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**Vellama d/o Marie Muthu v Attorney-General**

- 1 On 5 July 2012, the Court heard and dismissed the following applications of the parties with costs reserved:
  - (1) AGC's application to strike-out the Plaintiff's substantive application filed on 31 May 2012 for a mandatory order and declarations on the grounds that it is frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of the process of the Court, in light of the fact that the by-election for Hougang SMC was called for and held in May 2012; and
  - (2) the Plaintiff's application to subpoena the Prime Minister to attend and be cross-examined at the hearing of the substantive application and to compel the Prime Minister to disclose the Attorney-General's legal advice to him.
- 2 AGC argued that the Plaintiff's substantive application should be struck out as there is no longer any live issue after the by-election was called and held in Hougang in May 2012. The Court took the view that it would not have regard to the calling and holding of the Hougang by-election in the striking out application since these events occurred after leave was granted on 3 April 2012. However, AGC could still raise these matters at the hearing of the Plaintiff's substantive application.
- 3 The Plaintiff's substantive application has been fixed for hearing on 16 July 2012 at 10am.

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