



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

10 MARCH 2020

Before:

Lord Reed
Lord Carnwath
Lady Black

**R (on the application of The Project for the Registration of Children as British Citizens) (Appellant) v
Secretary of State for the Home Department (Respondent)**

**R (on the application of O, a child by her litigation friend, AO, and another)
(Appellants) v
Secretary of State for the Home Department (Respondent)**

AFTER CONSIDERATION of the applications filed on behalf of the Appellants seeking permission to appeal the order made by the Administrative Court of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court on 19 December 2019 and of the notices of objection filed by the Respondent

THE COURT ORDERED that

- (1) permission to appeal be REFUSED because the applications do not raise a point of law of general public importance which ought to be considered at this time. We are reluctant to take this as a leapfrog appeal, because
 - (i) the Court of Appeal should have the opportunity to consider *Williams* in the light of *UNISON*

- (ii) the leapfrog certificate does not encompass the grounds of appeal concerning s.50(9A) of the British Nationality Act 1981 and
- (iii) the Secretary of State's cross-appeal is before the Court of Appeal. We would hope that the Court of Appeal would be able to deal with the case expeditiously. For the avoidance of doubt, this is not to be taken as an indication of whether we would grant or refuse permission to appeal from the Court of Appeal
- (2) the Appellants pay the Respondent's costs of the applications and, where the Respondent applies for costs, the costs to be awarded be assessed.

Louise di Mambro.

Registrar
10 March 2020

