

Resumption of Court Proceedings at Magistrates' Courts, Obscene Articles Tribunal and Coroner's Court

Details of the resumption of court proceedings at Magistrates' Courts, Obscene Articles Tribunal and Coroner's Court starting from 4 May 2020 are set out below.

2. In line with usual practice, parties will be separately notified of any change in the date and other arrangement of the hearing of their cases, regardless of whether the hearing has been affected by the General Adjourned Period.

3. Magistrates' Courts

(a) Commencing 4 May 2020, all seven Magistrates' Courts will have sitting every weekday, and the usual Saturday and Holiday sitting arrangement will apply to Saturdays/public holidays.

(b) Unless otherwise directed, all cases, including trials, will proceed as scheduled. Parties will be notified of any change in the date and other arrangement of their hearing.

4. Obscene Articles Tribunal

Tribunal business will generally return to normal.

5. Coroner's Court

(a) Death inquests involving jury

(i) Taking into account the logistical arrangements regarding jury, the earliest time for death inquests involving jury to resume is June 2020. It follows

that all inquests involving jury listed in May will not take place and will be re-fixed; and

- (ii) Subject to any change in circumstances, death inquests involving jury listed in June will proceed as scheduled. Parties will be notified if it is otherwise.
- (b) Unless otherwise directed, other death inquests will proceed as scheduled, and other court business will generally return to normal.

Judiciary Administration
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