QUARTERLY SUMMARY Q4 2017 & Q1 2018

Greg Callus, the *Financial Times*' Editorial Complaints Commissioner, has made his 12th and 13th Quarterly Reports to the Appointments & Oversight Committee, covering the periods:

- (1) 14 September 2017 5 December 2017 ("Q4 2017"); and
- (2) 6 December 2017 9 April 2018 ("Q1 2018").

This is a combined Quarterly Summary of those Reports.

In these periods, I published Adjudications of five complaints:

- (1) Wessendorff Adjudication, 31 Oct. 2017, Clause 1 (Inaccuracy), no breach;
- (2) Bennett Adjudication, 7 Dec. 2017, Article 1(2) (Integrity), no breach;
- (3) Cheung Adjudication, 22 Jan. 2018, Clause 1 (Inaccuracy), no breach;
- (4) Tierno Adjudication, 15 Feb. 2018, Article 7(2) (Plagiarism), breach found;
- (5) Mauro Libi Adjudication, 10 April 2018, breach of Clause 2 (Privacy) and Clause 6 (Children), but no breach of Clause 1 (Inaccuracy).

The most significant of these was the Tierno Adjudication, which found a breach of Article 7(2) (Plagiarism) in relation to an obituary of Charles Manson by John Murray Brown. The online article having been taken down, a hyperlink was included in a notice on the Letters Page of the Print Edition of 2 March 2018, as directed.

Although I was not required to adjudicate, I can now report there was a separate and unrelated breach of Article 7(2) which has been admitted by the *Financial Times* in respect of two articles by a different journalist. The journalist in question left the FT in May 2017.

Alongside the FT Editorial Code of Practice, and details about the Editorial Complaints Commissioner and the editorial complaints process, all Adjudications and Quarterly Summaries can be found at the following link: <u>https://aboutus.ft.com/en-gb/ft-editorial-code/</u> The link can be reached by choosing 'About Us' at the foot of the FT.com Home Page, then choosing 'About the FT' and 'FT Editorial Code' from the menu.