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**Papers of R C H Briggs
re Justice - All Souls Review**

c.1970s-1989

Historical Background:

The JUSTICE-All Souls Review Committee is often referred to as an unofficial Royal Commission and sought to look at English administrative law.

It sought to follow the Review conducted in the late 1950s by the Franks committee. Unusually it was driven by academics and practitioners and not by Government which is why the review took 10 years to complete. The Review looked to consider the procedures and practices of tribunals and enquiries and remove the poor and abused elements highlighted by ombudsman. It sought "...effective redress of grievances suffered as a consequence of acts or omissions of the various agencies of Government". The Committee was chaired by Patrick Neill QC who had considerable experience in arbitration matters.

The final report entitled 'Administrative Justice, Some Necessary Reforms, Report of the Committee of the JUSTICE-All Souls Review of Administrative Law in the UK' was published in 1988. The Review is often criticised for its lack of clear objectives, occasionally contradictory recommendations and insufficient data or evidence to justify some of the positions it advocates. It recommended the creation of an independent body called the Administrative Review Commission.

Ronald C H Briggs was born 1924 and qualified as a Barrister in 1952 where he worked at Inner Temple. He became Legal Secretary for Justice and served as Legal Secretary for the Justice/All Souls Review on Administrative Law. He retired c.1987.

Custodial history:

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