

Coroner's Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005

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1 Monday, 29 November 2010

2 (9.30 am)

3 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Mr O'Connor?

4 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Good morning my Lady. My Lady,

5 Ms Gilkison and Mr Mather, Shelley Mather's parents, are

6 on a live videolink from New Zealand. Could we, before

7 we call them, simply establish that we can hear them and

8 they can hear us?

9 Ms Gilkison, Mr Mather, good morning. Can you hear

10 us clearly?

11 MS GILKISON: Very clearly.

12 MR MATHER: Yes, thank you.

13 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Ms Gilkison, Mr Mather, my name is

14 Lady Justice Hallett, I'm the coroner conducting these

15 inquests into the death of your daughter. Can you hear

16 me?

17 MS GILKISON: Very clearly, thank you.

18 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: I'm really sorry we've kept you

19 waiting and thank you very much for your patience.

20 I understand how difficult this must be for you. If, at

21 any time, either of you would rather Mr O'Connor took

22 over the reading of the statement, would you please just

23 say so?

24 MR MATHER: Thank you.

25 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you very much. Mr O'Connor?

1 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: My Lady, the statement that Ms Gilkison  
2 and Mr Mather have prepared and which they are going to  
3 read is a joint statement. As I understand it, some  
4 paragraphs are Ms Gilkison's evidence and some  
5 paragraphs are Mr Mather's evidence. Before they read  
6 it, can I ask that they both take the oath?  
7 Ms Gilkison, is the Bible there before you? I think  
8 we can see the red book.  
9 MS GILKISON: I am affirming and I have the affirmation  
10 oath.  
11 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Perhaps you could read it out,  
12 Ms Gilkison.  
13 MS KATHRYN GILKISON (affirmed)  
14 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Thank you very much, Ms Gilkison.  
15 Mr Mather?  
16 MR MATHER: I'll take the oath on the Bible. Do you wish me  
17 to read it out?  
18 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Yes, please.  
19 MR JOHN MATHER (sworn)  
20 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Thank you. Would you now like to read  
21 out your statement?  
22 MR MATHER: May we omit the first paragraph which would  
23 otherwise have to be read jointly?  
24 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Perhaps I can summarise it. You are  
25 both the parents of Shelley Mather and you're providing

1 this statement about her life further to a request from  
2 the Solicitor to the Inquest, Mr Smith. It's a joint  
3 statement. Perhaps could you start now.

4 MS GILKISON: "Shelley's birth: Shelley was born  
5 27 January 1979 in Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand,  
6 six weeks earlier than her due date. Her birth was  
7 expedited due to the fact that I developed toxemia and  
8 both of us were close to death. Her heart rate had  
9 dropped dramatically and an emergency caesarian section  
10 was performed.

11 "Shelley weighed 3 lbs 15 oz at birth and had no  
12 major problems. I did not see her for approximately  
13 four days due to my condition. Shelley had to remain at  
14 the hospital, initially in an incubator, until she  
15 reached the goal weight of 5 lbs."

16 MR MATHER: "When I first saw Shelley, she was a small,  
17 jaundiced creature in an incubator and, to my regret,  
18 I did not pick her up, thinking she was safer where she  
19 was."

20 MS GILKISON: "At that time, it was thought that premature  
21 babies would have learning and developmental problems.  
22 This was not the case for Shelley.

23 "Shelley's early years in Invercargill: Shelley  
24 lived in Invercargill for the first five years of her  
25 life until our family moved to Auckland, by which time

1 her two brothers, Ryan and Adam, had been born."

2 MR MATHER: "Shelley attended Waverley Kindergarten and, as  
3 I drove her home on the last day, she cried at leaving."

4 MS GILKISON: "Shelley attended Waihopai Primary School for  
5 six months before the shift to Auckland.

6 "Shelley's formative years in Auckland: Shelley went  
7 to Kaurilands Primary School, which was just across the  
8 road from our home. She loved school and made friends  
9 from that age that are still very much part of our  
10 lives."

11 MR MATHER: "I phoned the school and Shelley answered. The  
12 school secretary was away, so who but Shelley was  
13 looking after the office."

14 MS GILKISON: "Shelley travelled through intermediate and  
15 secondary school with the same group of friends and  
16 excelled in academic matters. She was in extension  
17 classes for most of her subjects."

18 MR MATHER: "Shelley was perhaps as coordinated as her  
19 father. Phys Ed was a blemish on her school reports and  
20 always had comments about trying hard and enthusiasm.  
21 It was a family joke."

22 MS GILKISON: "She participated at an early age in  
23 children's theatre, which was run in the school holidays  
24 by a local community theatre. She would be one of 50 or  
25 so children ranging in age from 2 to 14 years. This

1 involved daily rehearsals and nightly shows for most of  
2 the holiday period. Shelley loved being involved in  
3 these shows.

4 "Shelley was involved in the Girl Guide movement,  
5 starting at an early age as a brownie and progressing  
6 through to attain the highest award, the  
7 Chief Commissioner's Award. Shelley loved the pursuit  
8 and achievement of the badges. She thrived on the  
9 challenges and loved attending the jamborees, which were  
10 held in other parts of the country.

11 "Shelley's educational achievements: Shelley went  
12 straight to university from school and continued to  
13 excel in her studies. She completed her university  
14 studies in 2001, having attained a Bachelor of Arts  
15 Sociology in 2000, and Bachelor of Arts (Honours)  
16 Sociology in 2001. This final year is equivalent to the  
17 first year of a Masters degree.

18 "Shelley's personal philosophy: Shelley had a great  
19 sense of social justice and always spoke out for the  
20 underdog.

21 She participated in the anti-war march in London  
22 in March 2003 and expressed her views in emails to me.  
23 Shelley joined Amnesty International in her secondary  
24 school years and also supported the Society for the  
25 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

1 MR MATHER: "Shelley loved her cat Sparkey."

2 MS GILKISON: "Shelley's industry: from the age of 15,  
3 Shelley worked part-time. She was a checkout operator  
4 at a local supermarket and continued this job until she  
5 was 20. By that stage, she was training new operators  
6 and supervising other staff. She managed all of this in  
7 conjunction with her studies.

8 "From 1997 to 1999, Shelley also played outdoor and  
9 indoor cricket and qualified as an umpire. As an  
10 umpire, she would be booked for games and receive  
11 a small payment. She did this in addition to her  
12 checkout job and her studies."

13 MR MATHER: "The Phys Ed grades did not hold Shelley back."

14 MS GILKISON: "Shelley loved sport and theatre. During her  
15 secondary school years, she studied lighting and  
16 assisted in major productions.

17 "Shelley's urge to travel: Shelley wanted to travel  
18 the world."

19 MR MATHER: "Shelley's entry in her school year book was  
20 that she wanted to be the first person to circumnavigate  
21 the universe."

22 MS GILKISON: "She attained a full-time job  
23 in November 2000 as a Project Operations Officer for  
24 Vinstar Limited, a banking and finance company which  
25 undertook project development work in the Asia-Pacific

1 region. Shelley loved the international contacts and  
2 focus of these projects. She stayed in this role until  
3 she left New Zealand in July 2002 to commence her OE.  
4 "Shelley had saved up her money and booked herself  
5 on a tour of Europe. She undertook this venture on her  
6 own.  
7 "Shelley loved the experience so much, she set  
8 herself the goal of becoming a tour guide. She achieved  
9 this after successfully passing the training in May 2004  
10 and commenced tours of Europe in June 2004.  
11 "Shelley had a great memory, soaked up information  
12 and was able to recall and relay this readily. This was  
13 a great skill for her new role as a tour guide. She had  
14 to know so much about all the cities and countries they  
15 toured. She had to be able to stand up, facing the  
16 people on the bus and tell them what they were looking  
17 at while not looking out the bus windows. Her first  
18 tour, for which she had studied all the material needed,  
19 was tricky, as they ran it counter-clockwise, the  
20 opposite to the way she had learnt it all. Of course,  
21 she managed.  
22 "Shelley was a great talker with an amazing sense of  
23 humour. She told me that sometimes the people on tour  
24 would play a game to see if any of them could mimic her  
25 talking speed. I am not sure that anyone achieved it,

1 but it did make her laugh."

2 MR MATHER: "Shelley read even faster than she spoke (Lord  
3 of the Rings 13 times at the last count I know of) and  
4 wrote at an alarming speed."

5 MS GILKISON: "Shelley had just asked me to post her  
6 academic records to her, as she was thinking about  
7 taking up further study and was considering a teaching  
8 degree.

9 "She had seen and experienced so much of the world  
10 through her work as a tour guide and through weekends  
11 away with her flatmates. She had been to many  
12 international shows and the Glastonbury Festival.

13 "Shelley was a kind, generous, funny, bright and  
14 amazing young woman. She is a much loved daughter,  
15 sister and friend."

16 MR MATHER: "Shelley's humour was sublime and  
17 irreplaceable."

18 MS GILKISON: Through her travels, she spread joy and  
19 information to many people who had started out as  
20 strangers. Many hundreds of them contacted us after her  
21 murder. Some had only a brief experience of her, others  
22 had known her for some time. All of them reiterated the  
23 same thing; that she was an amazing person who had added  
24 so much joy and friendship to their lives.

25 Shelley's future: that could have been anything she

1 had wanted it to be."

2 MR MATHER: I like to think Shelley, my friend, is  
3 circumnavigating the universe."

4 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Ms Gilkison, Mr Mather, thank you.

5 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: There was a bit they wished to add,  
6 I think.

7 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Please do go on, Mr Mather.

8 MR MATHER: I'm sorry, we didn't want to intrude on the  
9 occasion, but we had asked that we could just add an  
10 addendum, and this is it: we do not have a monopoly on  
11 loss and grief and we'd like to remember the 29 lives  
12 killed some time during the past ten days, and  
13 acknowledge their loved ones who have just started on  
14 a journey similar to ours. Thank you.

15 MS GILKISON: Thank you.

16 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Thank you, Mr Mather.

17 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you very much, Mr Mather,  
18 Ms Gilkison. I am terribly sorry to have asked you to  
19 do that and it was no intrusion at all for you to add  
20 the postscript. Thank you for joining us.

21 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: My Lady, before we finish, there's one  
22 further matter.

23 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Of course.

24 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Ms Gilkison, you have written a number  
25 of poems about Shelley. You're not going to read any of

1 them out today, but one of them entitled "Every day" [INQ9632-7] is  
2 exhibited to your statement, is that right?

3 MS GILKISON: That's correct, yes.

4 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: Thank you very much, Ms Gilkison.

5 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: It's very moving Ms Gilkison, thank  
6 you very much.

7 MS GILKISON: Thank you.

8 MR MATHER: Thank you.

9 MR ANDREW O'CONNOR: My Lady, that concludes the evidence of  
10 Ms Gilkison and Mr Mather.

11 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you. Mr Keith?

12 MR KEITH: My Lady, the next statement is that of  
13 Ernest Adams in relation to James Adams.

14 Statement of MR ERNEST ADAMS read

15 "I am the father of James Adams who was killed in  
16 the London bombings on 7 July 2005. James was a victim  
17 of the explosion at Russell Square.

18 "He was 32.

19 "I make this statement at the request of the coroner  
20 with a view to providing some personal background about  
21 James. This statement is made on behalf of myself and  
22 my wife, Elaine.

23 "James was born in Chester on 6 October 1972. He  
24 was a very bright little boy and enjoyed his time at  
25 play group. He first attended Woodfield Infant School

1 where it was noticed that he had a good singing voice  
2 and enjoyed music. The school played classical music in  
3 the dining hall at lunchtime. When we were leaving  
4 Chester to move to Letchworth, his teacher advised us to  
5 take him to a church with a good choir. Later, we  
6 attended St Paul's Church of England Church in  
7 Letchworth, where James took part in the Royal School of  
8 Church Music and attended the choir. He attended  
9 Stonehill Primary School where he spent 4 happy years.  
10 At the age of 10, James was accepted as a boarder  
11 chorister at the King's School, Peterborough, in  
12 Peterborough Cathedral choir. He and David Lammy MP  
13 shared bunk beds at the boarding house. David spoke at  
14 James' Thanksgiving service and has kindly kept in touch  
15 with us since.  
16 "James thoroughly enjoyed his times at King's and  
17 especially the sixth form where he enjoyed discussions  
18 and debates.  
19 "He studied politics and economics at university and  
20 had a very active role in the Christian Union. He had  
21 a very close and loyal group of friends, who remain in  
22 touch with each other. After leaving university, he  
23 held various positions in the insurance industry,  
24 ranging from human resources to endowment consultancy,  
25 for which he gained various professional diplomas. When

1 the bombing occurred, James was with Momenta Holdings  
2 performing work for Deloittes in their London Strand  
3 establishment.

4 "James loved football and was a loyal supporter of  
5 Manchester United. He also had a keen interest in motor  
6 sports, especially Formula 1 and the World Rally Car  
7 Championship, where he supported the Subaru racing team.

8 "He was a member of SCORE, a Christian organisation  
9 which serves various sporting bodies providing  
10 chaplaincy support. James, at the age of 22, made  
11 a public profession of his Christian faith when he was  
12 baptised at Bretton Baptist Church, Peterborough. He  
13 was an active member involved in many church activities,  
14 including music group, and served as a deacon for three  
15 years.

16 "James was a good and compassionate man who  
17 supported various projects, including an orphanage in  
18 south India, where there is now a building which was  
19 erected in his memory. He was also a strong supporter  
20 of Action Against World Poverty.

21 "James would have loved to have been married and to  
22 have had a family, but after 7/7, this was not to be.  
23 James is remembered by family and friends as a devoted  
24 and loving person.

25 "Tributes [INQ105676-2], [INQ105676-3] : on Monday, 11 July 2005, 19 close  
friends

1 of James travelled down to King's Cross station by train  
2 to pay their respects and pray for James in the memorial  
3 garden set up at the entrance to the station. The  
4 following was sent to us by one of these lovely people.  
5 It was signed simply 'From a friend of James':  
6 "'After we had been in King's Cross to lay flowers  
7 for James, we were given the use of a room on the  
8 station for half an hour to pray with the chaplain from  
9 the Salvation Army. He told us about his work with the  
10 rescue workers, bereaved friends and relatives and  
11 commuters. As we prayed, we were very aware of how  
12 James would have prayed. We prayed for God's peace for  
13 the rescue workers and for those who were returning to  
14 work. We knew that James had a special respect for  
15 Muslim people and, as Christians, we prayed that God  
16 would make us a source of blessing to Muslims and that  
17 we would maintain good relationships between the  
18 Christian and Muslim communities'."

19 My Lady, Mr Adams goes on to produce a selection of  
20 tributes from close friends of James and those tributes  
21 will be placed into the court records.

22 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you.

23 MR KEITH: My Lady, in relation to Samantha Badham, I read  
24 the statement of Martin Smith.

25 The introductory paragraphs are paragraphs that will

1 be reflected in further later statements from Mr Smith,  
2 but on this occasion, I will read all.

3 Statement of MR MARTIN SMITH read

4 "I am a partner of Field Fisher Waterhouse and was  
5 appointed by the right honourable Lady Justice Hallett  
6 DBE to act as Solicitor to these Inquests. I make this  
7 statement regarding Samantha Badham, who died on  
8 7 July 2005 in the Russell Square bombing.

9 "I have, where possible, contacted the bereaved  
10 families to explain that Dame Heather was planning to  
11 call evidence dealing with the personal background of  
12 each of the 52 deceased at the inquest hearing.  
13 Dame Heather hoped that this would help set the context  
14 and ensure that the proceedings gave an appropriate  
15 focus to each of those who died as individuals.

16 "I have not obtained a background statement from the  
17 family of Samantha Badham. However, Louise Badham, the  
18 sister of Samantha, previously gave a statement to the  
19 Metropolitan Police on 10 June 2006, and I refer to this  
20 document below as her police statement. In addition,  
21 Louise Badham wrote a letter to Mrs Sher Duff, the  
22 coroner's officer at St Pancras' Coroner's Court dated  
23 27 September 2006 ... I refer to this letter in my  
24 statement as Louise Badham's letter.

25 "A friend of Samantha's, Carol Jones, provided the

1 police with a statement dated 7 March 2006. The mother  
2 of Lee Harris, Lynne Harris, who was Samantha's partner,  
3 also provided the police with two witness statements  
4 dated 10 February 2006 and 19 July 2008.

5 "Finally, I have read Samantha's obituary published  
6 on the BBC News website, which I will refer to as the  
7 'BBC obituary' and the short obituary to Samantha on the  
8 Guardian news website. I will refer to this as the  
9 'Guardian obituary'.

10 "I summarise pertinent aspects of these documents  
11 below to ensure that some personal information about  
12 Samantha is adduced in evidence during her inquest.

13 "In her police statement, Samantha's sister,  
14 Louise Badham, says that her sister was always known as  
15 Sam. She was born in Hereford on 2 October 1969. In  
16 her letter to Mrs Duff, she stated that Sam was the  
17 daughter of Albert John Leonard Badham and  
18 Helene Valentine Badham. The BBC obituary continues  
19 that both Sam's parents passed away when she was in her  
20 early 20s.

21 "In her police statement, Louise Badham describes how  
22 Sam attended Ledbury Primary School and then went on to  
23 the John Masefield High School in Ledbury where she was  
24 the head girl. Sam did very well at school and excelled  
25 at sports, representing the county. She continued that

1 Sam studied history at Birmingham University. After  
2 graduating, she returned to Hereford and worked as an  
3 administration clerk at the Hereford Lads Club. It was  
4 there that she met Lee Harris, her long-time partner.  
5 They did not marry, but they were completely devoted to  
6 each other.

7 "In her statement, Ms Badham explains that, in due  
8 course, Lee found work in London as an architect. Lee  
9 and Sam moved in together in the Tottenham area. Sam  
10 began work as a web content editor and designer.

11 Louise Badham would occasionally go down to London to  
12 see her sister, but Lee and Sam regularly returned to  
13 Herefordshire, as they were restoring a house in  
14 Ledbury.

15 "In her statement, Carol Jones describes Lee and Sam  
16 as full of life and enjoying what they did. They were  
17 great fun and there was a group of six friends who went  
18 out together socially. Sam worked at the desk next to  
19 her. They immediately struck up a friendship and  
20 remained close friends.

21 "Ms Jones explains that Sam usually drove to work,  
22 whilst Lee's normal routine was to cycle. But on  
23 7 July, the six friends had arranged to meet for an  
24 evening meal in Soho. When there was a late night in  
25 prospect, Lee and Sam would always catch the Underground

1 together. Lee would get off at Piccadilly Circus and  
2 Sam would continue to Green Park to change on to the  
3 Jubilee Line.

4 "The statements from Lynne Harris describe how Lee  
5 and Sam met in Hereford. They were completely devoted  
6 to each other and were together for 14 years.

7 Lynne Harris describes how she lost both a son and  
8 a daughter on 7 July, together with the hopes of seeing  
9 them grow old together and to have children.

10 "The BBC obituary quotes a joint statement from the  
11 Badham and Harris families that said as follows:  
12 "'They were a devoted couple. We will miss them  
13 both and will always make them proud of us in what we do  
14 as we are proud of them'."

15 Lee and Sam were buried together, my Lady, in  
16 a joint funeral service.

17 My Lady, in relation to Philip Beer, I call  
18 Stacy Beer.

19 MS STACY BEER (affirmed)

20 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Ms Beer, I think you heard what  
21 I said to the parents of Shelley Mather. If, at any  
22 stage, you find it is too difficult for you, please just  
23 say and Mr Keith can take over.

24 A. Thank you:

25 "My brother, Philip Beer, was murdered on

1 7 July 2005 at the age of 22 while travelling to work on  
2 the Piccadilly Line. Philip was working as  
3 a hairdresser at Sanrizz hair salon Knightsbridge. It  
4 was only his second week at the salon.

5 "Phil grew up and lived in Boreham Wood with our  
6 mum, myself and our older sister Michele. Philip was  
7 the youngest out of us three and was the only son of our  
8 parents, Kim Beer and Philip Beer.

9 "Phil went to school in Borehamwood, which he never  
10 really enjoyed, and left when he was 16 to become  
11 a hairdresser. He started work at a local salon at  
12 Borehamwood. Phil worked at many salons, including  
13 Hair on Broadway, John Frieda and Umberto Giannini.  
14 Phil was never able to fulfil his dreams and ambitions,  
15 as he was so young and barely an adult when he was  
16 killed. Phil's ambition was to become a well-known  
17 hairdresser and to travel the world.

18 "Phil had planned to go on holiday to Ibiza and to  
19 travel with his best friend, Pat, to Australia in 2006.  
20 Phil was offered to travel to LA with a hairdressing  
21 friend for Christmas in 2004, however turned down the  
22 opportunity as he wanted to be with his family for  
23 Christmas.

24 "Phil loved spending time with our family as we were  
25 all very close. He adored his two nephews, Jamie and

1 Jimmy, who were only 6 and 2 years' old when Philip was  
2 taken from us.

3 "Phil loved to go out in London, socialising with  
4 friends. He was always out and enjoying himself. He  
5 had many friends from all different backgrounds and  
6 ages. He was a very popular person. People only had to  
7 meet him once and they would never forget him. He was  
8 a very loyal and kind person who would help anybody.

9 "Phil was fun-loving, who brought so much joy and  
10 laughter in our lives. Our lives seem quiet and empty  
11 since Phil has gone. There is always a dark shadow over  
12 our family, as a huge part of our family is always  
13 missing. When our family share happy occasions, there  
14 is always a constant reminder that Phil is not here to  
15 share them with us, such as the birth of my first baby.  
16 We suffer every day with the pain of losing our little  
17 brother in such a horrific way, but we also have to  
18 watch our parents suffer, as they are unable to come to  
19 terms with losing their only son, a piece of them died  
20 the day Philip was taken from our family."

21 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you very much, Ms Beer.

22 MR KEITH: My Lady, in relation to Anna Brandt, I will read  
23 the witness statement of Martin Smith.

24 Statement of MR MARTIN SMITH read

25 "On 21 June 2010, I wrote a letter to

1 Mr Pawel Iskryzinski, the brother of Anna Brandt, who  
2 died on 7 July 2005 in the Russell Square bombing.  
3 "In my letter to Mr Iskryzinski I explained that  
4 Dame Heather was planning to call evidence dealing with  
5 the personal background of each of the 52 deceased at  
6 the inquest hearing ... I asked that if [he] wished to  
7 provide a statement to set out the personal background  
8 about his sister, he should contact me with a view to  
9 doing so before 31 July 2010.  
10 "On 3 August 2010, I wrote a further letter to  
11 Mr Iskryzinski to ensure that my initial request for  
12 a background statement had been received and understood.  
13 I explained, if I did not receive a response by  
14 17 August, I would assume that the family did not wish  
15 to provide me with a background statement.  
16 "To date, I have not received a response.  
17 Consequently, I have not received a fresh statement  
18 providing background evidence about Anna Brandt.  
19 However, Mr Pawel Iskryzinski previously gave  
20 a statement to the Metropolitan Police on 31 July 2005  
21 and I refer to this document below as the police  
22 statement.  
23 "In addition, he wrote a letter to Mrs Sher Duff  
24 dated 21 September, and I refer to this letter in my  
25 statement of Mr Iskryzinski's letter.

1 "A friend of Anna's, Marta Elzbieta Jastrzebska,  
2 provided the police with a statement dated  
3 2 October 2006 ...  
4 "Finally, I have also read Anna's short obituary  
5 published on the BBC News website, which I will refer to  
6 as the 'BBC obituary'.  
7 "I summarise pertinent aspects of these documents  
8 below to ensure that some personal information about  
9 Anna is adduced in evidence during her inquest.  
10 "The police statement of Mr Iskryzinski records that  
11 Anna was born on 26 March 1964 in Radomsko, Poland. She  
12 was the eldest of three children. Her sister, Ewa, was  
13 born in June 1965, and her younger brother, Pawel, was  
14 born in February 1975.  
15 "The statement continues that, after leaving school  
16 in 1981, Anna ran her own restaurant business, and then,  
17 in 2001, worked as a shop assistant. She married  
18 Arek Brandt in 1983 and they lived together in  
19 Wagrowiec, in Poland. Arek initially worked with his  
20 father in the family leather business, but later worked  
21 with Anna in running the restaurant until it closed in  
22 2001.  
23 "Anna and Arek had two children together. Their  
24 son, Hubert Brandt, was born in December 1982 and their  
25 daughter, Natalie Brandt, was born in September 1983.

1 "The police statement says that Anna moved to London  
2 in 2002, whilst Arek remained in Poland to look after  
3 their two children. Anna and Arek separated in 2004.  
4 In London, Anna lived with her brother, Pawel, and he  
5 found her employment as a chef at a bar in Ludgate Hill.  
6 After a few months, she began a new job as  
7 a self-employed cleaner and worked for about six people  
8 for whom she would clean twice a week. Anna sent money  
9 she earned from her job back to Poland to assist with  
10 her children's education.

11 "The police statement concludes by describing Anna  
12 as a very private person. She did not smoke or drink  
13 alcohol. She would normally return home from her job  
14 and stay indoors and did not pursue leisure activities.  
15 She had two close friends, Polish sisters, who also  
16 lived in London. Mr Iskryzinski's letter records that  
17 in 2005, Hubert Brandt was living in Sweden and  
18 Natalia Brandt was studying at university in Poland.  
19 The letter and BBC obituary set out that, on  
20 7 July 2005, Anna's daughter was due to arrive in London  
21 for a holiday. She had travelled from Poland by bus but  
22 they both missed each other.

23 "The statement from Elzbieta Jastrzebska, who was on  
24 the bombed train at Russell Square, records that she was  
25 friends with Anna and they saw each other on a daily

1 basis."

2 My Lady, in relation to Ciaran Cassidy, I call  
3 Veronica Cassidy.

4 MS VERONICA CASSIDY (sworn)

5 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Mrs Cassidy I can only imagine how  
6 distressing this must be for you, so please just say if,  
7 at any stage, you feel you can't go on.

8 A. Okay:

9 "I make this statement about my son, Ciaran Cassidy,  
10 on behalf Ciaran's father and my husband, Sean Cassidy,  
11 Ciaran's sister, Lisa Cassidy and myself.

12 "Ciaran was born on 27 October 1982. He had an  
13 older sister, Lisa, three years older. Ciaran was  
14 a very contented baby and was always smiling. Ciaran  
15 came from a very large extended family of 25 aunts and  
16 uncles and 42 cousins living in Ireland. He was very  
17 close to his only surviving grandmother who, sadly, died  
18 two years ago. Ciaran attended Christ the King's School  
19 in Tollington Park and then later attended  
20 St Thomas More Secondary School in Wood Green. After  
21 completing his GCSEs, he left St Thomas More to attend  
22 La Sainte Union School to complete a GNVQ in leisure and  
23 tourism. He loved this course and worked very hard. He  
24 obtained a merit, which made the whole family very  
25 proud.

1 "When Ciaran died, he was working for a company in  
2 Chancery Lane called Bridge & Co. This was a stationery  
3 and printing business. While working here, Ciaran got  
4 to know a large range of different people. He loved to  
5 discuss the weekend football results to anyone who  
6 listened on a Monday morning. When Ciaran died, we  
7 received many letters from solicitors, judges and  
8 lawyers who knew Ciaran in the shop, all saying the same  
9 thing: Ciaran was a happy, smiling, friendly boy.

10 "Ciaran's friends played a very important part in  
11 his life. He had friends who were with him from nursery  
12 school and he had made many more, as he grew up, from  
13 all over the world. One of Ciaran's long-standing  
14 friends said that Ciaran was more like a brother to him.  
15 He had no hate in him and no ego. He was unique. He  
16 did not care for politics or war. He loved his family,  
17 friends, Arsenal, his weekend drinks and his mother's  
18 dinners.

19 "Ciaran would talk to anyone. Friends often  
20 complained about him walking down the road and stopping  
21 to talk to so many different people, it would take  
22 forever to reach their destination.

23 "Ciaran's dream was to go to Australia. He was  
24 saving hard and had a good amount of money gathered. At  
25 the time, he had a very good Australian friend who was

1 going to accompany him out to Australia and get him  
2 established. I think Ciaran would have eventually  
3 emigrated to Australia, as the life-style would have  
4 suited him.

5 "Losing Ciaran has left a great void in our family's  
6 life. We miss his smiling face, his presence, his text  
7 messages, "What is for dinner?" Ciaran was a very much  
8 loved son, friend, grandson, nephew and cousin. He is  
9 greatly missed by all of us."

10 Thank you.

11 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you, Mrs Cassidy.

12 MR KEITH: My Lady, in relation to Rachelle Chung for Yuen,  
13 I read the statement of Billy Chung for Yuen.

14 Statement of MR BILLY CHUNG FOR YUEN read

15 I am the husband of Rachelle Chung for Yuen who died  
16 on 7 July 2005 in the bombing on the Tube at  
17 Russell Square. I make this statement following  
18 a request from the Solicitor to the Inquests, to provide  
19 background about Rachelle's life.

20 "Rachelle was born in Mauritius on 3 December 1977.

21 Her parents were Ng Toong Kwong and Kim Lan Ah Chin.

22 Before we married, Rachelle's maiden name was

23 Ng Shum Hing. Her father runs a small family corner

24 shop in Curepipe, Mauritius. Her mother is a housewife

25 and helps her father in the shop. Rachelle was the

1 eldest child and had two younger sisters, Isabel and  
2 Kristel. Isabel married in May 2005 and we went to  
3 Mauritius for the wedding, and this was the last time  
4 she met all her family members.

5 "Kristel went to university in Canada in 2004 and  
6 has since become a permanent resident there.

7 "When she was young, Rachelle was brilliant and  
8 determined, always cheerful and full of life and energy.  
9 She was a respectful and considerate child who never  
10 caused any trouble, but she did sometimes scare her  
11 parents, always falling over onto her head and, on one  
12 occasion, even breaking a knee. Rachelle did not have  
13 any one special hobby, but she would always keep herself  
14 busy, whether doing housework around the house or  
15 reading. She liked shopping, meeting friends and going  
16 to the cinema.

17 "In her teenage years, Rachelle was very responsible  
18 and hard-working. She was ambitious and determined to  
19 pursue a career in accountancy and to travel and see the  
20 world. Her primary school was Notre Dame  
21 de la Confiance RCA. Secondary year school up to  
22 O levels was also Notre Dame - she was Senior Prefect at  
23 O level, her results were a mixture of 'A' and 'B'. For  
24 A level, she attended a school called Dr Maurice Cure;  
25 her A level subjects were accounting, economics and

1 mathematics. Her favourite subject was accounting.  
2 "After completing her A levels, Rachelle chose not  
3 to attend university. Feeling at ease with numbers, she  
4 pursued her interest in accountancy with the ambition to  
5 carve out a career. She pursued this aim, not only for  
6 her own satisfaction, but also with a thought of helping  
7 her family.

8 "In 1998, I met Rachelle in Mauritius through  
9 a mutual friend. At the time, Rachelle was working in  
10 order to pay for her studies to become an accountant.  
11 It was a mark of her independence that she was  
12 determined to finance her studies herself. She attended  
13 classes run by the Association of Chartered Certified  
14 Accountants, ACCA, and had a very brief spell at an  
15 accounting practice in Mauritius, before joining  
16 a company specialising in offshore trusts where she  
17 would be in charge of a portfolio of clients dealing  
18 with the company's administration and accounts  
19 preparation.

20 "In August 2000, she moved to London to complete her  
21 ACCA qualification. This was something that she had  
22 always dreamed of doing.

23 "Rachelle completed her ACCA qualification  
24 in December 2001. She then began working with an  
25 accountancy firm in London and later joined Mees Pierson

1 Intertrust, a subsidiary of the Fortis Group.

2 "In January 2002, I was also living in London, and  
3 it was around this time that Rachelle and I started  
4 going out. In 2003, we moved into a terraced house in  
5 Wood Green together. We got married at a registry  
6 office in Haringey on 22 May 2004 and went back to  
7 Mauritius in August that year for a religious ceremony  
8 with family and friends. We returned to London  
9 in September 2004 and moved into a new flat in Mill Hill  
10 in November.

11 "Rachelle was taught from a young age that family  
12 values were extremely important, and she always  
13 cherished her family above anything else. When she was  
14 in London, she would never fail to call home to check if  
15 everything was fine. She would buy presents for  
16 everybody, particularly at Christmas time, and would  
17 never forget a birthday. Rachelle was a practising  
18 Roman Catholic and went to church every Sunday. She did  
19 not smoke and only occasionally drank alcohol.

20 "Her younger sisters always held her in the highest  
21 regard, as Rachelle would take care of them and do  
22 everything to help them. She was a role model for her  
23 sisters. She showed them the meaning of helping others.  
24 She was their shoulder to lean on, their support in  
25 times of need. She was so much more than a sister and

1 was always there whenever she was needed.

2 "The last time I saw Rachelle was at about 7.55 am  
3 on 7 July, when she left home to take the short walk to  
4 Mill Hill East Tube station. She would normally get off  
5 the train at Piccadilly Circus."

6 My Lady, in relation to Elizabeth Daplyn, I will  
7 read the statement of Eleanor Daplyn.

8 Statement of MS ELEANOR DAPLYN read

9 I provide this statement further to a request from  
10 the Solicitor to the Inquest to provide some background  
11 evidence about my deceased sister, Elizabeth Anne Daplyn  
12 (known to all of us as Liz).

13 "Liz was born on 14 October 1978 in Leicester.

14 During her life, she lived in a wide variety of places  
15 both in and outside the United Kingdom, ranging from  
16 Kent to Lahore, Newport to Nigeria. From a young age,  
17 she had the ability to fit in to almost any location and  
18 situation readily, with humour, and with a sizeable  
19 appetite for all that was new and interesting.

20 "Liz's school and university career displayed the  
21 intelligence and range that characterised her whole  
22 life. She did well in all subjects, with the notable  
23 exception of PE, for which she had no time at all, but  
24 it had been obvious from when she was very young that  
25 art was where her calling lay, and she obtained a 2:1

1 degree in Fine Art from Oxford university. That first  
2 vocation became joined with an eclectic love of music as  
3 both a listener and a performer. She also read widely  
4 and at length.

5 "On leaving university in 2001, Liz set herself the  
6 difficult task of making a living in the art/publishing  
7 world. After undertaking internships, but not finding  
8 paid work in these areas, her pragmatic streak struggled  
9 to the surface and she began to work in administrative  
10 roles while continuing to maintain her huge range of  
11 interests and friends.

12 "Travel and food had joined her earlier passions and  
13 she shared it all with vim and spark, both in person and  
14 via online blogs. She was incredibly funny however she  
15 communicated.

16 "At the time of her death, Liz was as settled and  
17 content as I have ever known her. She had started to  
18 share a flat with her boyfriend, Rob Brennan, several  
19 months earlier and they were clearly very happy indeed.

20 "When thinking about what she might have done in the  
21 future, I honestly have to say I don't know. The scope  
22 of her intellect and imagination mean that it could have  
23 been everything and anything."

24 My Lady, in relation to Arthur Frederick, I will  
25 read the witness statement of Astrid Wade.

1 Statement of MR ASTRID WADE read

2 "I am the son of Arthur Edlin Frederick. I live on  
3 the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean, where I work  
4 as a firefighter.

5 "My father, Arthur, was born in Grenada on  
6 4 October 1944 to my grandparents, Waldon and  
7 Cynthia Frederick. My father had one other sibling, his  
8 brother, Albert.

9 "As a young man, he moved to the neighbouring island  
10 of Montserrat, where my father made his home and  
11 established his career as an officer of the  
12 Royal Montserrat Police.

13 "He was well-respected in the Montserrat community,  
14 known for his dedicated service to the island as  
15 a police officer, as well as recording the calypso hit  
16 'Signs of Christmas'.

17 "He worked as a police officer on the island for  
18 almost 32 years, until he took retirement in 1997. He  
19 was a committed and devoted officer who took his job  
20 very seriously, his dedication earning him the rank of  
21 police sergeant. He is also remembered by his  
22 colleagues for his jovial nature and his calypso  
23 singing. Calypso was a hobby my father kept throughout  
24 his life, which also contributed to his popularity on  
25 the island. He became well known for his famous calypso

1 record 'Signs of Christmas'. His hit, although recorded  
2 many years ago, is still played by ZJB, the island's  
3 radio station. His music also gained him several  
4 nicknames including Otis, Napo, Vision and Soul.

5 "I knew my father as a friendly person who got along  
6 with everyone. A man who loved his music and who  
7 participated in the local calypso competition  
8 every December.

9 "My father became worried by the eruption of the  
10 Soufriere Hills volcano in the late 1990s, and so he  
11 packed up and left Montserrat for England. He made his  
12 home in Seven Sisters, north London, and began work as  
13 a museum security guard. Although London soon became  
14 his second home, his mind and his heart were always in  
15 Grenada where his mother and father were.

16 "Just before he died, he had spent several weeks in  
17 Grenada helping my elderly grandparents, Waldon and  
18 Cynthia, rebuild their home which had been severely  
19 damaged by Hurricane Ivan.

20 "I still hear his songs on the radio and it brings  
21 back his memory to me. I do miss him. Although we had  
22 our ups and downs, he was my father and I have a lot of  
23 feelings for him."

24 My Lady, in relation to Karolina Gluck, I will read  
25 the statement of Martin Smith.

1 Statement of MR MARTIN SMITH read  
2 "On 21 June 2010, I wrote a letter to  
3 Mrs Magda Gluck-Pawlick, the sister of  
4 Karolina Anna Gluck who died on 7 July 2005 in the  
5 Russell Square bombing.  
6 "I asked that if Mrs Gluck-Pawlick wished to provide  
7 a statement to set out the personal background about her  
8 sister, then she should contact me with a view to doing  
9 so before 31 July 2010.  
10 "On 3 August 2010, I wrote a further letter to [her]  
11 to ensure that my initial request for a background  
12 statement had been received and understood. I explained  
13 that, if I did not receive a response by 17 August,  
14 I would assume that the family did not wish to provide  
15 me with a background statement.  
16 "To date, I have not received a response.  
17 Consequently, I have not received a fresh statement  
18 providing background evidence about Karolina. However,  
19 Mrs Gluck-Pawlick previously gave a statement to the  
20 Metropolitan Police on 9 July 2005 and I refer to this  
21 document below as the 'police statement'.  
22 "I have also read Karolina's short obituary  
23 published on the BBC News website which I will refer to  
24 as the 'BBC obituary'.  
25 "Finally, I have read the tributes to Karolina,

1 which were compiled for the Book of Tributes,  
2 7 July 2005, and which I shall refer to hereafter as the  
3 'Book of Tributes'. I summarise pertinent aspects of  
4 these documents to ensure that some personal information  
5 about Karolina is adduced in evidence during her  
6 inquest.

7 "The BBC obituary explains that Polish-born  
8 Karolina Gluck followed her twin sister, Magda, to live  
9 in London from their home town of Chorzow. In the Book  
10 of Tributes, Karolina's mother describes how the twins  
11 were inseparable from each other and their parents.

12 Karolina, or Karolcia, as she's called in the Book of  
13 Tributes, used to simplify her name to Lolcia, and this  
14 was the name by which she was known to all her family.

15 "The Book of Tributes records that, when they were  
16 young, Karolina and Magda dressed in exactly the same  
17 way. However, after they finished school, they both  
18 chose their own paths in life. Karolina liked to be in  
19 charge. She was heavily involved in school affairs and  
20 nothing went on without her involvement.

21 "After graduating from school, Karolina went on to  
22 study marketing and management while learning English.  
23 She was very popular and was the life and soul of the  
24 party, yet also knew how to strike the perfect balance  
25 between working hard and enjoying life.

1 "She was immensely trustworthy and took great care  
2 of those who were both close to her as well as those she  
3 barely knew.

4 "The Book of Tributes describes Karolina's love of  
5 travel and the two trips she made to the United States  
6 whilst studying at university. She was curious about  
7 the world and dreamt of her niece and nephew staying  
8 with her to improve their English. She had excellent  
9 computer skills and spoke fluent English.

10 "Karolina found it hard to find work in Poland and  
11 moved to England in 2002. She lived with her sister.  
12 Karolina was in a serious relationship and dreamed about  
13 starting a family. Together with her sister, she  
14 arranged to visit Poland on 15 August 2005, so as to  
15 introduce their boyfriends to the family and show them  
16 their country.

17 "The BBC obituary records how Karolina's boyfriend  
18 nicknamed her 'Sunshine' because of her lively and warm  
19 nature."

20 My Lady, in relation to Gamze Gunoral I will read  
21 the witness statement of Tawfiq Ghayas.

22 Statement of MR TAWFIQ GHAYAS read

23 "I am the uncle of Gamze Gunoral and have been asked  
24 by the coroner to make this statement about my niece's  
25 personal qualities and life history.

1 "Gamze was born on 4 June 1981 in Istanbul, Turkey.  
2 She was the only child of Nesrin Giritlioglu and  
3 Fethullah Gunoral. Her parents divorced when Gamze was  
4 five years' old and she was brought up by her mother on  
5 her own. Gamze went to Bahariye Ikoklu Primary School  
6 and later to Fenerbahce Super High School in Istanbul,  
7 achieving merits in all subjects.  
8 "From a young age, Gamze was active in sport taking  
9 part in volleyball and swimming. She was also very  
10 creative. Her arts teacher identified her ability in  
11 arts and crafts and encouraged her to create pieces  
12 which were later exhibited in school. Her paintings  
13 were exhibited when she was as young as 5. She was  
14 playing volleyball for a local club and had her first  
15 silver swimming medal in Istanbul at the age of 6. She  
16 had interest in music and learnt to play the mandolin,  
17 recorder and keyboard.  
18 "Her hard work at school won her a place at the  
19 distinguished Marmara University at Istanbul to study  
20 finance. After graduating from the university in 2003  
21 as an actuary, she joined Gisad Trading Company, the  
22 largest export company in Turkey. This was a milestone  
23 achievement, not only for Gamze, but also for her proud  
24 mother, who worked extremely hard to bring her daughter  
25 up as best she could and had supported her financially

1 and emotionally.

2 "Working at Gisad provided Gamze with various  
3 challenges and she rose up to all of them. She wanted  
4 to make her mother proud. She wanted to ensure that the  
5 hardship her mother had endured bringing her up bore  
6 fruit.

7 "The desire to succeed brought her to England and  
8 she knew that learning English would be the key to  
9 a successful career in finance. She wanted to be head  
10 and shoulders above her competitors and, therefore,  
11 decided to take a year's break from work and enrolled at  
12 a language school in Hammersmith, London, to study  
13 English full-time. In order to ensure that she could  
14 improve her oral communication skills, she also took up  
15 a part-time job with one of the fashion chains in  
16 London.

17 "Gamze's other interests included watching films,  
18 Formula 1 car racing, vintage cars and baking cookies.

19 On the morning of 7 July 2005, she left our home in  
20 north London as usual at 7.55 am to travel to her  
21 language school in Hammersmith, but never arrived."

22 My Lady, in relation to Lee Harris, I will read the  
23 witness statement of Lynne Joyce Harris.

24 Statement of MRS LYNNE JOYCE HARRIS

25 "Brian Rodger Harris and I are the parents of

1 Lee Christopher Harris, who died on 15 July 2005 in the  
2 bombing on the Tube at Russell Square. I make this  
3 statement on both our behalves following a request from  
4 the solicitor to the inquests to provide background  
5 about Lee's life.

6 "Lee was born on Wednesday evening of  
7 13 November 1974 of mum, Lynne Joyce Harris, and dad,  
8 Brian Rodger Harris. Lee was the older of two sons.  
9 His younger brother is Robert Mark Harris.

10 "From an early age, Lee was a very happy child. Not  
11 much seemed to faze him. He went to nursery school for  
12 a few hours each day at Mortimer Road, Hereford, and  
13 then on to Holmer Primary School. He then went on to  
14 Whitecross High School where he became a prefect. He  
15 was a very hard worker and excelled in all he did, but  
16 he loved art and craft, which would stand him in good  
17 stead for his chosen career. He was well-liked by his  
18 friends and his teachers.

19 "Lee then went to Hereford Sixth Form College to do  
20 art and drawing. About this time, he met his future  
21 partner, Samantha Hilary Badham. Lee would have been  
22 about 16 or so, and Sammy was five years his senior.  
23 Lee and Sammy were on the Lads Club Committee to help  
24 encourage the other lads there. At this time, Lee did  
25 his Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver awards.

1 "After finishing at the Sixth Form, Lee made up his  
2 mind to go to London to university and Sammy gave up her  
3 job in Ledbury and went with him.

4 "With a reference from Mr GM Bulmer, Director of  
5 HP Bulmers of Hereford, Lee and Sammy got a flat in  
6 Crouch Hill, London. Sammy got a job as a web content  
7 editor and designer for SPSS Limited. At this job,  
8 Sammy met and, with Lee, made friends with Carol Jones  
9 and her partner, Paul Lawton. Also at Crouch Hill, in  
10 the flat below, a new couple came, Mr Stephen Vaughan  
11 and Mrs Claire Vaughan, and Lee and Sammy made friends  
12 with them. These two couples have been a godsend to us  
13 over this time.

14 "Lee went to the University of North London and then  
15 on to the Bartlett University to continue his study of  
16 architecture. He passed and found a job, at the age of  
17 26, at Sammy's company for a while. Then he got a job  
18 with CJ LIM as a trainee. He found this very  
19 interesting and got some work published, but he left  
20 after a year and then found his dream job at  
21 Reid Architecture. This is what he had worked so hard  
22 for.

23 "He worked for Reids for six years until the day he  
24 and Sammy were killed. Lee got on well with all he met  
25 and worked for at Reids and other associated companies.

1 "Lee and Sammy were always together. When they were  
2 able to get time off, they loved to go to Wales and go  
3 walking in Ffestiniog, where they would take a lot of  
4 photos. This is something else Lee did extremely well  
5 and Sammy was very photogenic. She would always shine  
6 when there was a camera about. They would come home  
7 most weekends to Ledbury, where Sammy had a house.  
8 Their project was to gut and then improve the house.  
9 "Lee did the plans and drawings and the heavy work  
10 and Sammy was the gofer. But Sammy was very capable to  
11 do just as much, although she was only 5-foot and a bit  
12 and Lee 6-foot 4.  
13 "Lee loved tennis from an early age because he was  
14 so ungainly and dropped things, so when he was little,  
15 we took him to lessons on a Sunday morning. When he got  
16 better, we paid for lessons and he got to county  
17 standards. He also liked playing squash, pool, cricket,  
18 oh and food, he loved food, and Sammy could cook. She  
19 was very good at cooking. She was very good at making  
20 jams and preserves. She also loved to sew. She made  
21 me, for a Christmas gift, a tapestry and Lee framed it.  
22 They were also good at gardening. But most of all,  
23 Sammy loved to dance, oh but Lee could not. This is the  
24 one thing he never got the hang of. Sammy always had  
25 a bright smile, she could always cheer you up. Lee

1 could do so much. He turned his hand to most things,  
2 like bricklaying, plumbing, electrics and carpentry.  
3 "In 2003, Lee and Sammy found a house in Tottenham,  
4 which they loved. The neighbours got to know about  
5 Lee's job and asked if they could help with finding out  
6 about their new area, Tower Gardens. This is what they  
7 were doing.  
8 "As far as their future was concerned, it was to be  
9 together and to get married and have children. This is  
10 the reason they got the house.  
11 "As for Lee's achievements, this is what his work  
12 colleagues say ..."  
13 My Lady, there is then an extract from a letter from  
14 Keith MacRae, design manager at Heathrow:  
15 "'Following the completion of his RIBA part 2 ...'"  
16 That's part 2 of the Royal Institute of British  
17 Architects qualification:  
18 "'... at the Bartlett School University College  
19 London in 1999, Lee began work at 3DReid at our London  
20 office. Prior to his final year, Lee had spent a summer  
21 with our practice and he contacted us again to see if we  
22 might have a permanent position for him. We did not  
23 have a job immediately available, but it was an early  
24 indication of his loyalty and calm determination that,  
25 rather than accept a job elsewhere, he chose to wait

1 a few weeks until we had a position for him.  
2 "Luckily for all of us, he accepted the position,  
3 as he had made an exceptional contribution to the  
4 practice and was a fantastic person to work with.  
5 "Lee initially worked on the Vanwall project in  
6 Maidenhead and soon became a key member of a sizeable  
7 team responsible for the design and detailing of almost  
8 300,000 square feet of five new speculative office  
9 buildings. He made a strong, all-round contribution to  
10 the team, but focused much of his time and effort on the  
11 interiors.  
12 "Following his development on Vanwall, he joined  
13 the Three Quays project team helping to win a design  
14 competition for the provision of a mixed use scheme of  
15 serviced apartments with retail/restaurant units on the  
16 ground floor, on a prestigious site adjacent to the  
17 Tower of London. Lee continued to work on this scheme  
18 helping to win hard-won planning approval for the  
19 project, as well as overseeing the complete construction  
20 of a sample apartment for a client.  
21 "Lee was quick to learn and had a natural aptitude  
22 for working with computers to produce elegant and  
23 efficient designs, both in 2 and 3 dimensions. He was  
24 also ordered in his approach and soon became a key  
25 member of the office CAD (computer aided design) Action

1 Group, and concept design group, helping and devising  
2 strategies for developing the office systems.  
3 "'With his development skills and abilities, it was  
4 a natural progression to offer Lee the role of lead  
5 designer architect and, when the Three Quays client  
6 requested a complete construction of a two-storey  
7 apartment to test the design, he was the obvious choice.  
8 "'Lee delivered the project under the guidance of an  
9 associate director, but rarely needed their input, as he  
10 prepared the design under tender package and then  
11 monitored the construction, which was successfully  
12 developed on programme and within budget.  
13 "'In addition to working on the Three Quays sample  
14 apartment, Lee was also the original designer, together  
15 with an entrepreneurial client, on a concept project  
16 which has laid the foundations for a design that will  
17 offer a revolutionary new way of shopping in both  
18 supermarkets and shopping centres, a concept which will  
19 hopefully become a reality in the next year or two.  
20 "'Lee volunteered his abilities readily within the  
21 office and, when he was not working on his own house  
22 conversion back in Ledbury or his house in Tottenham, he  
23 would often contribute to the many exhibitions and  
24 displays within the gallery space. He resurrected his  
25 diploma lighting project, which explored the use of

1 artificial light in defining space, and constructed  
2 a working model which was displayed in the gallery for  
3 some time.

4 "Lee had a huge enthusiasm for the wider  
5 architectural debate. During lectures, design reviews  
6 and the informal discussion that drives an architectural  
7 studio, Lee was always present to contribute  
8 a thoughtful and informed reflection or a suggestion  
9 that would move the conversation on to a new, fruitful  
10 path. He could often be seen returning from a lunchtime  
11 spent at the RIBA bookshop with a new acquisition,  
12 either for his own collection or for the office library  
13 to which he was a keen contributor.

14 "Lighting was a particular passion of Lee's and he  
15 used his experience of systems and lights to develop the  
16 interior solutions for the refurbishment of  
17 Southampton Airport's international departures lounge,  
18 employing LED technology in an innovative and exciting  
19 way to illuminate the space.

20 "In addition, such was his fondness of materials  
21 and their interaction that BAA, the British Airports  
22 Authority, utilised Lee's abilities to develop  
23 a complete character study for the airport, defining  
24 a full palette and range of products to be used within  
25 all of their subsequent designs. In addition to the

1 projects above, he also worked significantly on  
2 Castle House, a 40-storey tower in Elephant & Castle;  
3 Woodside Hotel, a 25-storey hotel adjacent to the  
4 Mersey Ferry, Birkenhead; Heathrow Terminal 1  
5 international departures lounge and the central bus  
6 station in Heathrow.

7 "Lee was not just work-orientated. He was a very  
8 social member of the practice and we all fondly remember  
9 many afternoons and evenings out in the marketplace  
10 drinking too much Weissbier. He was comfortable with  
11 the office environment and developed his distinctive  
12 look of a crisp white T-shirt and blue jeans worn  
13 religiously every day, except for client meetings, when  
14 he looked oddly out of place in a shirt and tie. Lee  
15 contributed to many extra-curricular activities and, in  
16 2005, he became the first winner of an after-hours pool  
17 competition held between a local ironmongery supplier,  
18 Allgood, and ourselves.

19 "We have since competed every year for a trophy  
20 which bears his name. The Three Quays client, the  
21 Cheval Group, in recognition of Lee's ability and talent  
22 has jointly funded with us a bursary in Lee's name,  
23 sponsoring individuals or a team within the practice to  
24 submit ideas and projects to further their interests in  
25 architecture and design. The chosen project is

1 presented during a Lee Harris memorial evening held  
2 annually within the London office.

3 "'Lee had much to offer our practice and profession  
4 and was intent on developing himself and his career. He  
5 had enrolled for his RIBA part 3 course and would have  
6 been taking his final exams in the spring of 2006. His  
7 potential was immense, and he was identified and  
8 discussed during directors' meetings as one of the  
9 "stars of the future", a star who was cruelly prevented  
10 from reaching his true potential. Lee did some work  
11 with me on the central bus station project at Heathrow  
12 and, although I only met him on a couple of occasions,  
13 he struck me as a bright, intelligent architect and as  
14 an incredibly decent person. I very much enjoyed  
15 working with him'."

16 There is then an extract from a letter from  
17 John Boland of the Cheval Group who says:

18 "'On behalf of all of us at Cheval who knew Lee, he  
19 was a super chap, helpful and capable, and will be  
20 missed.'

21 "As for us as a family, our lights have gone out.  
22 We miss him so much it hurts. Our son and daughter have  
23 been taken away and to know how much they suffered is  
24 unbearable. But to have loved them so deeply, we know  
25 what they would say. They would say: keep going, you

1 have to keep going. So we do, but it is so very hard."

2 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Mr Keith, if you wish to take a break  
3 at any stage or feel it would be appropriate, please  
4 just say.

5 MR KEITH: Thank you, my Lady, perhaps after the next  
6 witness statement, if I may.

7 My Lady, in relation to Ojara Ikeagwu, I will read  
8 the witness statement of Dr Okorafor Ikeagwu:

9 Statement of DR OKORAFOR IKEAGWU read

10 "I, Dr Okorafor Ikeagwu, will say as follows. I am  
11 the husband of Ojara Kalu Ikeagwu, who died on  
12 7 July 2005 in the bombing on the Tube at  
13 Russell Square. I make this statement following  
14 a request from the Solicitor to the Inquest to provide  
15 background about Ojara's life.

16 "Ojara was born on 22 November 1948 in Achara  
17 Ihechiowa village in Nigeria. She attended the  
18 Presbyterian Primary School in the village from the age  
19 of 7 years. She started her high school education in  
20 1964 in a mission school 100 miles from the village.  
21 Her high school education was interrupted by the  
22 Biafran War, which lasted for three years. She got  
23 married in 1969 just before the Biafran War ended and  
24 then had to go back to high school after the war.

25 "Ojara had her first child in 1970 and two other

1 children in 1972 and 1974. She came to England in 1976  
2 with her husband and the three young children. She had  
3 0 level certificates when she came to England, but she  
4 enrolled at both Barnfield College and Luton College of  
5 Higher Education in 1976. Ojara gained the Higher  
6 National Diploma in 1979. She worked briefly at the  
7 Department of Social Security before going back to  
8 Nigeria for a short period.

9 "In 1983, Ojara opened her own business in the form  
10 of a hair salon, which she ran until 1992. In 1993, she  
11 enrolled for Access to Health Studies in Luton College  
12 of Higher Education and qualified in 1994. She then  
13 enrolled in West Herts College, Watford, for the Diploma  
14 in Social Work in 1995.

15 "She obtained a diploma in 1996 and then enrolled  
16 for the Bachelor of Social Work in the University of  
17 Hertfordshire, Hatfield. She obtained the Bachelor  
18 Degree in Social Work in 1997 and registered for the  
19 Masters Degree in Social Work at the University of  
20 Kingston. She achieved the Masters Degree in Social  
21 Work in the year 2000.

22 "While she was doing her studies in both  
23 universities, she was also working as a carer in a home.  
24 In 2001, she began work as a social worker with the  
25 Department of Social Services in the borough of Hounslow

1 and she worked there until her untimely death. She  
2 travelled to Hounslow from Luton by surface train and  
3 the London Underground every day of the week.  
4 "Ojara single-handedly brought up her three children  
5 while doing her studies or working. Her husband worked  
6 in hospitals outside Luton and came home on weekends and  
7 holidays. Her husband was also away from the country  
8 for six years. Ojara's three children attended private  
9 schools from home and she was responsible for them. Her  
10 efforts were rewarded by the progress of her children  
11 academically. Her first son is a pharmacist and  
12 a company director. Her second son is a lawyer with the  
13 council and her daughter is a specialist paediatrician.  
14 "Ojara was invited to do a PhD in Social Work by her  
15 department in Kingston University, but she did not take  
16 it up. After her death, her department set up the  
17 Ojara Ikeagwu memorial prize, which the best student in  
18 social work is awarded annually. Hounslow Council has  
19 set out a garden in her honour for her services to the  
20 council.  
21 "Ojara was a philanthropist. In 2003, she made  
22 education free for the 500 pupils in her village school.  
23 The children received free all the books, pens, pencils,  
24 rulers and their school uniforms. This programme is  
25 still being funded by her husband. A week before she

1 was killed, she started a twice-monthly protein meal for  
2 all the pupils in the primary school in her village and  
3 this programme is still running. For her services to  
4 the village, the village has made her a chief  
5 posthumously and named the primary school after her.  
6 "Ojara was an extrovert and she got on well with  
7 everyone she came across. She was very religious and  
8 well-organised. If you were walking with her at the  
9 shopping mall, she would be stopped every few yards by  
10 the people she knew. In her workplace she was very  
11 popular and would always be appointed spokesperson, as  
12 she was not afraid to speak her mind. Ojara was very  
13 good at organising meetings and parties to the minutest  
14 detail. She featured prominently as the female  
15 representative in the clan meetings in the  
16 United Kingdom. She was very family-orientated and  
17 looked after her parents in Nigeria until they died and  
18 she organised their burial ceremonies. She looked after  
19 her three sisters in Nigeria and she came to England  
20 with one of her sisters.  
21 "She sent four of her sister's children to  
22 universities in Nigeria and two were still students when  
23 she was killed.  
24 "Ojara was anticipating her daughter's wedding  
25 before she died and had started buying jewellery for the

1 occasion. Her death dealt a big blow to her family that  
2 has been difficult to recover from. The people she was  
3 helping and the people she could have helped are all  
4 suffering since her death. She now has two  
5 grandchildren that she will never see."

6 My Lady, is that a convenient moment?

7 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Certainly. We'll take a break until  
8 11.00 am.

9 (10.45 am)

10 (A short break)

11 (11.00 am)

12 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Yes, Mr Keith?

13 MR KEITH: My Lady, in relation to Emily Jenkins, I propose  
14 to read the witness statement of Sarah Jenkins.

15 Statement of MRS SARAH JENKINS read

16 "I am the mother of Emily Rose Jenkins, who died on

17 7 July 2005 in the bombing on the Tube at

18 Russell Square. I make this statement on behalf of

19 myself and my husband, Nick, following a request from

20 the Solicitor to the Inquests to provide background

21 about Emily's life.

22 "Emily was born in Hammersmith on July 24, 1980.

23 She was the youngest of four, an easy baby who held her

24 own as the baby of her family with her sense of

25 mischief. She started playschool early, as her elder

1 brother, who was already there, wouldn't attend without  
2 her. She was totally nonjudgmental and would often  
3 befriend the lame duck of the class. She went on to the  
4 Old Vicarage in Richmond, where her mischief continued,  
5 never with malice and always fun. She joined a ballet  
6 school and excelled in dancing, staying with it until  
7 she was 18, enjoying modern dance and tap as well as  
8 ballet.

9 "She passed all her dance exams with high grades.

10 "After the Old Vicarage she went on to  
11 Surbiton High. She did very well until A levels, when  
12 her rebellious streak took over and, although she passed  
13 maths and physics, she failed art, and her grades were  
14 not as good as she was capable of. We gave her a gap  
15 year in South America. She loved it and learnt Spanish,  
16 how to rough it, and to support the rest of the group.

17 "Having read the team diaries, Emily was always the  
18 one to stay back and look after anyone who was lame,  
19 sick or ill.

20 "Bristol West of England University was the next  
21 stop. It lasted a term and, much against the family's  
22 advice, Emily decided that it was not for her. She  
23 brushed up on computing skills but still did not have  
24 any idea what she wanted to do. Her siblings were all  
25 focused. Louise is a doctor, James a teacher and

1 Barnaby is reading law. I think it made it all the more  
2 difficult for Em. She went to Salamanca for a year.  
3 I am not sure how seriously she took her studies, but  
4 she had a wonderful time.  
5 "Em was never conventional and did not take the easy  
6 path. She returned again with no idea of what to do  
7 next. She got a job with South Corp, an Australian wine  
8 company in Twickenham. She lived at home, which was  
9 possibly a mistake, as, at that stage, she needed to  
10 spread her wings further than Richmond. She became  
11 depressed and let down by her friends. She put  
12 110 per cent into friendships and this was not always  
13 repaid.  
14 "Em decided to go to Australia with no plan in  
15 place. She had somewhere to stay for the first week and  
16 then she was on her own. It worked for her and, even  
17 though it was not the family's choice, she lived with  
18 a group of self-sufficient people in Melbourne, working  
19 when she ran out of money.  
20 "When she returned, she was restless and decided to  
21 live in Cornwall. We have a converted barn on the south  
22 coast. It is where she spent most of her summers. This  
23 did not work out for her, as she missed London and her  
24 family. At last, Em had a goal and decided that she  
25 wanted to be a midwife but, sadly, she did not have

1 biology at the right level. She took a job with AYH,  
2 a project management company and commuted from Richmond.  
3 She fitted in well with the job and soon became personal  
4 assistant to her boss. She found herself a flat and  
5 moved to Peckham.

6 "By this time, she was an aunt to Priya and Rebecca,  
7 whom she adored. She was the last person who would  
8 always be digging sandcastles on the beach and  
9 babysitting at every opportunity.

10 "She had a large, varied group of friends and was  
11 extremely sociable and popular. She was the only  
12 grandchild to get away with teasing my austere mother  
13 and father. She was on a path to fulfilment when she  
14 was killed."

15 My Lady, in relation to Adrian Johnson, I will read  
16 the statement of Catherine Johnson.

17 Statement of MRS CATHERINE JOHNSON read

18 "I am the wife of Adrian Johnson, who died on  
19 7 July 2005 in the bombings on the Tube at  
20 Russell Square. I make this statement following  
21 a request from the Solicitor to the Inquests to provide  
22 background about Adrian's life.

23 "Adrian was born on 9 May 1968 to proud parents,  
24 Ann and Owen Johnson. He was raised in Skegby,  
25 Sutton-in-Ashfield, and attended local schools where he

1 always received glowing reports and participated in many  
2 sporting activities with a particular interest in  
3 hockey, competing in the school team.  
4 "Leah, his younger sister, was born in 1979,  
5 completing the family unit. They spent a happy family  
6 life growing up in Skegby. I first met Adrian, my  
7 wonderful husband, when we were both 15 at our local  
8 comprehensive school. I knew from the very beginning  
9 that Adrian would be the father of my children and we  
10 were together from then on until his death.  
11 "After leaving school, whilst in the employ of  
12 Mansfield Knitwear, later to become Coats Viyella  
13 Knitwear, Adrian attended Hinckley Textile College in  
14 Loughborough, where he gained an HNC in textiles.  
15 During this time he received a special award - 'the  
16 Hanes Corporation of America Prize for best student of  
17 Knitting Practice'.  
18 "Adrian and I were married in 1991 and have two  
19 beautiful children, Christopher, born on  
20 17 January 1996, and Rebekah, born 19 November 1998.  
21 During this time, we were both very happy and contented  
22 with our lives and felt that our family was complete.  
23 "Adrian was always a gentle and kind soul and little  
24 did we know our lives would be somewhat tested during  
25 the next few years. I was diagnosed with malignant

1 melanoma in late 2000, which unfortunately spread to my  
2 lymph glands. Not only was this a physical challenge  
3 for Adrian, as he took on my role whilst I was in and  
4 out of hospital, but it was an emotional rollercoaster  
5 for him, looking after a very young family and trying to  
6 come to terms with the potential threat of being  
7 a single parent. All I can say is that he was  
8 absolutely amazing during this terrible time, and my  
9 love and respect for him grew to new heights.  
10 "We became much closer, discussing difficult  
11 subjects that couples do not usually have to discuss.  
12 We were both positive and always tried to keep our sense  
13 of humour. It was so ironic that I would lose Adrian,  
14 when we had already faced the possibility of him being  
15 left to bring up the children alone. We were saving  
16 a bottle of champagne to celebrate my five-year  
17 milestone in 2006, but I could not bring myself to drink  
18 it alone.  
19 "Adrian was a loyal and trusted employee of  
20 Coats Viyella Knitwear for 12 years, working his way up  
21 through the company to knitwear technologist. Following  
22 in the footsteps of his father, Owen, Adrian was so  
23 proud, in 1997, to join the Burberry 'family' and  
24 pursued his career as a technical and quality manager  
25 with enthusiasm, pride and integrity.

1 "He was so committed to the company that, when he  
2 slipped a disk in his back, he travelled down to London,  
3 prostrate in the back seat of his father's car, for six  
4 months, before having spinal surgery to correct the  
5 problem.

6 "The following is a small section of one of the  
7 tributes paid by a colleague at his funeral:

8 "'Above all, he was a consummate professional. He  
9 always took such pride in his work and set his own  
10 personal standards at the highest levels. He was always  
11 so pure in his judgments, never swayed by peer pressure.  
12 It had to be good enough to carry a Burberry label. He  
13 was a great Ambassador for the company as well as one of  
14 its best guardians'.

15 "Adrian combined his professionalism with his  
16 genuine, warm sense of humour, making him both an  
17 easily-approachable and well-respected colleague.  
18 Friends and colleagues travelled from all over the world  
19 to be at his funeral and pay their respects. Our local  
20 church had to place a marquee in the grounds with  
21 a videolink to accommodate all the mourners. When I try  
22 to find the words to describe the impact that Adrian's  
23 death has had on the whole of our family, I cannot  
24 possibly articulate the emotions. Like ripples in  
25 a pond, one solitary event has repercussions which

1 continue to be experienced.

2 "My children will go through life without their  
3 father's stable and loving presence. Every proud,  
4 scary, comical, mundane and special moment of their  
5 lives will always be incomplete. Adrian's parents have  
6 had a piece of themselves ripped away, a wound that will  
7 never completely heal.

8 "Leah, Adrian's sister, has lost her brother, who  
9 will never be able to share of life of her only  
10 daughter, Megan, born earlier than expected two days  
11 after he was killed.

12 "My own parents and brother feel the loss greatly.  
13 Adrian was 15 when he joined our family and they looked  
14 upon him as a son and brother too.

15 "As for myself, I have lost my husband, my soulmate  
16 and my friend, a person who always made me laugh and  
17 feel special. All my future plans came to a screaming  
18 halt on 7 July 2005.

19 "I remember writing this down on the support website  
20 a few years later. I am grieving for the life I could  
21 have had and rebelling against the one that has been  
22 forced upon me. Adrian was an amazing father, husband,  
23 son, brother, son-in-law, brother-in-law and friend, who  
24 made a huge difference to the lives of the people he  
25 touched. His main ambition in life was to achieve

1 comfort and stability for his family and to see his  
2 children grow up.  
3 "Nearly £40,000 was raised in his name for the  
4 Adrian Johnson Memorial Trust after his death to help 56  
5 children who had been severely affected by the London  
6 bombings and the bombings in Sharm-el-Sheikh  
7 in July 2005. We are all proud to have known him and  
8 there is now a huge void that cannot ever be filled.  
9 However, we honour his memory and we find the strength  
10 to carry on with love in our hearts.  
11 "I am extremely proud of my children, who have coped  
12 amazingly. We have always been very open and honest  
13 with them and they know their dad loved them dearly. My  
14 goal in life is to make sure our children grow into  
15 happy, loving, and well-adjusted young adults and this  
16 is my tribute to Adrian. The only real thing of value  
17 any of us possess is our capacity to love one another  
18 and Adrian's love was limitless - a big man with an  
19 incredibly big heart. Our love can never be destroyed."  
20 My Lady, in relation to Helen Jones I will read the  
21 witness statement of Liz Staffell.  
22 Statement of MS LIZ STAFFELL read  
23 "I am the mother of Helen Jones who died on  
24 7 July 2005 in the bombing on the Tube at  
25 King's Cross/Russell Square. I make this statement

1 following a request from the Solicitor to the Inquests  
2 to provide background about Helen's life.  
3 "Helen was born in Edinburgh but grew up in Templand  
4 near Lockerbie. She spent the first 24 years of her  
5 life in Scotland. She attended Lochmaben Primary School  
6 and later left Lockerbie Academy with straight As in all  
7 her Highers. Aged only 16, she enrolled for four years  
8 at Aberdeen University where she gained a first-class  
9 Honours Degree in Divinity. After this, she took a gap  
10 year with the Glasgow City Mission, working with drug  
11 addicts, prostitutes and the homeless. During her year,  
12 she went to Denver in the United States to a sister  
13 organisation on exchange.  
14 "She felt called to the Church of Scotland ministry  
15 but, feeling she wanted some real-life experience before  
16 seeking selection, in 1998 she began training as  
17 a chartered accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers in  
18 Glasgow. She showed immediate promise as an auditor,  
19 earning the nickname 'Sherlock Jones' with her ability  
20 in sniffing out accountancy errors.  
21 "Having worked with some high priority clients, she  
22 gained exemplary exam results and she was admitted to  
23 the Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland in 2001.  
24 "In November of 2001, she moved to London with  
25 PricewaterhouseCoopers. About six months later, she

1 moved on to another firm, KPMG, and took up work in the  
2 strategic and commercial intelligence department. She  
3 relished the new challenges this change brought her.  
4 "In 2004, she moved on to Phoenix Equity Partners  
5 and worked in the deal origination team. This was work  
6 Helen adored and she quickly found a way into the hearts  
7 of all in this friendly firm.  
8 "Wherever Helen went, she gathered up groups of  
9 people and organised them. Helen loved being with  
10 people and was determined always to be involved and  
11 involving. Her colleague recalls that a typical quiet  
12 evening meal out could end up involving most of the  
13 other restaurants' customers as she gathered complete  
14 strangers up into an amusing anecdote session.  
15 "Above all, Helen was a friend to all. It was  
16 impossible not to like her. She was big hearted, warm,  
17 humorous and downright likeable. She drew people to  
18 herself in a unique way. She loved people and people  
19 loved her.  
20 "Many friends have remarked upon her abilities to  
21 cook superb meals, often at short notice. She was  
22 a very supportive friend to have, keeping confidences,  
23 and was a source of sound advice. One friend described  
24 her as the best type of friend to have. No matter how  
25 long it was between meeting up, it was always like it

1 had been yesterday. She was a great organiser of the  
2 fun aspects of life, keeping people in touch with each  
3 other. Her parties were the stuff of legend as well as  
4 her sense of humour.

5 "Into a busy life, Helen had packed more living,  
6 more loving and more giving than many of us will achieve  
7 in a very long life. One phrase has been oft repeated  
8 by friends and colleagues alike: her being in  
9 a situation made a considerable difference. She had  
10 gifted insight into how her fellow human beings worked  
11 and could be very direct in her advice.

12 "Helen loved her holidays that had taken her all  
13 round the world from Australia to Iceland, from the  
14 Caribbean to Sweden. A week before her death she was in  
15 Cornwall with her friend, Laura, smiling for the camera  
16 through the rain. Helen's health was never that good.  
17 She spent a great deal of her holidays, and indeed of  
18 her life, wheezing with one infection or another as  
19 a result of her asthma, but she remained cheerful  
20 through it all and illness was never allowed to get in  
21 the way of anything she really wanted to do.

22 "She landed the job at Phoenix Equity Partners in  
23 spite of having a typically Helen-sized cold at the  
24 interview.

25 "Helen was thoroughly enjoying her rich cultural

1 interests as well her varied social life and had just  
2 bought a flat two weeks before she was killed. She had  
3 recently also taken up golf and tennis with her normal  
4 great determination to succeed and, as with everything  
5 she did, Helen's determination marked her out as being  
6 exceptional. It would always start with the right book.  
7 Her collection of books ranged from origami to party  
8 games, from cocktails to bookkeeping, from pastoral care  
9 to friendships and, whatever the subject, Helen would  
10 have a book on it and, yes, on golf and tennis too.  
11 "Helen's life may have been busy, but in all things  
12 her family always came first. Her family was important  
13 to her and there is no doubt that she was very important  
14 to them. She made a point of being there for all the  
15 main events of the year and, with her wonderful  
16 telephone technique, kept in constant touch. It was  
17 said that her whole being would light up after any of  
18 the family had been on the phone.  
19 "Her tragic death in the London bombings has  
20 deprived the world of a unique young woman with huge  
21 potential, talent and compassion. She is greatly missed  
22 by all who knew her and many friends and families  
23 contributed to a book of memories of Helen's life. My  
24 own entry in the book said this:  
25 "'We are infinitely poorer for having lost Helen.

1 We are all infinitely richer for having known and loved  
2 her.'

3 "Donations of £1,026 from Helen's funeral were given  
4 in aid of Glasgow City Mission where she had spent time  
5 as a volunteer. Phoenix Equity Partners donated  
6 approximately £141,000, and donations to the tune of  
7 £6,000 were made in Helen's memory by others to the  
8 Eden Valley Hospice Children's Unit in Carlisle, which  
9 allowed building work on the unit for children with  
10 life-threatening and limiting conditions to start. The  
11 unit was completed and opened in December 2007.

12 "Helen had been interested and supportive of the  
13 hospice movement because her grandmother had died in  
14 one. The Helen Jones Appeal Fund was launched by the  
15 Scottish Trust for Education and Research (SATER) with  
16 the assistance of the Institute of Chartered Accountants  
17 of Scotland to provide a small grant for young people in  
18 Dumfries and Galloway studying relevant degrees toward  
19 their becoming chartered accountants. The fund had  
20 about £40,000 start-up capital which has been added to  
21 by donations. Each year, one school leaver is chosen  
22 and receives a grant for every year they attend  
23 university. 2010 marks the year when the first of these  
24 scholars has gained her degree after four years in  
25 university and now is joining a firm where she will be

1 training towards her chartered exams."  
2 My Lady, in relation to Susan Levy, I will read the  
3 witness statement of Harry Levy.  
4 Statement of MR HARRY LEVY read  
5 "I, Harry Levy, will say as follows:  
6 "Susan's enchanting smile and laughter lit every  
7 room she entered. As a person, she was a wonderful  
8 woman and someone who people felt they had known for  
9 years, even though they had only just met her.  
10 "Susan was born on 17 December 1951 at the  
11 Royal London Hospital. We met at the beginning of 1975  
12 whilst I was working as a long distance truck driver.  
13 We married a year later on 4 April 1976.  
14 "Our two sons, Daniel, now 30, and Jamie, now 28,  
15 were born on 26 September 1979 and 23 July 1982 at the  
16 Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone.  
17 "Susan was a truly loving mother from the outset and  
18 throughout our life together she was a devoted and much  
19 loved wife and mother to the three of us. We lived in  
20 Longwood Gardens, Ilford, from the day we married,  
21 until November 2000, when we moved to our home in  
22 Newgate Street Village near Cuffley, where Susan lived  
23 until she died.  
24 "As a family, we did everything together. When our  
25 youngest son, Jamie, started work, Susan and he shared

1 part of their 17-mile commute to London together and  
2 would even sometimes share the journey home together.  
3 They were friends as well as mother and son, and Susan  
4 doted on him. Our eldest son, Daniel, adored her too.  
5 Daniel lived in Australia and, for him, the most  
6 important part of his day was to open his computer in  
7 the morning and find a message from his mother waiting  
8 for him. It is something he misses to this day.  
9 "Work was also important to Susan and she worked as  
10 a temporary legal secretary in the City in the West End  
11 of London for the Law Temps Agency, an agency she worked  
12 with for a long time. This led Susan to work for many  
13 different respectable law firms as a float secretary.  
14 She loved her job and was very good at it, which to us  
15 explains why she was always asked to go back to the firm  
16 she worked for. She particularly enjoyed working in the  
17 Temple and West End, where she could go out to the shops  
18 at lunchtime and pursue her love of clothes at the same  
19 time.  
20 "She was always sure to dress the part for work,  
21 wearing sharp, dark suits and elegant accessories. In  
22 this way, she managed to combine her love of clothes and  
23 her respect for her work.  
24 "Susan was not just the integral part of our  
25 close-knit family, she was also a valued and respected

1 member of our extended Jewish family. Family was  
2 all-important to Susan, so much so that, when our  
3 friends in Florida became grandparents, she adopted  
4 their grandsons as her own, with one grandson becoming  
5 the only child in the first grade in Port Charlotte,  
6 Florida, with a rucksack from Harrods.

7 "Susan was an intelligent, outgoing woman, loved by  
8 her many friends, whom she spent many happy hours with,  
9 either laughing or sharing a joke or talking about our  
10 family. She had the rare quality of being able to put  
11 people at their ease and make friends almost immediately  
12 and all those whom she met came to love her as we did."

13 My Lady, in relation to Michael Minh Matsushita

14 I read the statement of David Matsushita.

15 Statement of MR DAVID MATSUSHITA read

16 "I make this statement further to a request from the  
17 Solicitor to the Inquests for background evidence in  
18 relation to my son, Michael Minh Matsushita (Minh), who  
19 died on the London bombings on 7 July 2005.

20 "Minh was born on 25 May 1968 in My Tho,  
21 South Vietnam, a provincial city on the banks of the  
22 Mekong River. This was only several months after the  
23 Tet offensive, when communist forces attacked the cities  
24 and towns of South Vietnam, including My Tho. When Minh  
25 was five months old, his natural father,

1 a South Vietnamese rural development cadre officer, was  
2 shot and killed by a drunken South Vietnamese soldier.  
3 "I first met Minh and his mother, Muoi, in My Tho  
4 when I was working as a civilian US Government land  
5 reform adviser in the early 1970s. I married Muoi in  
6 1972 and we moved to New York city. We had two further  
7 children, David Son and Cindy Mai.  
8 "Minh learned to speak English quickly after  
9 starting kindergarten and soon forgot his native  
10 Vietnamese language. He spent his boyhood years in  
11 Riverdale, a section of the Bronx in New York, engaged  
12 in what I would call typical American childhood  
13 activities, playing tag, baseball, football, Dungeons  
14 and Dragons and Hackey sack. During this time, Minh  
15 formed several close and everlasting friendships.  
16 "As a teenager, friends became the centre of Minh's  
17 life. He and his friends were known as 'the Bronx  
18 Boys'. They spent much of their time together laughing,  
19 drinking and smoking with the occasional air guitar and  
20 head-banging contest. One of Minh's close childhood  
21 friends, Robert, died tragically, aged 16. After  
22 graduating from high school, Minh attended college in  
23 New York City. He found it not to his liking. He left  
24 to work for a New York law firm for a couple of years  
25 but, after visiting a friend in California, switched in

1 early 1989 to a company in San Diego, California,  
2 managing the installation of large, commercial, neon  
3 signs.

4 "He hoped to start his own company some day. In  
5 fact, Minh was full of entrepreneurial ideas, but his  
6 enthusiasm often surpassed his success. One of his  
7 supposedly money-making adventures took him into  
8 Mexico's Baja California peninsula to harvest sea  
9 cucumbers, a delicacy in Asia. Afterwards, he told me  
10 that he barely broke even. Another side business he had  
11 was selling expensive water filters for kitchen taps.

12 "Minh returned to live in New York City in 1996 and  
13 found work as a recruitment consultant with an IT  
14 consulting company located a few blocks from the  
15 World Trade Centre. Minh had never had any form of  
16 computer training prior to interviewing for the job but,  
17 as always seemed to be the case with him, he overcame  
18 this challenge without a worry and with exceptional  
19 ease. He quickly made friends at work, including two  
20 young Australian women. When one, Katrina, moved back  
21 to Sydney, he visited her on vacation  
22 in November 2000 and fell in love with the country and  
23 its laid-back life-style. He decided to go back there  
24 and find a job.

25 "Despite hearing how difficult it is to obtain an

1 Australian work permit, with his eternal optimism, Minh  
2 set off for Australia in early 2001 after a holiday  
3 touring Costa Rica, Ghana, Egypt and Vietnam. After  
4 arriving in Sydney, in April 2001, he found a job with  
5 an IT management company as a recruitment consultant.  
6 He made many friends with whom he shared adventures such  
7 as rock climbing, house boating and snorkelling on the  
8 Great Barrier Reef. He and these friends spent time and  
9 holidays in rented cabins and at Halloween parties.  
10 There were also beach parties and barbecues where Minh  
11 was affectionately called 'Mikey Two-Forks' for his  
12 culinary talents at the grill.  
13 "While Minh was in Australia, two tragedies affected  
14 him. The first was the terrorist attack on the  
15 World Trade Centre on 11 September 2001. The second was  
16 the death of his close childhood friend, Andy, on  
17 4 April 2002. Minh returned to New York City to attend  
18 Andy's funeral. Before the coffin was closed, he  
19 quietly slipped a message he had written into Andy's  
20 coat pocket.  
21 "After some time working in Australia, Minh signed  
22 a three-month contract with his company to work on  
23 a special IT recruiting project in Bangalore in India  
24 beginning in September 2003. He loved to travel.  
25 Despite the high pressures of his job, he was cool as

1 usual and excited about exploring the new sights and  
2 smells around him. He was so enthralled with India that  
3 he decided to write a book about his experience there.  
4 In the draft he started, he wrote that his time in India  
5 turned out to be some of the best weeks of his life. He  
6 loved exploring the towns and cities of Southern India,  
7 tasting the aromatic foods served by street vendors,  
8 ducking into small, dimly lit cafes, to have beers, or  
9 buying seafood straight from fishermen landing on the  
10 beaches and having it cooked at restaurants nearby.  
11 "Minh returned to Sydney at the conclusion of his  
12 short-term contract. He found it difficult to  
13 acclimatise in Sydney again after his time in India, so  
14 he found a job with Intrepid Travel, as a tour leader in  
15 Southeast Asia, which he started in January 2004.  
16 "This entailed Minh leading small group tours  
17 through Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, some of  
18 which lasted up to 29 days. While in Vietnam, he met  
19 some of his relatives whom he had not seen since leaving  
20 the country in 1972.  
21 "While working for Intrepid Travel, Minh met  
22 Rosie Cowan, another tour leader, and fell in love.  
23 Minh's mother and I were thrilled when he told us about  
24 Rosie, because Minh had not had many girlfriends. He  
25 was very particular. Muoi would ask him, 'When are you

1 going to find a nice girl and settle down?'. He'd  
2 reply, 'Mum, don't worry, I'm looking. When I find the  
3 right person, I'll let you know and introduce her to  
4 you'. He introduced Rosie to us on a visit to New York  
5 in November 2004.

6 "After five years leading tours in South Africa and  
7 Southeast Asia, Rosie decided it was time for her to  
8 return to England after her Intrepid Travel contract had  
9 ended. She returned to London in January 2005 to work  
10 for Intrepid in London. Minh promised to follow her  
11 when his contract was completed in June. In fact, he  
12 left in mid-May, stopping off in New York on his way to  
13 see family and friends and to celebrate his 37th  
14 birthday.

15 "The last time my wife and I saw Minh was on  
16 31 May 2005. We dropped him off at the airport, gave  
17 him a big hug and a kiss and wished him luck finding  
18 a job in London. He was nervous as he had not seen  
19 Rosie for nearly three months after his visiting her in  
20 London in early March. After reaching London this time,  
21 he sent us an email which read as follows: 'So Rosie met  
22 me at the airport and things could not be better. As  
23 soon as she saw my lovely big head and crazy hair, she  
24 just melted in my arms and all is good'.

25 "Rosie and Minh found a place to live in Islington.

1 Minh soon found a job on a special six-month project for  
2 an IT consulting company located in Holborn. They  
3 planned to work and save some money and perhaps start an  
4 import/export business in Southeast Asia. Before he  
5 started his new job, Rosie and Minh travelled to Holland  
6 and Spain.

7 "Rosie has told me that, on the morning of 7 July,  
8 the fourth day of his new job, Minh put on his suit and  
9 tie, told her he loved her and left for work. Of  
10 course, he did not reach work because he was killed in  
11 the bombing on the Piccadilly Line train between  
12 King's Cross and Russell Square.

13 "We held a funeral and cremation service for Minh in  
14 London on 20 July 2005. The ceremony was attended by  
15 our family, Rosie and her family and friends, and by  
16 representatives from the US Consul and the London  
17 police. The following day, we flew back to New York  
18 with his ashes. We held a further memorial service in  
19 New York on 30 July 2005. Two of Minh's friends have  
20 established a website called 'Mike's Mates' for his  
21 friends and family to leave memorial messages on.

22 "In lieu of flowers, Rosie and we requested people  
23 to make donations to the 'Intrepid foundation: Indochina  
24 Children's Fund for Mike' to support needy children in  
25 Cambodia and Vietnam. Intrepid Travel generously

1 matched each donation, dollar for dollar.

2 "Minh is much missed by everyone who knew him, but  
3 he had a positive attitude and would not wish us to  
4 grieve."

5 My Lady, in relation to James Mayes, I read the  
6 witness statement of Bernard and Rosemary Mayes.  
7 Statement of MR BERNARD MAYES and MRS ROSEMARY MAYES read  
8 "We, Bernard and Rosemary Mayes, are the parents of  
9 James Mayes, and Rachel is James' sister. James died on  
10 7 July 2005 in the bombing on the Tube at  
11 Russell Square. We and Rachel make this statement  
12 following a request from the Solicitor to the Inquests  
13 to provide background about James' life.  
14 "Following James' death, the outpouring of sympathy  
15 and support from family friends and colleagues  
16 overwhelmed us. Even those who stood a little removed  
17 from the tragedy were deeply touched and affected by it.  
18 For those who you knew and loved him, though, and  
19 especially for us, the loss was, and continues to be,  
20 inexpressibly painful and, in a very real sense, beyond  
21 comprehension. To quote Father Paul Walmsley-McCleod's  
22 words at James' memorial service, however:  
23 "'James lives on in our determination not to give in  
24 to the evil that viciously removed him from us'.  
25 "There is no doubt that the numerous tributes we

1 received to James, immediately after 7 July and at his  
2 memorial service, helped to us cherish our very positive  
3 memories of him, even in the midst of our grief. He  
4 lives on in the way he touched our own humanity with his  
5 love and humour, his many moral dilemmas, his compassion  
6 and, perhaps most of all, his opposition to injustice  
7 and cruelty.

8 "One of the greatest and most tragic ironies of the  
9 manner of his death was that he believed passionately in  
10 human rights and freedom of expression and belief.

11 "From a very small boy, James had a strong sense of  
12 right and wrong and expected people, and especially us,  
13 to do what we said we were going to do. On one famous  
14 occasion en route to a holiday in France on a Sally the  
15 Viking Line ferry, he took a particular fancy to a model  
16 ferry and was told he could have one on the return  
17 journey, a fortnight later. Unfortunately, there were  
18 none on the way back and he made it clear, although only  
19 4 at the time, that we should not have promised  
20 something we could not deliver.

21 "Also from an early age, James questioned  
22 everything. The word 'why' was permanently on his lips  
23 virtually as soon as he started talking, and he learned  
24 to read before he was 4, largely because he always  
25 wanted to know what things written down said. Another

1 tragic irony is that he loved going on the Tube as  
2 a small boy, always wanted to go in the front carriage  
3 to see if he could try and see the driver, and used  
4 'Obstructing the door causes delay and can be dangerous'  
5 as one of his first reading lessons.

6 "He was not at all keen on school initially, but his  
7 life-long sense of humour was tickled by a T-shirt he  
8 had when he was 5 with a legend 'I like school when it's  
9 closed'. Unfortunately, his teacher did not see the  
10 joke and he had to stop wearing it to school. His  
11 subsequent school career was much more successful and he  
12 left City of London School in 1995 with an impressive  
13 clutch of GCSEs and A levels. He was particularly good  
14 at English and enjoyed creative writing and literary  
15 criticism. His main love, though, was politics and he  
16 was an avid newspaper reader and political debater from  
17 his early teens.

18 "His politics studies at the University of Warwick  
19 accentuated his passion for current affairs but lessened  
20 his enthusiasm for party politics. He would always try  
21 to see all sides of an argument and this tendency meant  
22 that he found it increasingly difficult to accept any  
23 one political orthodoxy.

24 "For him, personally and politically, there were  
25 many moral dilemmas which could not, in his opinion, be

1 solved by slavish adherence to rule books and party  
2 political procedures. Far preferable, in his view, to  
3 engage in ardent debate with anyone who cared to join in  
4 over a few drinks. University for James was indeed  
5 a time when he really learned to enjoy himself and to  
6 forge friendships which continued to the end of his  
7 life.

8 "Characteristically, James had real difficulties in  
9 deciding on a career after university. He yearned to do  
10 something creative but was unclear about what. He spent  
11 a year as a civil servant, which was definitely not for  
12 him, and then temped for a while until he found that  
13 uncertain levels of income did not support his  
14 lifestyle. Finally, in October 2002, he was appointed as  
15 a trainee analyst (subsequently promoted to analyst) by  
16 the Healthcare Commission (now the Quality Care  
17 Commission).

18 "In his Friends Reunited entry he referred to the  
19 Healthcare Commission rather disparagingly as a  
20 'Blairite quango', but, in reality, it is an  
21 organisation whose mission he supported and he enjoyed  
22 working there. In his address at James' memorial  
23 service, Sir Ian Kennedy, the then Chairman of the  
24 Healthcare Commission, referred to the fact that James  
25 loved to help others to understand the complexity of his

1 team's work and his brilliance at finding ways of  
2 explaining it. He also referred to James' readiness to  
3 challenge what he saw as pointless activity, and it is  
4 to the credit of the Commission that they took note and  
5 changed the approach when this was appropriate.

6 "The abiding memories of James for his colleagues,  
7 his friends and his family, though, are of James the  
8 man. Sometimes other-worldly and deeply impractical,  
9 enthusiastic, sometimes gloomy, but interested in many  
10 things, charming and often very funny - in all, a man of  
11 many gifts who would have a special place in the  
12 memories of many people for as long as they live. In  
13 the words of John Chrysostom:

14 "'He whom we love and lose is no longer where he was  
15 before. He is now wherever we are'.

16 "We, as his closest family, continue to feel the  
17 need for something positive to come from the pointless  
18 loss of a promising young life. The two awards  
19 established in his memory are very much in tune with his  
20 feeling and include one sponsored by the  
21 Quality Care Commission for research into the use of  
22 information in improving healthcare and the other  
23 sponsored jointly by us and the Open University which is  
24 given annually to the student who does the best project  
25 on the course 'Islam in the West'."

1 My Lady, in relation to Behnaz Mozakka, may I call,  
2 please, Saba Mozakka.

3 MS SABA MOZAKKA (affirmed)

4 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Ms Mozakka, take your time, and if,  
5 at any time, you feel it's too much for you, just let me  
6 know. Okay?

7 A. Thanks:

8 "I am Saba Mozakka, the daughter of Behnaz Mozakka,  
9 who was murdered on the Piccadilly Line on 7 July 2005.

10 "This statement is on behalf of my father, husband  
11 of Behnaz Mozakka, Nader, and Saeed Mozakka, my brother,  
12 and I.

13 "The loss of my mother has shattered our family. We  
14 miss her every day and life is always incomplete. There  
15 is never total joy or happiness, whatever the success or  
16 accomplishments that we are toasting. Following her  
17 murder, we were forced to sell our family home, because  
18 the reality of living there without her was too painful  
19 to cope with.

20 "The day we left the family home we had grown up in,  
21 the place we had shared so much as a family, was  
22 extremely painful. The three of us now live separately,  
23 and while we are still very close to the family and love  
24 each other dearly, our glue has been taken away from us.  
25 The murder of our mum not only took away the most

1 important person in our lives, but it also took away  
2 many of our hopes and dreams for the future.

3 "My mum, Behnaz Mozakka, was known to her family and  
4 friends as 'Nazy'. My mum, Nazy, was born on  
5 18 September in 1957 in Shiraz, Iran. When she was  
6 young, she moved with her family to Tehran, where she  
7 completed her primary and secondary education. She read  
8 biochemistry at the University of Tehran. Nazy was the  
9 fifth child to her parents. They are an extremely close  
10 family and her loss is still deeply felt by her six  
11 siblings. They were all absolutely devastated by her  
12 death and the consequence on their health has been  
13 significant.

14 "Following the loss of their daughter, Nazy's mum  
15 became extremely unwell and, in fact, never recovered.  
16 She died last year after a long period of illness. She  
17 often said that losing Nazy made her life unbearable and  
18 she gave up any wish of living beyond this.

19 "My mum and dad met at university. They were  
20 students at the same college. They both belonged to  
21 a number of sports clubs and soon became very close.  
22 They quickly fell in love and decided to marry. They  
23 married one term before my mother finished her studies  
24 in May 1979. She finished university and began to work  
25 at the University College Hospital in Tehran.

1 In March 1981, I was born, their first child, and my  
2 brother, Saeed, in August 1982. My mother was  
3 a fantastic and devoted mum. She loved us more than  
4 anything and cherished our family life. I remember  
5 clearly that she loved her work in the National Health  
6 Service, but her focus was always her family. Raising  
7 us gave her much joy and we were very happy.  
8 "In 1991, my mum gave up science in order to spend  
9 more time with us as her children. She specifically  
10 chose a term-time job in the voluntary sector in order  
11 to devote the holidays to Saeed and I. She took up  
12 a job at Save the Children working with small children  
13 of the gipsy and traveller community. Nazy was  
14 immediately very popular at the unit. She became very  
15 close to the traveller community and her warmth and  
16 compassion was seen by them immediately. She worked  
17 there for eight years until the unit lost major funding  
18 in 1988.  
19 "She then went back to science and worked at Great  
20 Ormond Street Children's Hospital as a biomedical  
21 scientist. My mother thoroughly enjoyed her job and  
22 loved her colleagues. She was on the way to this job  
23 when she was killed by a bomb on the Piccadilly Line on  
24 the transport system.  
25 "Our mother was extremely active physically and

1     cared a great deal about her charity work. Her  
2     favourite charity, Breast Cancer Research, was because  
3     a close family member developed breast cancer in her  
4     late 30s. My mother regularly fund-raised for this  
5     charity as well as participating in sponsored runs and  
6     walks. She even organised a run for her colleagues at  
7     Great Ormond Street Hospital. She always acted as  
8     social secretary for her workmates and, consequently,  
9     was at the centre of all the social gatherings. Staff  
10    at Great Ormond Street Hospital have described her as  
11    'the mum of the lab', and one of her friends from work  
12    spoke at her funeral.

13    "Described as tolerant, hard-working, determined, it  
14    was clear that she was loved by all of her colleagues  
15    and friends. My mum's murder has really impacted those  
16    that she worked with. Her colleagues from across her  
17    working life have kept in contact with our family and  
18    constantly reassure us that she is sorely missed at  
19    work. This is very evident to us from the fact that  
20    Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital made  
21    a considerable investment in the creation of a roof  
22    garden in her memory for all the staff at the hospital  
23    to enjoy. This is a beautiful garden which is a tribute  
24    to my mum who loved the outdoors and always felt very  
25    passionately that staff did not have enough green space

1 to enjoy during their lunch breaks. The garden  
2 prominently features her name and lots of words that  
3 colleagues used and chose to describe her.

4 "My mum was very devoted to us, her family. Born to  
5 a large family, she always used her family as  
6 her security and the foundation of her well-being. She  
7 said nothing gave her more pride than us, her two  
8 children. Throughout her family life, nothing was more  
9 important than her family. She never thought twice  
10 about making sacrifices for her family, and for her love  
11 and support we will be forever indebted. My mother was  
12 incredibly self-confident, always at the centre of any  
13 family gathering, whether it was a party or a political  
14 meeting. She always brought everyone together and,  
15 somehow, you could always hear the sound of her laughter  
16 or see her warm smile across the room.

17 "I, as a woman, cannot imagine ever marrying without  
18 my mother being there to share or plan my day. I cannot  
19 fathom the idea of having a family without my mother  
20 there to support me. As I watch my friends have their  
21 own families and develop adult relationships with their  
22 mums, I crave all that has been cruelly taken away from  
23 me. I was 24 when my mother was murdered.

24 "It is with the fondest of memories we remember our  
25 family life, yet it is with sadness that we have to face

1 the future, whether it is the numerous family holidays  
2 the four of us shared, the evening meals we had at home,  
3 there is always time that we miss my mum, there will  
4 never be a day when we do not miss her.

5 "We will forever miss her walking through the door  
6 in our family home and shouting in her fake American  
7 accent 'Hi, honey, I'm home'. Life in our small family  
8 will never be the same because my mother was so cruelly  
9 murdered. I have worked hard to keep my mother's memory  
10 alive and ensure that she is never forgotten. I worked  
11 with the Government on the board of the committee  
12 assigned to designing and creating a permanent memorial  
13 in London to the victims of the London bombings in  
14 Hyde Park.

15 "During a difficult two-year process, I worked as  
16 a representative of the bereaved families to create  
17 a fitting memorial to those we loved and lost. That was  
18 difficult process, but I felt passionately that we had  
19 to create a piece that would ensure she would never be  
20 forgotten, and all those other victims. While I am  
21 incredibly proud of what we have managed to achieve,  
22 I wished every day, during every single meeting, every  
23 single board meeting, that I didn't have to be involved  
24 in this project.

25 "Following the murder of my mum, I developed

1 post-traumatic stress disorder. The manner of my mum's  
2 death has caused major distress for my family. The  
3 horror and brutality of having someone you love so much  
4 hurt in this way can never be explained. The hundreds  
5 of questions we ask ourselves daily, for instance, in  
6 such an arbitrary murder, makes the acceptance of our  
7 loss extremely difficult, 'Why her? Why us? Why not  
8 a later train? Why that carriage? Did she feel any  
9 pain? Could anything have been done to prevent her?',  
10 makes daily life a challenge.

11 "The loss of our mother and wife has left us with an  
12 emptiness that is beyond contemplation. It seems so  
13 unjust that our beautiful mother, wife, daughter, sister  
14 and friend has been taken away from us in this arbitrary  
15 manner. We will never forget all the joy that she  
16 brought to those around her.

17 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you very much, that was very  
18 brave. I think we'll take a five-minute break,  
19 Mr Keith.

20 (11.47 am)

21 (A short break)

22 (11.52 am)

23 MR KEITH: My Lady, in relation to Mihaela Otto, I read the  
24 statement of Martin Smith.

25

1 Statement of MR MARTIN SMITH read  
2 "On 21 June 2010 I wrote a letter to  
3 Mrs Dania Gorodi, the sister of Mihaela Otto who died on  
4 7 July 2005 in the Russell Square bombing. I asked that  
5 if Mrs Dania Gorodi wished to provide a statement to set  
6 out the personal background about her sister then she  
7 should contact me with a view to doing so before the end  
8 of July 2010.  
9 "On 3 August, 2010, I wrote a further letter to  
10 ensure that my initial request had been received and  
11 understood. I explained that if I did not receive  
12 a response by 17 August I would assume that the family  
13 did not wish to provide me with background evidence.  
14 "To date, I have not received a response from  
15 Mrs Gorodi. Consequently, I have not received a fresh  
16 statement providing background evidence about  
17 Mihaela Otto. However, Mrs Gorodi previously gave  
18 a statement to the Metropolitan Police dated  
19 26 July 2005.  
20 "I have also read Mihaela's short obituary on the  
21 BBC news website, which I will refer to as the 'BBC  
22 obituary' together with the obituary on the Guardian  
23 website, which I will refer to as the 'Guardian  
24 obituary'.  
25 "I summarise pertinent aspects of these documents to

1 ensure that some personal information about Mihaela is  
2 adduced in evidence during her inquest.

3 "The police statement records that Mihaela was born  
4 in Romania on 18 December 1958. Her maiden name was  
5 Draganescu. Mihaela's sister, Dania, moved to London in  
6 1981. Mihaela followed her in 1984 and after a brief  
7 marriage which broke down in 1986 moved in with her  
8 sister.

9 "The statement continues that this period was a very  
10 happy time. Mihaela worked full-time as a sales  
11 assistant at the Burberry store in Regents Street and at  
12 home she doted on Mrs Gorodi's daughter, Leah. She  
13 treated her like her own daughter and they grew  
14 extremely close. Mihaela even carried Leah's picture in  
15 her wallet.

16 "In 1988, Mihaela began an office job but always  
17 continued working at the Burberry store each Saturday.  
18 In 1994, she moved to a new job working for a publishing  
19 company in Highbury. Mihaela loved the job, earned  
20 a good salary and got on well with her colleagues. She  
21 already spoke French and Romanian and the company paid  
22 for her to learn Italian.

23 "The Guardian obituary records how Mihaela wanted  
24 more out of life and opted for a career change. The  
25 police statement says that she secured a place at the

1 UCL Dental Technology School in Los Angeles. It was  
2 a chance to pursue her dream. She studied for two years  
3 and graduated with honours. The Guardian obituary says  
4 that although she was only one of four people in her  
5 class to achieve this grade, she nevertheless turned  
6 down the opportunity to continue her studies at UCLA and  
7 returned to her family in London.

8 "The police statement explains that Mihaela returned  
9 to London in June 2004. She moved in with her sister  
10 and the whole family were reunited under one roof. The  
11 Guardian obituary continues that she quickly became  
12 reacquainted with old friends and regular haunts. Most  
13 weekends she could be found in the shopping districts of  
14 the West End or playing poker in Mayfair with four  
15 long-standing friends.

16 "In the Guardian obituary, Mrs Gorodi describes  
17 Mihaela as quiet and unassuming. She was the most kind  
18 and generous human being you could ever meet. She did  
19 not have many friends, but those she had were friends  
20 for life. In her work as a dental technician at Lab 53  
21 in Sloane Square, she earned a reputation as hard  
22 working, strong willed and good natured.

23 "The BBC obituary says that the prospect of not  
24 having children had begun to weigh heavily on Mihaela  
25 but it did not stop her from getting the most out of

1 life. She was an avid reader and loved designer goods  
2 but was, above all, warm-hearted and generous.  
3 "The Guardian obituary concludes with a tribute from  
4 a friend in California who describes her gentle smile  
5 and the fun times they had travelling together and  
6 entertaining friends."  
7 My Lady, in relation to Atique Sharifi I propose to  
8 read the statement of his sister, Farishta Sharifi. Her  
9 statement has been translated from the original language  
10 Dari by Marina Elmi, an employee of Afghan Aid and  
11 a friend of Farishta.  
12 Statement of MS FARISHTA SHARIFI read  
13 "I am Atique Sharifi's younger sister born in 1986  
14 in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan, where I still live.  
15 Both our parents were killed in the Afghanistan civil  
16 war and I am his closest surviving relative.  
17 "Atique was born in Mazar-i-Sharif in 1981. When  
18 both our parents were killed, although just a teenager  
19 himself, he took on responsibility for looking after me.  
20 "As a young man, I remember that he was very caring,  
21 kind and willing to help anyone he could, but a little  
22 bit shy and needed to know people well before he made  
23 friends. He went to the local high school in Bakthar,  
24 Mazar-i-Sharif, where he studied sciences including  
25 maths, biology and chemistry. He dreamed of becoming

1 a doctor and such was his dedication that he worked in  
2 a doctor's surgery in his spare time.

3 "In 2001, he began to talk to me about his fears for  
4 his safety in Afghanistan and for his wish to further  
5 his education, for his sake and mine. His fears led him  
6 to leave for England in January 2002.

7 "From Afghanistan, he moved to Hounslow in west  
8 London, and in September 2002 began studying English at  
9 West Thames College. As a student, his tutors said he  
10 was dedicated and highly motivated and also popular with  
11 other students, often making them laugh.

12 "In his spare time, he worked in a pizza take-away  
13 so that he was able to send money back to support me in  
14 Afghanistan. My cherished memory of Atique is receiving  
15 regular telephone calls from him. He would tell me  
16 about his studies and his life in England. He was  
17 excited about learning to drive and asked me to pray  
18 that he would one day pass his driving test and hold  
19 a driving licence.

20 "To me, he was not just a brother, he was also my  
21 friend and I still miss his telephone calls. As well as  
22 being my friend, he was also protective of me, not just  
23 sending money home, but also making sure that he  
24 shouldered life's difficult responsibilities because he  
25 did not want me to worry about any concerns that he had

1 or problems that he faced.

2 "I feel that Atique's greatest achievement in life  
3 is the respect that he earned from all those who knew  
4 him during his lifetime and the good name he left for  
5 himself after his death. I miss him deeply."

6 My Lady, in relation to Ihab Slimane I read the  
7 statement of Martin Smith.

8 Statement of MR MARTIN SMITH read

9 "On 29 June 2010 I wrote a letter translated into  
10 French to Mrs Amna Slimane, the mother of Ihab Slimane  
11 who died on 7 July 2005 in the Russell Square bombing.  
12 "I asked that if she wished to provide a statement  
13 to set out the personal background about her son, then  
14 she should contact me with a view to doing so before  
15 31 July 2010.

16 "To date, I have not received a response and I have,  
17 therefore, received no statement providing background  
18 evidence about Ihab. However, Mr Mohamed Slimane,  
19 Ihab's father, previously gave a statement to the  
20 Metropolitan Police dated 14 October 2005.

21 "I have also read his short obituary on the BBC News  
22 website as well as an obituary on the Guardian website,  
23 and I summarise pertinent aspects of these documents  
24 below to ensure that some personal information about  
25 Ihab Slimane is adduced in evidence during his inquest.

1 "The police statement records that Ihab was born in  
2 Lyon, France, on 19 June 1981. He had an elder sister,  
3 Nouhal, who was born in 1978 and a younger sister,  
4 Niessem, who was born in 1986.

5 "The police statement says that he passed his school  
6 baccalaureate and went on to study at the St Martin  
7 d'Heres University in Grenoble. The Guardian obituary  
8 records that he gained a degree in IT engineering. He  
9 graduated from university in 2004 and his aim was to  
10 become an electronics and industrial data processing  
11 instructor.

12 "The Guardian obituary explains that his family  
13 lived in Lyon and before travelling to London he had  
14 only left France to visit his ancestral homeland of  
15 Tunisia.

16 "The BBC obituary records that Ihab travelled to  
17 London in order to improve his English. The Guardian  
18 obituary describes how he spoke of his hesitancy about  
19 the trip to family members but persisted with his plans.

20 "The Police statement says that he arrived in London  
21 on 14 June 2005 and lived in Finsbury Park. He found  
22 a job in a French restaurant and after meeting some  
23 French friends began to appreciate London life. The BBC  
24 obituary says that the restaurant manager where Ihab  
25 worked described him as always telling jokes and having

1 a smile on his face.

2 "In the Guardian obituary, Mohamed Slimane described  
3 Ihab as timid, obedient and kind. He was a Muslim but  
4 was not religious at all. In the police statement he  
5 says that Ihab was very family orientated. He was  
6 devoted to his studies and never failed to talk to his  
7 family about his intentions and worries."

8 My Lady, in relation to Christian Small, his mother,  
9 Sheila Henry, has asked that the extract in the Book of  
10 Tributes relating to Christian be adduced into evidence  
11 and it has been done so through a statement from  
12 James Carlton, the solicitor at Russell Jones & Walker.  
13 Statement of MR JAMES CHARLES HOPE CARLTON read  
14 "The tribute reads as follows.  
15 "Memory Book.  
16 "Christian Njoya Diawara Small.  
17 "10 February 1977 to 7 July 2005.  
18 "Memories of a Son and Brother.  
19 "Christian came into this world on 10 February 1977  
20 and brought a ray of sunshine into the lives of his  
21 family and friends. He was the first born of our circle  
22 of friends and he became the centre of attention and  
23 much love was showered on him. We knew that he was  
24 a special boy but little did we know how his special  
25 qualities would have impacted on people with whom he

1 came into contact.

2 "From an early age, Christian demonstrated a strong  
3 will, a high level of consciousness and dedication.  
4 These qualities were clearly shown in his love and  
5 pursuit of sports, particularly athletics and football  
6 in which he excelled. Although his father was a staunch  
7 Tottenham Hotspurs supporter, Christian chose Luton Town  
8 Football Club because he could identify with their large  
9 selection of high profile black players and he liked the  
10 colours of the kit. Through his love for Luton Town and  
11 football Christian vastly improved his reading, writing  
12 and drawing skills and gained a high level of detailed  
13 knowledge (geography, culture, architecture and  
14 statistics) about football clubs in England,  
15 particularly the then First Division.

16 "As Christian's confidence grew, at the age of  
17 approximately 7 we witnessed signs of a child who wanted  
18 to share and care for those who were younger than  
19 himself. He was frequently seen mentoring and teaching  
20 groups of younger children at Highbury Quadrant Primary  
21 School.

22 "We also remember Christian, as a child and young  
23 man, as being respectful, diplomatic, caring and loving.  
24 Christian had demonstrated a love of people and places  
25 and the desire to learn. It was no surprise to us when

1 Christian decided to travel to the United States on  
2 a Camp America summer scheme where, as camp leader, he  
3 acted as mentor and teacher to a diverse range of  
4 disadvantaged children from inner city backgrounds.  
5 During his stay in the US, Christian developed strong  
6 friendships with a group of camp leaders with whom he  
7 kept in contact when he returned to England.  
8 "As a gifted soul, Christian was able to  
9 successfully balance sports, academia, a search for  
10 identity and strong friendships. This gift enabled him  
11 to gain a BA (Honours), achieve a personal best in the  
12 high hurdles and develop a network of friends from  
13 diverse backgrounds. We have come to love Christian's  
14 friends for the strength and support they have shown and  
15 they are now part of our extended family -- an African  
16 tradition Christian would certainly approve of.  
17 "We now understand better the journey Christian had  
18 embarked on. It begun with a driving urge to use his  
19 knowledge and skills as a young marketing and business  
20 executive and sportsman to help children and young  
21 people who, because of geography, environment and  
22 economics, were disadvantaged. Christian was drawn to  
23 West Africa, particularly Ghana and Senegal because he  
24 knew that this region was his ancestral home. The  
25 seriousness of Christian's wish to help children and

1 young people took root in a small village outside Kumasi  
2 known as Tetrafu, where he lived and worked in  
3 accordance with the local culture and customs for over  
4 six months. Whilst in Tetrafu, Christian also made  
5 journeys to other parts of West Africa, including  
6 Timbuktu and the Ivory Coast.

7 "As a great communicator, Christian was not  
8 satisfied with acquiring knowledge for knowledge sake --  
9 He wanted to share his new found knowledge and  
10 experience with family and friends, which he did  
11 regularly by way of the internet. This amusing but  
12 highly observant reportage about the cultures of people  
13 and places has proved to be an invaluable source of  
14 bringing the African Diaspora into focus for people of  
15 African descent. For family and close friends, the  
16 regular emails were greatly anticipated and received  
17 because they were Christian's way of informing us about  
18 his feelings, health and concerns. On his return, he  
19 set about reproducing these emails into a book called  
20 'Wake Up and Smell the Fufu'.

21 "Christian's spell in Africa confirm what he knew:  
22 West Africa was his ancestral home and that he had to  
23 mark the occasion by way of a strong statement of  
24 identity. Christian became Christian Njoya Diawara  
25 Small -- a man of determination and strong spirit -- by

1 deed poll. This was before his life on this earth was  
2 suddenly taken by a young man who might also have been  
3 searching for identity on the Holborn bound Tube on the  
4 morning of 7 July 2005.

5 "We are delighted that Njoya's legacy lives on in  
6 the hearts and minds of his family, friends and well  
7 wishers and that his work continues in the form of The  
8 Njoyo Foundation, which was set up to support children  
9 of African descent to understand and be proud of their  
10 heritage and to work for greater achievements in school.

11 "Whilst we are devastated by the sudden loss of  
12 Njoya, we are proud and comforted to have brought  
13 a gifted boy (Christian) into this world who became  
14 a much loved man of determination and strong spirit  
15 (Njoya).

16 "Njoya, you are much loved and missed and will never  
17 be forgotten.

18 "Christian Njoya, in the words of our ancestors:

19 "Life is but movement of eternal return. Even trees  
20 (whose branches reach out to the sky) must eventually  
21 fall and return to Earth, the mother and source of all  
22 humankind. From where we came and to where we return,  
23 in the wisdom of our ancestors.

24 "The Force we call God, which the Igbo call Chukwu  
25 the Great Chi, the Yoruba call Oludmare, the Akan call

1 Onyame, the Dogon call Amma, and so on: this one God  
2 with so many names is within nature, within each of us,  
3 surrounding us and embracing us all.

4 "If, as our ancestors believe, God is a Force that  
5 sustains life and everything in existence, then the  
6 Forces of God must be love and respect for the  
7 sacredness of life. For without this, human beings  
8 could not survive.

9 "We cannot allow any anger at the loss of our  
10 beloved son and brother to divide us or deflect us from  
11 the direction in which his life has clearly pointed  
12 through his travels and aspirations.

13 "Christian, you look towards Africa in your travels  
14 and your spirit reminds us, even as Africans who are  
15 European citizens, that our focus must be Africa, the  
16 physical and spiritual homeland in fact of all human  
17 beings, whether it is to keep Africa in the  
18 consciousness of the youth and educate them about Africa  
19 as you did.

20 "For this diversity of positive motion will become  
21 a great movement of people for African change and  
22 renaissance.

23 "Christian, you return now to that Great Source from  
24 which we have all come. Though you will live forever in  
25 our hearts and minds and be with us in your spirit, your

1 voice now becomes one with the wind, your tears one with  
2 the rain, your laughter one with the waves.  
3 "Christian, we celebrate your life, a flame that  
4 lighted the way and touched so many with its warmth, so  
5 short-lived and yet brilliant.  
6 "Njoya, man of great spirit and determination, we  
7 will always love you.  
8 "So short-lived and yet brilliant, your voice now  
9 becomes one with the wind, your tears one with the rain,  
10 your laughter one with the waves."  
11 My Lady, in relation to Monika Suchocka I read the  
12 statement of Martin Smith.  
13 Statement of MR MARTIN SMITH read  
14 "On 21 June 2010 I wrote a letter to  
15 Mr Edmund Suchocki, the father of Monika Suchocka who  
16 died on 7 July 2005 in the Russell Square bombing. The  
17 letter was translated into Polish and sent to  
18 Mr Suchocki and a family friend, Christoph Dobosz.  
19 "In my letter to Mr Suchocki, I explained that  
20 Dame Heather was planning to call evidence dealing with  
21 the personal background of each of the 52 deceased at  
22 the inquest hearing. I asked that if he wished to  
23 provide a statement to set out the personal background  
24 of his daughter, he should do so before 31 July 2010.  
25 "To date, I have not received a response, but

1 Mr Dubosz confirmed safe receipt of my letter by a  
2 return email on 23 June 2010 and in a further email  
3 dated 10 August he indicated that he had spoken to  
4 Mr Suchocki but was not able to confirm whether he  
5 wished to provide a statement about his daughter.  
6 "Consequently, I have not received a fresh statement  
7 providing background evidence about Monika. However  
8 Marcin Suchocki, Monika's brother, previously gave  
9 a statement in an interview with the Metropolitan Police  
10 on 29 July 2005.  
11 "I have also read Monika's short obituary published  
12 in the BBC News website, and I have read the tributes to  
13 Monika that were compiled for the Book of Tributes  
14 7 July 2005 and to which I shall refer as the 'Book of  
15 Tributes'.  
16 "I summarise pertinent aspects of these documents  
17 below to ensure that some personal information about  
18 Monika is adduced in evidence during her inquest.  
19 "In the police statement, Marcin Suchocki said that  
20 his sister was born on 25 April 1982 in Sztum, Poland.  
21 She was part of a family of five with an elder brother,  
22 Marcin, and a younger brother, Maciek. Her mother,  
23 Elzbieta, was a head teacher at a primary school in  
24 Dabrowka Malborska. Her father, Edmund, worked for  
25 a local authority in the geodetics department.

1 "Monika's brother explained that she completed her  
2 primary education in Dabrowka Malborska and then her  
3 secondary school education in Malbork. She went on to  
4 study at the Academy of Economics in Poznan and  
5 graduated with a master's degree in March 2005. As she  
6 had successfully completed a degree in finance and  
7 banking, her ambition was to work for the Ministry of  
8 Finance.

9 "Monika went abroad for the first time in 2002 to  
10 study in Germany. In the summer of 2003 she travelled  
11 to the United States to study English. On  
12 24 April 2005, she left for London to take up a position  
13 with a company called London 1. The job was due to last  
14 until October 2005, after which she was going to decide  
15 whether to stay in London or return to Poland.

16 "In the police statement, Marcin Suchocki said that  
17 Monika lived in London with female friends that she had  
18 made at secondary school and university. He did not  
19 know whether she had a boyfriend. They were in constant  
20 contact with each other, regularly sending text messages  
21 and emails. The last time they spoke was on the Sunday  
22 before 7 July.

23 "The BBC obituary records that Monika was a trainee  
24 accountant. She was described by friends as generous  
25 and intelligent. She continued to indulge her love of

1 music after settling into her new life in London by  
2 playing the piano and joining a choir.

3 "The Book of Tributes describes Monika as  
4 exceptionally hard working, scrupulous and reliable.

5 Due to ill health, she did not start school until she  
6 was six years' old and it was the tenacious pursuit of  
7 her goals that set her apart. She always got top grades  
8 at school.

9 "The Book of Tributes gives details about Monika's  
10 ambition to work as a translator. For that reason, she  
11 travelled to Italy, France, United States, the  
12 Czech Republic, Slovakia and Germany. Music, however,  
13 was her real passion. She played piano in her spare  
14 time and sang in several choirs winning a large number  
15 of awards.

16 "The Book of Tributes explains that Monika was  
17 unassuming, gentle and sensitive, always ready to offer  
18 help to those in need. She looked after her young  
19 cousins with great affection and was like a second  
20 mother to her little brother who was born in 1992."

21 "Marcin Suchocki concludes his statement by  
22 describing the difficulty in accepting that Monika would  
23 never be at any future family gatherings."

24 My Lady, in relation to Mala Trivedi I read the  
25 witness statement of Ashok Trivedi.

1 Statement of MR ASHOCK TRIVEDI read

2 "I am Ashok Trivedi, the brother of Mala Trivedi,  
3 who died in the 7 July 2005 London bombing terrorist  
4 attacks. This statement is prepared in accordance with  
5 Martin Smith's letter of 18 June and provides further  
6 background evidence relating to my wife.

7 "Mala was born on 17 August 1953 in Nairobi, Kenya.  
8 She received her education in Nairobi and we met in 1968  
9 whilst Mala was studying. In 1970, Mala came to London  
10 to study at Lambeth Hospital whilst I remained in  
11 Nairobi. In 1972 and 1974, Mala returned to Nairobi to  
12 spend the summer with her family and in 1975 I moved to  
13 England to marry her.

14 "We got married on 15 August 1975. After we were  
15 married, I returned to Kenya to work as an accountant.  
16 Mala joined me and worked in an X-ray department at  
17 a local hospital.

18 "In 1979, Mala and I returned to England. Our son,  
19 Kunaal Trivedi, was born on 31 August 1986 in London.

20 "I continued to work as an accountant and Mala  
21 worked in St Thomas's Hospital. She remained here  
22 until June 2001. When she left, she was the Pictures,  
23 Archiving and Communications System Manager. Mala then  
24 worked at Great Ormond Street Hospital as the PACS  
25 manager [that's the Pictures, Archiving and

1 Communications System Manager] and remained here until  
2 7 July 2005.

3 "Mala's colleagues described her as polite and  
4 cheerful, a key part of a small, close knit team. She  
5 was very focused on her job and worked hard and  
6 diligently. Many people have commented that she had  
7 a lot of potential to go on to more senior roles within  
8 Great Ormond Street Hospital."

9 MR PATTERSON: My Lady, I apologise for interrupting, an  
10 error by my learned friend. He said the child had been  
11 born in 1968. That was an error. That's 1986. I know  
12 that Mr Trivedi who's present would wish that to be  
13 corrected.

14 MR KEITH: I'm grateful to my learned friend and of course  
15 I apologise for that unintended typographical slip.  
16 My Lady, that concludes the evidence in relation to  
17 the 26 deceased who were killed at  
18 King's Cross/Russell Square.

19 We have on our schedule for today two witnesses left  
20 over from the evidence relating to Edgware Road:  
21 Dr Wynne-Evans who was due to give evidence at the  
22 beginning of the evidence last week and a further  
23 statement which will be read from a witness whose  
24 statement was found following a further review of the  
25 material disclosed by the Metropolitan Police because,

1 as my Lady knows, the process of reviewing all the  
2 material given to your Inquest Secretariat has continued  
3 throughout the last few weeks. A further statement from  
4 Stephen Gilbert will be read who deals with the signal  
5 operations in the signal cabin at Edgware Road.  
6 We anticipated that the background evidence would  
7 last until this afternoon. It may therefore be that  
8 Dr Wynne-Evans is not yet available to give evidence and  
9 I think that she has now been warned to attend at 1.30.  
10 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Mr Keith, given what the families of  
11 the Russell Square/King's Cross victims have been  
12 through this morning I think that's probably a good time  
13 to break anyway --  
14 MR KEITH: Indeed.  
15 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: -- before going back to Edgware Road.  
16 So we don't need to rush things along. I think it's  
17 better that we break now and those families to know that  
18 this afternoon we are returning to Edgware Road. We  
19 don't come to evidence as far as they are concerned,  
20 specifically in relation to the  
21 Russell Square/King's Cross bomb, until tomorrow.  
22 MR KEITH: That's quite right, my Lady.  
23 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: I'm very grateful to all the families  
24 and I shall return -- I think we'll keep to 2.00.  
25 MR KEITH: My Lady, may I on a personal note apologise for

1 my late arrival in court this morning. No discourtesy

2 was intended either to my Lady or to all the parties.

3 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: No apology.

4 (12.22 pm)

5 (The short adjournment)

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