

Spoke to Mr. Hechey.

He had just been with Rachel's family

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He said that they now wanted to think of legal representation and he did think that they would be successful in making a legal order application for this. He said that they were likely to go to solicitors today and Alan Hunter from legal aid would then contact him to ask what his views were on an application for statutory funding. He says that he thinks he would have no difficulty in confirming it to be appropriate. Additionally he thinks that the family will satisfy the means test.

He referred again to the Court of Appeal decision. He has spoken to Pat Radcliffe at the law library & she will be sending him a final copy of the judgement which he can email to us when he gets it. Suspects the 3 Judges have not yet signed it.

Problem is that he needs to look at whether he can give an open verdict of neglect.

and whether he needs to sit with a jury.

He can do this where such a verdict is required because the neglect ~~would~~ was prejudicial to the safety of the public or a section of it.

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As regards any potential adjournment, he will notify us of this by lunchtime tomorrow at the latest.

Mr. Hickey rang
Re: Ferguson
- the family were with him
before lunch and were talking
about getting legal representation.
- there could be an
adjournment

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