

Richard J. BOYD  
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STATEMENT

**IN THE PROPOSED ACTION**

**MARTIN HOSSACK**

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COMMENCED BY	
REGISTERED	
NO. 2	27 JUN 2005
PLACED IN	<b>Proposed Claimant</b>

**-and-**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF WORK & PENSIONS**

**Proposed Defendant**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNSEL TO ADVISE IN CONFERENCE  
(AND GIVE WRITTEN OPINION)**

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Counsel will receive herewith:-

1. File containing correspondence between Mr Hossack and the Department of Work & Pensions, the Parliamentary Ombudsman, Job Centre Plus and other parties involved in his dispute.
2. Letter from the Solicitor for the DWP dated 9.5.2005.

Instructing Solicitors act on behalf of Martin Hossack of 92 Granville Drive, Kingswinford, West Midlands.

Mr Hossack does not work and is in receipt of invalidity benefit. He is concerned that a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 by the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) has already or will in the future prejudice his right to receive benefits. He is of the view that employees of DWP including the Job Centre have all conspired to deny that there was ever a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The whole problem seems to have begun innocently enough. Mr Hossack's wife had fallen whilst walking on the pavement in Dudley. She instructed Waldron & Co to act on her behalf in a claim against Dudley MBC for damages for the injuries which she suffered. The insurers of Dudley MBC instructed Wragge & Co to act on their behalf.

Wragge & Co made enquiries with the Benefits Agency to see if Mrs Hossack received any benefits – and this is where the story really starts. A telephone call was made to Wragge &