| 9 | MR DICKER: No. | 9 | statement. And then we can see in the light of that |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: He's able to give evidence about | 10 | response whether any further direction of any sort is |
| 11 | costs and about these being costs that are -- it's | 11 | required. So I rule against you on expert evidence. |
| 12 | an approach to the calculation of costs undertaken by | 12 | So far as the formulation then of the one question |
| 13 | corporate financiers and others but he can't go beyond | 13 | for the experts that is there, this is really addressed |
| 14 | that. | 14 | to all of you, I'm looking, Mr Dicker, at your draft, |
| 15 | MR DICKER: No, your Lordship is right and I left out the | 15 | page 109. Paragraph 1 -- I am a bit concerned actually, |
| 16 | words when saying "and why therefore", I left out the | 16 | as to the formulation of question 1. I appreciate it's |
| 17 | words "and why in my submissions therefore it falls | 17 | agreed. But again it asks an entirely open question, |
| 18 | within the scope of default rate." | 18 | whereas I think what we're actually addressing is |
| 19 | My Lord, my learned friend's I think just two other | 19 | a closed question, which is the meaning contended for by |
| 20 | points. Firstly he says if you look at the questions, | 20 | Wentworth. So the question I think should be |
| 21 | there's an enormously broad scope of evidence we | 21 | directed -- I'm sorry that I'm undoing a lot of work, |
| 22 | require. My Lord, we say in reality it's not so. | 22 | but it should be directed at the case that Wentworth is |
| 23 | Your Lordship should not assume that any expert's | 23 | putting forward rather than it being a general question |
| 24 | reports dealing with Mr McKee's two bases will be | 24 | about whether there are any particular meanings or not. |
| 25 | particularly extensive. <br> Page 125 | 25 | Mr Dicker, I got you on your feet only because you Page 127 |
| 1 | The final point my learned friend made was test | 1 | happen to be the last person on your feet but it applies |
| 2 | cases. I don't think I need to say anything more than | 2 | to everyone. I think clearly many of the questions are |
| 3 | that. | 3 | applicable to that specific issue, but I think that the |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The administrators are conten: | 4 | question needs to be restated in the targeted way in |
| 5 | to ask the court to rule on those issues in their | 5 | which I have mentioned but if any of you want to come |
| 6 | present form and I think that's a rational approach. | 6 | back to me on that by all means do. |
| 7 | I'm not saying test cases would be a wrong approach but | 7 | What does that leave for -- |
| 8 | I think this approach is a perfectly acceptable one. | 8 | MR TROWER: Probably the best place to go is to the order, |
| 9 | MR DICKER: Unless I can help your Lordship further. | 9 | just to make sure that -- the draft order which is |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you very much indeed | 10 | behind tab 4. |
| 11 | Mr Dicker, on this question of expert evidence I think | 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Are we clear about areas where |
| 12 | the position is sufficiently clearly expressed in | 12 | the questions are going to have to be reframed a bit? |
| 13 | Mr McKee's statement, the statement of your case, and | 13 | MR TROWER: Which questions -- |
| 14 | I don't think it will be assisted by expert evidence so | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The ones, the actual questions |
| 15 | I'm not going to give permission for expert evidence to | 15 | under paragraphs 10 and following. I think just quickly |
| 16 | describe what Mr McKee has set out in his witness | 16 | to run through it, Mr Trower, there's no problem about |
| 17 | statement. I take this as a statement of the case which | 17 | question 10. I think question -- |
| 18 | you're fully entitled to advance and will be fully | 18 | MR TROWER: Is your Lordship looking at the application? |
| 19 | argued but I think the statement of relevant fact which | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 20 | you contend for is sufficiently stated in this. This is | 20 | MR TROWER: It was your Lordship's -- |
| 21 | subject to -- there does need to be a formal response on | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Question 11, it was the first |
| 22 | behalf of Wentworth, so we know exactly what Wentworth's | 22 | sentence of question 11 which is just very broad as it |
| 23 | position is in relation to Mr McKee's statement. And so | 23 | stands at the moment. |
| 24 | I will direct within a time to be agreed that | 24 | MR TROWER: It's "what meaning should be given to" is too |
| 25 | Wentworth's solicitors should write to the other | 25 | open a question, is that -- |
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MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes exactly. I think this
    question -- I'm not sure in the light of -- things have
    moved on in the sense that we've got Mr McKee's
    statement.
MR TROWER: Yes. What I'm just wondering is whether -- one
    way forward on this is to articulate the question by
    reference to what was in paragraph 2 of the questions
    for cost of funding experts, which is what we
    characterise as a distillation of the issues for the
    court. I'm slightly conscious, my Lord, that this has
    had an enormous amount of work done on it.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Which --
MR TROWER: Here I am trying to ruin it on my feet.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: What has had a lot of work
MR TROWER: The formulation of the question and how they
    interrelate to the --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, the questions on
    page 109?
    MR TROWER: And how they interrelate with question 11.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I can see these are a
        distillation. Those clearly are raised by Mr McKee's
        witness statement.
    MR TROWER: Yes, and subject to the extra point I mentioned,
        which was in the Linklaters letter, do appear to cover
        the ground.
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    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: All right.
    MR TROWER: That's the only way I can think, on my feet, of
        narrowing it down.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I follow that. I mean there's
        first of all -- I think perhaps -- 11(1)(a) is directed
        to, as it were, the narrow meaning of default rate. So
        that's clearly a candidate, isn't it? and whether it's
        limited to that. Then it's (b) which at the moment --
        well because this was issued months or a year ago or
        something, things have moved on a lot. It's really
        almost in place of (b) isn't it?
    MR TROWER: Yes, it's the other ways in which the cost may
        be ascertained. At the moment it is nonspecific --
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Apart from talking about equity
        investment which is actually too narrow, I think, in the
        light of --
    MR TROWER: The light of the way it's put.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But it's a matter for you -- all
        I'm saying really is this: I think you must be specific
        as to the types of "cost" that are being put forward and
        on which the court must rule.
    MR TROWER: Can I suggest that what we do is this, is that
        we have a go at rendering a little more specific these
        questions in the light of where we are on the debate
        that's gone on on the expert evidence and see if we can
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focus in a way which is acceptable to the parties and to us.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
MR TROWER: As to how to move away from an entirely open-ended question, and that's obviously, I say obviously, I would hope everyone would accept that would be without prejudice to people if something else were to emerge being specifically identified.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Of course. That has to be.
may be that 11(ii) gets wrapped up into the questions
that we have just been discussing but you'll consider that?
MR TROWER: Yes, we will consider that as best how to formulate it.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think 12(iii) I thought was
again rather open, or too open. I think we want to
identify -- we got to the point where we can identify in the question anything that any party is putting forward, can't we?
MR TROWER: Yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think maybe the rest -- I'm not sure that I'd -- well, I don't think there's
a problem under 13. And then 14 and 15 are agreed. 16 I forget how --
MR TROWER: 16 is agreed too, I think --
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MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Is it agreed or -- I can't remember how we left the discussion.
MR TROWER: I think I was told it was agreed. Yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think 17 was one that I was concerned about the formulation of.
MR TROWER: Yes. Very difficult to see what it adds to 11.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's what I was wondering
MR TROWER: It relates back to 11 .
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm inclined to think so.
I would like to give that thought as well.
MR TROWER: Give consideration as to whether we can just tie that into 11 and anything that has come out of it.

18 is agreed.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
MR TROWER: Then we move on.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So those are -- we haven't --
I'm just looking through the German agreements in paragraphs 20 to 21 . Those don't appear to give rise to anything.
MR TROWER: No.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Under 24 will it be clear wha other ways the parties are put in -- maybe it's clear now, I don't know.
MR TROWER: I don't know the answer to that. I regret to say that's not a question I spent very much time

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| 1 | thinking about. | 1 | MR TROWER: It's 126. |
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| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Don't worry. | 2 | MR DICKER: At the bottom under the heading "Clarification |
| 3 | MR TROWER: 25 I think I've noted as agreed. | 3 | of Wentworth's case" and |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. I see. I think 26 is | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think this was the one |
| 5 | going back to the good faith rational type point, isn't | 5 | Mr Zacaroli said they would be responding to by |
| 6 | it? | 6 | 31 March. |
| 7 | MR TROWER: Yes. | 7 | MR DICKER: Yes. |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Then we have -- no, that's it. | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm not sure it's necessary in |
| 9 | MR TROWER: That's it. | 9 | the light of that clear statement to put anything in the |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: For tranche C that is in | 10 | order. |
| 11 | a single block. Thank you. So now we were just going | 11 | MR DICKER: If my learned friend is going to provide |
| 12 | to look at the -- | 12 | clarification on 31 March, so I'm sure -- |
| 13 | MR TROWER: We go back to the -- | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: There's a liberty to apply of |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Draft order. | 14 | course. But there is also as I indicated the other |
| 15 | MR TROWER: Tab 4. It starts at paragraph 8. I think | 15 | clarification which must be given in relation to |
| 16 | Mr Dicker and Mr Zacaroli both confirmed to you that | 16 | Mr McKee's witness statement. Whether it's accepted and |
| 17 | subject to timetabling questions they were content with | 17 | if not where it's not accepted. |
| 18 | page 8 to 25. | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Absolutely. If we say at the end of March for |
| 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. That's right. As | 19 | that -- I'll need to take instructions about the timing |
| 20 | I understand it. | 20 | and my clients aren't in this jurisdiction so we may |
| 21 | MR DICKER: I wonder whether it wouldn't be more sensible | 21 | need more time but if we say for the moment that is the |
| 22 | when we get on to cost of funding for Wentworth | 22 | time we will work to but liberty to apply on that. |
| 23 | essentially to go first. For us to respond. At the | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's fine. |
| 24 | moment 27 involves simultaneous exchange. | 24 | MR TROWER: My Lord, again subject to -- I think that -- we |
| 25 | MR TROWER: I hadn't got there quite yet. I got to 8 to 25 Page 133 | 25 | need to insert, 27 is just going to be Wentworth filing Page 135 |
| 1 | so I think that is all -- | 1 | and serving reports on cost of funding experts. Then |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Subject to -- | 2 | obviously we have to have a sequential exchange in |
| 3 | MR TROWER: Working out the dates. Then 26 is, as Mr Dicker | 3 | relation to the FCG but subject to that it's really just |
| 4 | rightly identifies, where we go when considering | 4 | down to timetable -- |
| 5 | your Lordship's ruling. 26 needs to refer to what we | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 6 | had at 109 but only paragraph 1 of it as being scheduled | 6 | MR TROWER: -- and it's really a question I think of |
| 7 | at schedule D. | 7 | probably most sensibly taking into account the other |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Then just reformulate it to be | 8 | commitments and working back from the date in October or |
| 9 | directed to the case that Mr Zacaroli is putting | 9 | whenever it happens to be to make this work. |
| 10 | forward. | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I agree. |
| 11 | MR TROWER: Then we previously had file and service of the | 11 | MR TROWER: And the parties will do their best to come up |
| 12 | reports on the cost of funding experts. | 12 | with a sensible solution on timetabling. I'm not sure |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So Mr Dicker suggests it should | 13 | we can say very much more about. |
| 14 | be sequential. Mr Zacaroli? | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I will leave that with you if |
| 15 | MR ZACAROLI: I can't really resist that. It is our case. | 15 | there's a problem then obviously apply to me. |
| 16 | MR TROWER: Would your Lordship just give me a moment. | 16 | MR TROWER: What I've noted down at the moment is that we'll |
| 17 | (Pause) | 17 | include in the order if we may a direction in relation |
| 18 | MR DICKER: My Lord, we need to insert at some point the | 18 | to listing. |
| 19 | clarification of Wentworth's case, presumably before we | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Not before what date? |
| 20 | get their expert report. My Lord, just so your Lordship | 20 | MR TROWER: We had been working for a date in October. |
| 21 | knows the request was made in a letter from Freshfields | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: If we said not before a date id |
| 22 | on 8 March which I hope your Lordship has towards the | 22 | the middle of October would that would be sensible? |
| 23 | back of the correspondence bundle. It's probably the | 23 | It's either Monday 12 or Monday 19 October. |
| 24 | penultimate letter. | 24 | MR TROWER: Monday 19th makes sense. |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It's page what, sorry? | 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Is everyone happy? |
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