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ABBREVIATIONS

AG Attorney General CA Court of Appeal

CLR Commonwealth Law Reports

CO Cabinet Office

DoI Declaration of Incompatibility
DPP Director of Public Prosecutions

ECHR European Convention on Human Rights
ECtHR European Court of Human Rights

HC House of Commons HCA High Court of Australia

HL House of Lords HRA Human Rights Act

JCHR Joint Committee on Human Rights

MoJ Ministry of Justice

NIHRC Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission SSHD Secretary of State for the Home Department

UKSC United Kingdom Supreme Court