

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION

Mr Justice Lavender
22 January 2026

Between



QB-2019-000365
Claimant

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- and -

THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Defendant

ORDER

UPON hearing counsel for the Claimant and the Defendant not attending or being represented

AND UPON judgment for the Claimant in default and for damages to be assessed being ordered by Senior Master Fontaine on 19 December 2022

AND UPON Kingsley Napley LLP writing to the Court on 24 December 2024 to state that the Defendant “will not be engaging in these proceedings in any way for the duration of the proceedings”

AND UPON the trial of the assessment of the Claimant’s damages being heard on 20 October 2025

AND UPON the Claimant making a Part 36 Offer on 25 September 2025 to settle the claim for £100,000 and obtaining a judgment more advantageous to her than the proposal contained in that offer

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Defendant shall pay to the Claimant £212,865.62 in damages and £28,140.58 in interest (made up of £20,374.08 in respect of the period up to and including 19 October 2025 and £7,566.50 in respect of the period from 20 October 2025 to 22 January 2026) by 4pm on 13 February 2026.

2. The Claimant has permission to amend her claim form to reflect a claim for up to £215,000. She shall pay the requisite uplift in issue fee by 4pm on 5 February 2026.
3. The Claimant's Part 36 offer of 25 September 2025 is deemed to have been validly served in accordance with the Court's power under CPR 3(10)(b).
4. The relevant period for the acceptance of the Claimant's Part 36 offer of 25 September is abridged to 19 October 2025.
5. The Defendant shall pay the Claimant's costs, which are to be assessed, if not agreed: (a) on the standard basis in respect of costs incurred up to and including 19 October 2025; and (b) on the indemnity basis in respect of costs incurred thereafter.
6. The Defendant shall pay to the Claimant interest on the costs referred to in paragraph 5(b) above at the rate of 10% above base rate.
7. The Defendant shall pay to the Claimant the additional sum of £21,286.56 pursuant to CPR 36.17(4)(d) by 13 February 2026.
8. The Defendant shall pay to the Claimant £65,000 on account of costs by 13 February 2026.

Reasons

1. I have today handed down a judgment in which I assessed all heads of loss except loss of earnings, as to which I invited the claimant to provide revised calculations. Those calculations have been provided in submissions dated 20 and 21 January 2026. I adopt those calculations and assess damages for loss of earnings at £66,648.48, making the total amount of damages £212,865.62.
2. The claimant's submissions invited me to make a number of consequential orders and I consider it appropriate to make the orders in paragraphs 2 to 8 above for the reasons proposed by the claimant in those submissions, which were supported by a schedule prepared by the claimant's solicitors indicating that the claimant's total costs are £149,042, including VAT.