

News story: Transocean Winner and ALP Forward report published

MAIB's report on the grounding of the Marshall Islands registered semi-submersible rig Transocean Winner on the Isle of Lewis following the loss of tow from the Dutch registered tug ALP Forward on 8 August 2016, is now published.

The report contains details of what happened and the subsequent actions taken, [read more](#).

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News story: The AAIB has sent a team to Caernarfon Airport

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Press release: Hurricane Irma: statement from Priti Patel

Commenting on the impact of Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean International Development Secretary, Priti Patel, said:

The thoughts of the British people are with all those affected by Hurricane Irma and Britain has already taken swift action to respond.

We have deployed three UK aid humanitarian experts to the region to help coordinate the response, and positioned a British naval ship with 40 Royal

Marines, Army Engineers, and vehicles, tents and facilities to purify water on board.

Our staff are on standby, both in the UK and at post, to support any British people affected. We urge British Nationals in the affected area to closely monitor and follow Foreign Office and local travel advice.

[News story: Civil news: limits on emergency representation for JR work](#)

Make sure you understand the rules when self-granting emergency representation in the housing category.

Providers must ensure they do not carry out judicial review housing work we cannot pay them for when attempting to self-grant emergency representation via delegated functions. We know of several examples of this happening and firms should be reminded that delegated functions cannot be exercised for judicial review save for specified exceptions.

Exceptions for self-granting

Specific exceptions where self-granting emergency representation is possible includes:

- proceedings under Part VII Housing Act 1996 (as amended)
- section 21 National Assistance Act 1948 (as amended)
- section 20 Children Act 1989 (as amended)
- section 47(5) National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (as amended)
- section 19(3) Care Act 2014 or
- section 36 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 These exceptions are dealt with in paragraph 5.3 (a) of the specification to the Standard Civil Contract – see link below.

Public interest cases

These are dealt with under paragraph 5.3 (b) of the Standard Civil Contract which states: “Public interest cases: you do not have the power to make a determination that a client qualifies for civil legal services on the grounds that the case has a significant wider public interest.”

Further information

[Standard Civil Contract 2015](#) – to download Standard Civil Contract 2015 specification (sections 1 to 6)

[News story: Civil news: pilot aims to cut paperwork for certificated work](#)

Deadline is 15 September 2017 for Bristol providers invited to take part in pilot scheme.

Bristol providers invited to join a pilot to simplify certificated work processes in certain family proceedings have until 15 September to respond.

The pilot scheme is due to start on Monday 25, September 2017 and those providers invited have been contacted directly.

The scheme will involve legal aid certificates being granted with a wider limitation for scope or costs restrictions.

This will allow providers to free up administrative time currently spent collating and submitting evidence before they can carry out work.

Why are we doing this?

We want to reduce the paper burden for providers because this will allow them to act more quickly for clients and spend less time having to contact us for further information.

There will be no changes to fee schemes, claimable work or Legal Aid Agency (LAA) evidence requirements and no impact on court proceedings.

It just means evidence LAA needs to see can be submitted when proceedings are concluded rather than upfront.

More time for complex work

An added benefit is that our caseworkers will have more time to spend on complex applications and providing a quality service.