

[2] A brief review hearing took place today.

[3] By application and memorandum dated 1 December 2025, the applicant seeks a two-month continuation of the existing freezing and ancillary orders.

[4] By memorandum filed this morning, the respondents oppose continuation of the orders in their current form but accept that some protective, but narrowed, regime may be appropriate. They seek orders that:

- (a) the freezing orders be discharged insofar as they apply to any personal or business bank accounts held by, or under the effective control of, the respondents;
- (b) the freezing orders continue in respect of the respondents' interests in real property; and
- (c) the existing ancillary orders for the provision of bank statements and bank access remain in force, so that the applicant retains full visibility of all accounts.

[5] Substantial affidavits have been filed in support of the respondents' position, including an affidavit from Ms Lam, a chartered accountant engaged by the respondents to review and analyse their financial records and comment on their financial position, including the associated entities' business transactions.

[6] Mr Denyer, counsel for the Labour Inspector, advised that he has not yet had an opportunity to obtain instructions from the Labour Inspector, either on the contents of the affidavits, or the memorandum filed by the respondents this morning. Further, it is likely that the Labour Inspector will want to file an affidavit in reply.

[7] Accordingly, in order for the Labour Inspector to be able to consider the material filed by the respondents and respond, the parties agree that this review hearing should be adjourned for a short period and the status quo maintained in the meantime.

Outcome

[8] The following orders are made by consent:

- (a) The current freezing and ancillary orders will continue until 5 pm on Monday, 15 December 2025.
- (b) The applicant will file a memorandum in response to the respondents' memorandum, and in support of its application, by 12 pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2025.
- (c) The respondents will file their memorandum in reply by 12 pm on Thursday, 11 December 2025.
- (d) A review hearing will be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 12 December 2025.

[9] This judgment and the orders which I now make are to be served immediately on the relevant banks.

[10] Costs are reserved.

Kathryn Beck
Judge

Judgment signed at 3.15 pm on 4 December 2025