



As members know CLAN has worked with HMCTS to raise the profession's awareness and levels of use of e-Working. Therefore it is with great regret that we have learned today that e-Working is no longer operational and the system is being closed. Please see the text of an e-mail from HMCTS below.

Subject: E-working
Date: 20th April 2012

Dear All

Since late 2008, HMCTS have been working with MoJ ICT to provide an Electronic Working System for the jurisdictions of the Royal Courts of Justice now located in the Rolls Building.

Initial good progress was made however over the last 12-18 months significant problems with the system began to emerge.

The seriousness of those problems has now become apparent, as has the likely cost of remediation.

The HMCTS Board reviewed the position at their meeting on 30th March 2012 and reluctantly endorsed a recommendation to stop the project and shut down the system.

HMCTS and MoJ ICT remain fully committed to delivering, at the earliest opportunity, an electronic filing, document management and listing system to support the jurisdictions of the Rolls Building. Planning for that is now underway and a new project will be initiated through the standard government procurement and Cabinet Office approvals processes.

Work is now underway to plan for an orderly shut down of the system.

The RCJ eWorking Service mailbox is no longer available. For advice on how to issue case papers electronically or in hard copy, please use the following numbers:

- Commercial Court: 020 7947 6112
- Technology & Construction Court: 020 7947 6022
- Chancery Division: 020 7947 6571.

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