

IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case Nos. 1720/7/7/25 1733/7/7/25

BETWEEN:

OR BROOK CLASS REPRESENTATIVE LIMITED

Proposed Class Representative

- and -

- (1) ALPHABET INC
- (2) GOOGLE LLC
- (3) GOOGLE IRELAND LIMITED
 - (4) GOOGLE UK LIMITED
- (5) GOOGLE ASIA PACIFIC PTE LIMITED
 - (6) GOOGLE COMMERCE LIMITED

Proposed Defendants

AND BETWEEN:

MR ROGER KAYE KC

Proposed Class Representative

- and -

- (1) ALPHABET INC.
 - (2) GOOGLE LLC
- (3) GOOGLE IRELAND LIMITED
 - (4) GOOGLE UK LIMITED

Proposed Defendants

ORDER (CARRIAGE DIRECTIONS)

UPON the proposed collective proceedings under section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 with case number 1720/7/7/25 commenced by Or Brook Class Representative Limited (the "Brook Proposed Class Representative") on 15 April 2025 (the "Brook Proceedings")

AND UPON the proposed collective proceedings under section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 with case number 1733/7/7/25 commenced by Mr Roger Kaye KC (the "Kaye Proposed Class Representative", and together with the Brook Proposed Class Representative the "PCRs") on 27 May 2025 (the "Kaye Proceedings")

AND UPON reading the applications of: (i) the Brook Proposed Class Representative filed on 15 April 2025 in the Brook Proceedings; and (ii) the Kaye Proposed Class Representative filed on 27 May 2025 in the Kaye Proceedings for a collective proceedings order pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 and Rule 75 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (S.I. 2015 No. 1648) (the "**Tribunal Rules**") (individually, a "**CPO Application**"; together, the "**CPO Applications**")

AND UPON the Brook Proposed Class Representative agreeing to treat any documents disclosed to it from the Kaye Proceedings in accordance with Rule 102 of the Tribunal Rules as if it were a party to the Kaye Proceedings

AND UPON the Kaye Proposed Class Representative agreeing to treat any documents disclosed to him from the Brook Proceedings in accordance with Rule 102 of the Tribunal Rules as if he were a party to the Brook Proceedings

AND UPON hearing counsel for each of the Brook Proposed Class Representative, the Kaye Proposed Class Representative, and the Proposed Defendants in the Brook Proceedings and the Kaye Proceedings at a case management conference on 2 July 2025

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

CARRIAGE DIRECTIONS

1. The PCRs shall file and serve on all other Parties their written submissions regarding which of the two PCRs would be the most suitable to act as class representative for the purpose of Rule 78(2) of the Tribunal Rules (the "Carriage Issue") by 4pm on 5 September 2025.

2. By 4pm on **19 September 2025**:

- 2.1 the PCRs shall file and serve on all other Parties responses to the written submissions and any evidence in response on the Carriage Issue; and
- 2.2 the Proposed Defendants shall confirm whether they intend to participate in the hearing of the Carriage Issue, and if so file and serve on the PCRs their written submissions on the Carriage Issue.
- 3. The PCRs and the Proposed Defendants shall provide the Class Representative in Case 1606/7/7/23 *Nikki Stopford v Alphabet Inc. and Others* with the written submissions in paragraphs 1 and 2 at the same time as serving on all Parties.
- 4. The PCRs shall file electronic and hard copy versions of the agreed hearing bundle by 4pm on 29 September 2025.
- 5. The PCRs (and Proposed Defendants, if they intend to participate in the hearing of the Carriage Issue) shall file and serve on all other Parties their skeleton arguments in relation to the Carriage Issue by 4pm on 1 October 2025.
- 6. The PCRs shall file (i) electronic and hard copy versions of the agreed authorities bundle, and (ii) an agreed draft agenda by 4pm on 2 October 2025.
- 7. The hearing of the Carriage Issue shall be listed to begin on **6 October 2025** with a time estimate of two days with one day in reserve.
- 8. The parties shall seek to agree the hearing and authorities bundles in accordance with the Tribunal's Guide to Proceedings 2015 and Practice Direction 1/2021.

USE OF DOCUMENTS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER

- 9. Pursuant to Rule 102(2) and (3) of the Tribunal Rules, all Parties are permitted to use all documents provided (including, for the avoidance of doubt, documents disclosed, filed or served) to date and in future in the Brook Proceedings for the purposes of the Kaye Proceedings, subject to paragraph 11 below.
- 10. Pursuant to Rule 102(2) and (3) of the Tribunal Rules, all Parties are permitted to use all documents provided (including, for the avoidance of doubt, documents disclosed, filed or served) to date and in future in the Kaye Proceedings for the purposes of the Brook Proceedings, subject to paragraph 11 below.

11. All Parties shall have liberty to apply to vary the terms of paragraphs 9 and 10 above, including (for the avoidance of doubt) where one of the Brook Proceedings or the Kaye Proceedings is dismissed or stayed but the other continues.

GENERAL

- 12. Costs in the case.
- 13. There be liberty to apply.

The Honourable Mr Justice Meade

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 2 July 2025

Drawn: 24 July 2025