

News story: Monarch Airlines in administration – claiming redundancy payments

The following companies entered into [administration](#) on 02 October 2017. The following people from KPMG have been appointed.

Company	Appointees
Monarch Holdings Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Richard Beard
Monarch Airlines Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Mike Pink
Monarch Travel Group Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
First Aviation Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Avro Aviation Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Avro Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
MH Aviation Transport Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Monarch Holidays Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
somewhere2stay Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Monarch 2011 Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Richard Beard

The Insolvency Service has made special arrangements for employees who have been dismissed following the Monarch Group entering administration.

If you've been dismissed

If you've been dismissed, you might be entitled to [redundancy and other related payments](#) from the Insolvency Service.

Who is eligible

Individuals who worked for any of the above listed companies under an [employment contract](#) are eligible to apply for redundancy and other payments. They cannot apply until after they have been dismissed.

[Workers](#) and [self-employed contractors](#) who provided services to the above companies are not eligible to apply. Instead, these individuals should contact the administrator to register as creditors see – <http://www.kpmg.co.uk/monarch>.

How to apply

The administrator will give details about how to apply and will also give you a case reference number (eg CN12345678). Once you have this information you can [apply online](#).

Paying your claim

On average it takes 14 days to process and pay claims. However, sometimes we need to get additional information from the individual or from the administrator, which can take a bit of time. We'll contact you directly if we need anything further from you. We always try to pay eligible claims within 6 weeks of receiving the application.

To allow us to deal with everyone's application as quickly as possible, please do not contact us to check the status of your application until after the 6 weeks have passed.

Getting help

If you need help completing your application, you can contact the Redundancy Payments helpline on 0330 331 0020.

When calling, please have your case reference number (eg CN12345678) and National Insurance number to hand. If you do not have a case reference number, please contact the administrator.

We are experiencing higher than usual call volumes at the moment. If you are unable to get through to us you can email redundancypaymentsonline@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk with "xxxx Employee" in the subject line, and we will call you back.

Please include your name, your case reference number and your telephone number in your email.

If you need to email us after submitting your claim, please only use the email address you gave on your application form. Otherwise, we won't be able to respond to you for security reasons.

Speech: Lord Chief Justice swearing-in, Lord Chancellor speech

I have great pleasure in adding my voice to this chorus of approval. I am delighted to welcome Sir Ian as our new Lord Chief Justice, the most senior job that the judicial system of England and Wales has to offer.

I'm sure Ian won't mind my remarking that he is only the second youngest holder of this ancient title, having been pipped by a few months by Lord Parker of Waddington back in 1958. The Master of the Rolls has already sung his virtues. I fully support that endorsement and look forward to working with Sir Ian, who is clearly an outstanding judge and will be an outstanding

leader into the future.

But of course in ushering in Sir Ian, we must also say goodbye to Lord Thomas who has shown such wisdom, intellect and verve as a leader and champion of judges. And I'm sure you would all wish to join me in bidding him farewell in what I consider perhaps to be the most appropriate way.

Diolch o galon i chi am eich ymroddiad i'r swydd a'ch gwaith dygn, di-flino dros y blynyddoedd. Dymunaf pob bendith i chi yn y dyfodol.

Now lest anyone mistook that for Estonian – the last language in which I attempted to pay tribute, during my Foreign Office days – or indeed happens not to be both a fluent and forgiving Welsh speaker, I hope that I said:

Thank you very much for the dedication and the hard work that you have tirelessly shown to the role over the years. I wish you all the blessings for the future.

Sir Ian will now take on the constitutional responsibilities of Lord Chief Justice. And together we will work to ensure that justice is at the centre of our society; to secure access to justice for all, whatever their means or abilities; to provide the where-with-all through which the judges can administer justice openly and swiftly without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. He takes up his role as we navigate the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union and, Sir Ian, we are grateful for the stability you will provide as we move forward. And on the issue of Brexit, it is perhaps worth revisiting the words of Lord Thomas: when he said

Brexit does not affect the quality or certainty of English law, or the standing of our courts or London's arbitration centres. They remain as before June last year...Our legal profession will continue to be expert and world-respected. Our judges will continue to be drawn from the highest ranks of that legal profession. They will continue to be renowned for their expertise, impartiality and integrity. All the key features that made London into the leading centre for dispute resolution will continue unchanged.

And of course our courts, after all, are grounded in the Rule of Law – and our law is a breathing, living entity that throughout history has offered a measured, thoughtful and certain response to changing circumstances, and will I am sure do so countless times again. It is a system that forms laws from the lives of men and women rather than directing them to live under forms of law. In our ancient, established and unbroken democracy, the law, our law, is truly among this nation's most treasured assets.

In the words of Rudyard Kipling,

All we have of freedom, all we use or know – This our fathers

bought for us long and long ago. Ancient Right unnoticed as the breath we draw – Leave to live by no man's leave, underneath the Law.

Our Law does much more than establish and govern a legal system. It is at once part of the fabric of history and also the beating heart of modern society: it is synonymous with quality and incorruptibility. As impartial and fearfully independent judges, acting under the leadership of the Lord Chief Justice, it is your task to preside over this law so that, with our support, citizens, institutions, investors and businesses can have faith in the future.

Robust economies, after all, depend upon the existence of clear law to govern societies and commerce. And without you all, without that tradition and practice of judicial independence, the Rule of Law would be but an empty shell.

As the latest in a long line of holders of this august office, Sir Ian personifies what the Rule of Law stands for and the rights it enshrines. During his career, without fear or favour, he has variously stood up for the 'little man' in common-law cases, taken part in major public inquiries, has represented the government – and also acted to hold authority to account as counsel in cases of miscarriages of justice.

So he is no stranger to challenging authority – and this is just as it should be. Judges allow us to live in a society where no individual and no government is above the law. Where executive power is balanced by a strong judiciary and a scrutinising legislature. It was not always so, of course: a former Lord Chancellor, Francis Bacon, once admonished judges thus: 'Let them be lions, but yet lions under the throne; being circumspect that they do not check or oppose any points of sovereignty'.

Fully 400 years later, I will steadfastly uphold the independence of the judiciary of England and Wales in your duty to be lions. On occasion, in the coming months and years, there will doubtless be some uncomfortable discussions between the 21st century judiciary and the Executive. And that, too, is as it should be – with discord then giving way to discussion and finally to harmony.

Sir Ian, you were once asked why you became a lawyer. 'My teachers at school noticed I could do joined-up writing and was quite argumentative. Despairing of anything else, they suggested the Bar.'

So today let us congratulate not only Sir Ian but also his teachers for talent-spotting the second youngest Lord Chief Justice in this nation's history. Congratulations – and thank you.

News story: Changes to identity checking guidelines

Information regarding changes to identity (ID) checking guidelines when applying for a standard or enhanced check.

New ID checking guidelines are being introduced on 2 October 2017. These new guidelines will apply to all applications for standard or enhanced checks.

The [new guidelines](#) will run in parallel with the [existing guidelines](#) from 2 October 2017 until 29 December 2017, when the existing guidelines will cease to apply. We appreciate that you'll need to make changes to relevant literature and inform your customers. Therefore, you can start using the new guidance from the 2 October, but have 3 months to transition fully to the new guidance.

The enhancement is being introduced so that DBS's identity checking process is aligned with [right to work](#) checks. These state that employers must prevent illegal working in the UK by carrying out document checks on people before employing them to make sure they are allowed to work.

News story: Setting up advanced therapy treatment centres: apply for funding

Innovate UK has up to £30 million to invest in a new network of advanced therapies treatment centres set up by businesses, NHS trusts and researchers working together.

Advanced therapies are new and emerging medicines based on genes, cells and tissues. They have potential uses in treating forms of blindness, cancer, heart failure, liver disease, neurological conditions and rare paediatric diseases.

The UK has 62 rapidly growing manufacturers of advanced therapy medicines generating an annual turnover of £156 million, and is in a strong position to take a global lead. New treatment centres would help to commercialise and scale up production of developing therapies.

This competition is part of the government's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund. It announced that £146 million has been set aside over 4 years to

develop first-of-a-kind technologies for the manufacture of medicines. These should speed up patient access to new drugs and treatments.

Increasing access to advanced therapies

Innovate UK is looking for proposals that:

- increase patient access to advanced therapies on a national level
- establish best practice for the safe and effective delivery of advanced therapies
- establish best practice for the manufacturing and final preparation of advanced therapies
- establish robust connected supply chains
- create systems to allow for traceability and tracking
- establish best practice for patient follow-up and data capture

The centres will form a network that will be co-ordinated by the [Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult](#). Successful centres will be eligible for up to £6 million of additional funding in 2018 for projects and activities.

Competition information

- the competition is open, and the deadline for applications is at midday on 1 November 2017
- projects can be led by a business, an NHS trust, a hospital, an academic health science network or a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) biomedical research centre
- projects must involve at least one NHS trust or hospital with an intensive care unit and a track record of working with advanced therapies, one SME, one company developing commercial advanced therapy medicines and one supply chain company
- we expect total project costs to vary between £6 million and £9 million and for them to last up to 3 years
- businesses can attract up to 70% of their project costs

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