

Written reasons below for orders made 14 May 2021 and 19 May 2021 by the Tribunal for:

**Case: 2020/00287835 - Peter Zonneville v Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning**

14 May 2021:

Order 1: By email correspondence with the Registry, the Applicant requested that the hearing listed for 19 May 2021 commence 1.5 hours late so that he could assist an elderly relative. The Respondent did not object. The Tribunal granted the adjournment because there was no objection by the Respondent and to allow the Applicant a fair opportunity to attend the hearing.

Order 2: Section 62 does not apply to this order as the Tribunal's request for the parties to address a particular issue in submissions on 19 May 2021 was not a decision, either final, ancillary or interlocutory.

19 May 2021:

The Tribunal adjourned the telephone hearing on 19 May 2021 approximately 10 minutes after the hearing commenced at 12pm.

The reason for the adjournment was due to the Applicant's conduct. The Applicant was not present in the virtual hearing room when the matter commenced. Once the Applicant joined the virtual hearing room by telephone, he proceeded to talk over the Tribunal member, and did not allow the Tribunal member to announce the matter for transcription purposes or to speak uninterrupted. The Applicant continued to talk loudly over the Tribunal member and purported to make various applications, including a request for him to record the proceedings, and a request for the Tribunal member's recusal, but did not allow the Tribunal member an opportunity to hear or consider the matters raised, or allow the Respondent to respond. He was warned twice that continuing to talk over the Tribunal member would result in an adjournment. The Applicant continued to talk loudly and the matter was therefore adjourned.

Once adjourned, the Tribunal registry contacted the parties to indicate that the hearing would resume approximately 15 minutes later, at 12.30pm. The Applicant immediately indicated via email to the registry that he was not available to attend at 12.30pm, despite the matter being listed for hearing for the day. The Tribunal member resumed the hearing at 12.30pm and attempted to call the Applicant by telephone, leaving a voicemail. Because of the Applicant's non-attendance, the hearing was adjourned to the next available suitable date, which was 28 May 2021.