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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 1610**

**The Criminal Procedure Rules 2014**

**PART 29**

**MEASURES TO ASSIST A WITNESS OR DEFENDANT TO GIVE EVIDENCE**

*SECTION 2: GENERAL RULES*

**Decisions and reasons**

**29.4.**—(1) A party who wants to introduce the evidence of a witness who is the subject of an application, direction or order must—

- (a) inform the witness of the court’s decision as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- (b) explain to the witness the arrangements that as a result will be made for him or her to give evidence.

(2) The court must announce, at a hearing in public before the witness gives evidence, the reasons for a decision—

- (a) to give, make, vary or discharge a direction or order; or
- (b) to refuse to do so.

*[Note. See sections 20(5), 33A(8) and 33BB(4) of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 and sections 51(8) and 52(7) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003(1).]*