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Media Advisory

RESPONSE TO THE GROUNDUP ARTICLE OF 2 APRIL 2019

The Office of the Chief Justice notes the article by GroundUp, published 2 April 2019, titled “Chief Justice’s Office fails to provide list of late judgment”. The article claims that this office has failed to provide a list of reserved judgments after numerous requests from the editor.

This office herewith addresses the inaccuracies contained in the article mentioned above.

On 28 February 2019 this office, in writing, informed GroundUp that the list of reserved judgments would be published after due process had been followed. The approval for the release of the list of reserved judgments is granted by the Chief Justice following its circulation to the Heads of Court for consideration and approval. This was duly done on 1 March 2019.

On 16 March 2019 the Chief Justice approved the publication of the list. On 20 March 2019 the list was published on the Judiciary website, as communicated to GroundUp. The list was also shared on social media sites of the Judiciary.

In view of the above, it should be obvious that the Chief Justice as the Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), is aware of the report as he approved its release on 16 March 2019. The list was further shared with the secretariat of the JSC prior to the April 2019 Judicial interviews.

The published report is dated 27 February 2019. This office lastly wishes to draw attention to members of the public that, as indicated in the report, the list is accurate as at 31 December 2018.

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