

Ministers also have rights balancing executive prerogatives and executive scrutiny

Rt Hon Sir Peter Riddell CBE *v* *Attorney General* (2005) *v* *United Kingdom*

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