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| 2  | NOVEMBER, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:                              |
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| 4  | JUSTICE CHARLETON: So Ms. Leader.                       |
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| 6  | SUBMISSION BY MS. LEADER:                               |
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| 8  | MS. LEADER: Yes, sir. I just will outline my            |
| 9  | understanding of the law in relation to costs when it   |
| 10 | comes to tribunals, sir, and you will be aware that     |
| 11 | Section 3 of the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence)        |
| 12 | (Amendment) Act 1997 is the relevant statutory          |
| 13 | jurisdiction for costs and what it says is:             |
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| 15 | "Section 6 of the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence)       |
| 16 | (Amendment) Act, 1979, is hereby amended by the         |
| 17 | substitution for subsection (1) of the following        |
| 18 | subsection:   |
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| 20 | (1) Where a tribunal or, if the tribunal consists of    |
| 21 | more than one member, the chairperson of the tribunal,  |
| 22 | is of opinion that, having regard to the findings of    |
| 23 | the tribunal and all other relevant matters (including  |
| 24 | the terms of the resolution passed by each House of the |
| 25 | Oireachtas relating to the establishment of the         |
| 26 | tribunal or failing to cooperate with or provide        |
| 27 | assistance to, or knowingly giving false or misleading  |
| 28 | information to, the tribunal), there are sufficient     |
| 29 | reasons rendering it equitable to do so, the tribunal,  |

| 1  | or the chairperson, as the case may be, may, either of  |
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| 2  | the tribunal's or the chairperson's own motion, as the  |
| 3  | case may be, or on application by any person appearing  |
| 4  | before the tribunal, order that the whole or part of    |
| 5  | the costs;  |
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| 7  | (a) of any person appearing before the tribunal by      |
| 8  | counsel or solicitor, as taxed by a Taxing Master of    |
| 9  | the High Court, shall be paid to the person by any      |
| 10 | other person named in the order."                       |
| 11 |   |
| 12 | Now that section has been considered by the Supreme     |
| 13 | Court, in particular in the decision of Murphy $-v-$    |
| 14 | Flood which is [2010] 3IR at 136. What the Supreme      |
| 15 | Court said in relation to that section of the Act is    |
| 16 | that:   |
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| 18 | "It gives to the Chairperson a statutory power in       |
| 19 | relation to costs. This includes a specific reference   |
| 20 | enabling regard to be had to cooperate with the         |
| 21 | tri bunal . "   |
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| 23 | At paragraph 37 of that judgment it sets out:           |
| 24 |   |
| 25 | "The power and authority of the tribunal is limited to  |
| 26 | that given to it by the terms of reference and the law, |
| 27 | and so the tribunal may make findings of a lack of      |
| 28 | cooperation. There may be degrees of lack of            |
| 29 | cooperation from minor to major. I would not attempt a  |

| Т  | list of activities or omission which may be deemed to              |
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| 2  | be a lack of cooperation."   |
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| 4  | Later on in that judgment, Ms. Justice Denham endorsed             |
| 5  | the following paragraph from Mr. Justice Geoghegan's               |
| 6  | prior judgment in <u>Haughey -v- Justice Moriarty &amp; Others</u> |
| 7  | which is in the Irish Reports 1999 at page 14. What he             |
| 8  | said there is:   |
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| 10 | "As the question of costs does not really arise yet, I             |
| 11 | am reluctant to make any comments on it, but as it has             |
| 12 | featured so prominently in the arguments I think I                 |
| 13 | should say this; in my opinion power to award costs                |
| 14 | under the Act of 1997 is confined to instances of                  |
| 15 | non-cooperation with or obstruction of the tribunal,               |
| 16 | but that of course include the adducing of deliberately            |
| 17 | false evidence and that is why the statutory provisions            |
| 18 | specifically requires regard to be had to the findings             |
| 19 | of the tribunal as well as other relevant matters."                |
| 20 |  |
| 21 | So just to conclude the reference to the Murphy                    |
| 22 | judgment at paragraph 63 of the judgment Ms. Justice               |
| 23 | Denham said she was of the opinion that:                           |
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| 25 | "The issue for a Chairman is whether a party has                   |
| 26 | cooperated with a tribunal when it comes to the matter             |
| 27 | of costs. Ordinarily any party permitted to be                     |
| 28 | represented at a tribunal should have their costs paid             |
| 29 | out of public funds. However, this may be lost if the              |

party fails to cooperate with the tribunal, plus the Chairman has to consider the conduct of or on behalf of a party before the tribunal. The power to award costs is affected by lack of cooperation, by non-cooperation with a tribunal. Non-cooperation could include failing to provide assistance or knowingly giving false or misleading information. Fundamentally the issue is whether a party has cooperated with a tribunal as to be entitled to his or her costs."

So therefore the position would appear to be, sir, you have a discretion with regard to the award of costs and the relevant matter to be considered in exercising that discretion is whether or not parties cooperated with the Tribunal.

Now on a prior occasion, sir, in dealing with issues of costs relating to the Tribunal you asked the parties to address four particular matters with regard to today's hearing, sir. It may be appropriate for me to run through those four particular matters at this stage.

The first thing you asked the parties about is whether they had any different view to the law to the view which I have just expressed, sir, in other words whether cooperation is the matter which has to be addressed at this hearing and whether the truth with regard to telling the truth to the Tribunal is a matter which has to be addressed at this stage.

The second thing, sir, is whether they have any issues with regard to fair procedures in relation to the costs In that regard, sir, a number of letters have been sent to the parties which appear here today, first of all a letter asking them in relation to their application for costs, asking for submissions dealing with their application for costs which the Tribunal has received and which are included in the papers before you, sir. A further letter has been sent with regard to whether they have any application in relation to any other party, et cetera. Also, a letter has been sent to both of the parties before the Tribunal dated 22nd October I think, sir, yes 2019 setting out what I just set out before you today, sir, and also the particular matters which have to be addressed or which we're suggesting should be addressed by them in furthering their application for costs.

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The third thing, sir, that you asked the parties to address in relation to any reward of costs which you might make is what percentage below which would be disproportionate or unreasonable in relation to an award of costs. So you expressed it in these terms:

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"The third question is what percentage below which you would be acting unreasonably, therefore flying in the face of fundamental reason and common sense and disproportionately in the sense of Meadows as flying in the face of fundamental reason and common sense in

| 1  | goi ng"  |
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| 3  | MR. HARTY: Sorry, I'm loath to interrupt. I wonder     |
| 4  | could I have the date of that letter because I appear  |
| 5  | to be missing  |
| 6  | MS. LEADER: I think it's 22nd October.                 |
| 7  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yes, it is. I don't know,       |
| 8  | Ms. Mullen, do you have it?                            |
| 9  | MS. LEADER: Of this year. I beg you pardon, 2019.      |
| 10 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Ms. Mullen, I don't know if you |
| 11 | have another copy of it. Can you find it, Mr. Harty?   |
| 12 | MR. HARTY: No, the last letter I have from the         |
| 13 | Tribunal is 19th October and then 7th November. I      |
| 14 | appear not to have received a letter on                |
| 15 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 7th November is next week.      |
| 16 | MR. HARTY: Sorry, 7th November of last year. Excuse    |
| 17 | me, sorry.   |
| 18 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 7th November, has that been     |
| 19 | furnished?   |
| 20 | MS. LEADER: It starts "thank you for"                  |
| 21 | MR. HARTY: Sorry, 22nd October, excuse me. I have it.  |
| 22 | MS. LEADER: Thank you. Yes, so I was dealing with the  |
| 23 | third question in relation to the percentage below     |
| 24 | which, and I think I have set that out.                |
| 25 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Sure.                           |
| 26 | MS. LEADER: And then the final question, sir, that you |
| 27 | asked the parties to address is whether in view of the |
| 28 | fact that it is a matter of public money, in other     |
| 29 | words taxpayers' money, is there any sense in which    |

1 compassion or mercy comes into consideration in any 2 order that the Tribunal may make? 3 MR. HARTY: Sorry, sir, that is not the letter I have dated 22nd October. 4 5 MS. LEADER: No, no, it wasn't. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what Ms. Leader is doing is filling you in on -- we had a costs hearing in relation 7 8 to the other module. 9 MR. HARTY: Yes. But the important thing is none of 10 these questions were actually asked of me --11 MS. LEADER: No. 12 -- before now. MR. HARTY: 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm going to ask you --14 I'm sorry, but my understanding is they 15 were sent a letter but if they're not --16 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: There seems to be some 17 misunderstanding. 18 MS. LEADER: Yes. 19 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: But what Ms. Leader was saying and it was explained to me on the last occasion there 20 was a costs hearing which was in relation, if you like, 21 22 to the Maurice McCabe aspect of things, I came out and 23 asked those questions of parties. 24 MS. LEADER: Yes. 25 Sorry, I'm taking the letter. MR. HARTY: MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 26 It's not in the letter, but

you asking the questions now, sir.

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it's actually on the transcript that's on the website.

MS. LEADER: On the website, yes. It's just to save

| 1  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, thanks.                    |
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| 2  | MS. LEADER: It may be appropriate for the parties to    |
| 3  | address those matters.                                  |
| 4  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I think it is and thank you for  |
| 5  | reminding me. So, Mr. Hartnett.                         |
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| 7  | SUBMISSION BY MR. HARTNETT:                             |
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| 9  | MR. HARTNETT: Very good. Firstly, sir, if I could       |
| 10 | bring you to the letter which invited us to the         |
| 11 | Tribunal, if you like, which is dated August 2017 and   |
| 12 | it states that:   |
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| 14 | "The Tribunal has identified you as a person whose      |
| 15 | reputation and/or good name will be at issue in the     |
| 16 | forthcoming hearings and who also, possibly, may be the |
| 17 | subject of critical comment. Accordingly, the Tribunal  |
| 18 | is hereby formally notifying you of same."              |
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| 20 | Then it goes on to say that we were provided with a     |
| 21 | copy of materials which reflects on your good name so   |
| 22 | as you are afforded the means to defend same. Now,      |
| 23 | clearly an issue arose at that stage in relation to a   |
| 24 | right to a good name, et cetera. And I submit that in   |
| 25 | the general constitutional atmosphere that we must, as  |
| 26 | a matter of right, be entitled to legal representation  |
| 27 | where these issues are clearly demarcated at the very   |
| 28 | beginning. As a result of that letter my client,        |

Marisa Simms, instructed Mr. Mullaney, a Sligo

1 solicitor, who instructed counsel. Mr. Mullaney spent 2 four weeks here representing Ms. Simms, as he was 3 obliged to do having been instructed by her, away from his practice in Sligo and indeed counsel attended as 4 5 well. 6 7 I submit that the question of good name being at stake is very significant and if one was to draw an analogy 8 with legal aid, certainly the courts have decided where 9 one's right to liberty and good name is at stake, one 10 11 has a right to representation. I submit, by analogy, 12 the same applies here and I also submit that in the 13 public interest those who may find themselves in a 14 similar position should be in a position where they can 15 obtain legal advice and legal aid from a solicitor and 16 If one was to, if you like, lose the counsel. 17 possibility of costs based on the finding of the 18 Tribunal, it might be very difficult for people to obtain representation and that would not be, in my 19 20 submission, in the interests of justice. 21 22 It might be noted that the section which is opened by My Friend, Ms. Leader, does refer to other matters in 23 general that the Tribunal can take into account and I 24 submit that that is one of them. 25 26 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Help me on that, where is the 27 piece you're referring to?

MR. HARTNETT:

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I shall find it now.

MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: This is Section 3, it's

| 1  | possibly in the letter to you I think.                  |
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| 2  | MR. HARTNETT: It's in the actual section where it says  |
| 3  | on the third line "all other relevant matters", on the  |
| 4  | third line of Section 3 or Section 6 as it is but       |
| 5  | amended by Section 3.                                   |
| 6  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay, just give me a second.     |
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| 8  | "Where a Tribunal consists of more than one person, the |
| 9  | chairperson of the Tribunal, is of opinion that, having |
| 10 | regard to the findings of the Tribunal and all other    |
| 11 | relevant matters (including the terms of the            |
| 12 | resolution" et cetera. "there are sufficient            |
| 13 | reasons rendering it equitable to do so."               |
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| 15 | Is that   |
| 16 | MR. HARTNETT: Yes.                                      |
| 17 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So you're saying there is a      |
| 18 | general kind of discretion?                             |
| 19 | MR. HARTNETT: Yes, and I submit the matter I have just  |
| 20 | mentioned must be something you can take into           |
| 21 | consideration and I say should take into consideration. |
| 22 | The question arises within that as whether this Court   |
| 23 | should take account of compassion and mercy and I       |
| 24 | submit again a court certainly would be obliged, it     |
| 25 | just strikes me, I think the preamble refers to         |
| 26 | concepts of charity, I think that any court will always |
| 27 | be driven or be conscious of the concepts of compassion |
| 28 | and mercy in making any decision and I submit that,     |
| 29 | again by analogy, the same should apply to a tribunal   |

1 which is carrying out a quasi judicial function. 2 suppose a judicial function. 3 So the question again, although I don't wish to repeat 4 5 myself, should a person be required to attend without 6 legal representation? And I submit that the answer to 7 that must be no. 8 Now, there can be different forms of non-cooperation 9 10 11 12 destroyed documents; where people have failed to

clearly and that was referred to by Ms. Justice Denham. There have been tribunals in the past where people have disclose cheque books payment stubs, et cetera, et cetera, very clear, if you like, obstruction or non-cooperation and I submit that they qualitatively must be distinguished from a situation where, for instance, evidence of a witness is rejected by the Tribunal, that there is a significant difference. Ιf somebody has set out to destroy documentation, if somebody has set out to, for instance, suppress the existence of a bank account, then clearly that would be, in my submission, a much more serious matter which a tribunal could take into account. Again, just to repeat myself, I submit that there is a difference between that and the acceptance or rejection of evidence that is given before a tribunal.

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So there is a public interest, in my submission, in anybody who is called as a witness whose good name is

| 1  | at stake, as it was here, in having, if you like, legal |
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| 2  | representation and having an appropriate system whereby |
| 3  | that can be obtained. And in those circumstances I      |
| 4  | submit, I ask for costs on behalf of Marisa Simms.      |
| 5  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Hartnett, again can you      |
| 6  | help me on just a couple of matters?                    |
| 7  | MR. HARTNETT: Yes.                                      |
| 8  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Firstly, is there any shaft of   |
| 9  | light, if I could put it that way, in terms of the      |
| 10 | evidence of your client whereby it could be said this   |
| 11 | at least elucidated an important matter, as opposed to  |
| 12 | the Tribunal's findings which really speak for          |
| 13 | themselves.   |
| 14 | MR. HARTNETT: Just going to the actual findings one     |
| 15 | will remember in fact under examination by counsel for  |
| 16 | the Tribunal, Ms. Leader, questions were asked about    |
| 17 | the interaction between a social worker and my client   |
| 18 | and she indicated that in fact it was a feeling she had |
| 19 | and did not say that it was a statement.                |
| 20 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're talking about when a      |
| 21 | social worker visited the house?                        |
| 22 | MR. HARTNETT: Yes.                                      |
| 23 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Had a chat with the children.    |
| 24 | Was introduced as this is a cousin of mine who has come |
| 25 | to say hello type thing, but she didn't in fact say     |
| 26 | that she was sent by the Gardaí.                        |
| 27 | MR. HARTNETT: Yes.                                      |
| 28 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And that she was here            |
| 29 | effectively to destroy their lives et cetera, et        |

1 cetera. It was just something that was internal to 2 In other words she didn't repeat that but it was 3 in the letter. MR. HARTNETT: Yes, that was clearly, that was a 4 5 finding by the Tribunal based on that evidence and that 6 clearly is a matter that aided the Tribunal and I'd ask you to take that into account. I can't think of any 7 8 other bits and pieces, but again I go back to --9 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: One might think, perhaps, of the Inter Certificate papers, the bag. 10 11 MR. HARTNETT: Yes, I have to say I didn't apply my 12 mind entirely to the factual aspect. 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm just trying to think it 14 through. There's the Inter Certificate papers. 15 MR. HARTNETT: Yes. 16 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And what happened to them or 17 what was threatened to happen to them. 18 MR. HARTNETT: Yes. 19 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: The evidence on that came from Ms. Simms, but also came from her mother. 20 I'm afraid I have to admit --21 MR. HARTNETT: Yes. 22 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It didn't -- no, I'm sure you 23 remember. Look, all these details come to us, 24 Mr. Hartnett --25 MR. HARTNETT: Yes. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: -- and like legal cases we're 26 27 better off if, like the river outside, they pass

through and don't stay on top of us.

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MR. HARTNETT: One wouldn't want to collect it all.

- 1 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yes, I know exactly what you
- 2 mean.
- 3 MR. HARTNETT: My megabytes are limited.
- 4 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm just trying to think it
- 5 through.
- 6 MR. HARTNETT: Yes.
- 7 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: That is one and then there was
- 8 a contradiction in the evidence.
- 9 MR. HARTNETT: Yes.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: so that's --
- 11 MR. HARTNETT: Well --
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Then there's the general
- 13 domestic situation.
- 14 MR. HARTNETT: Yes.
- 15 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And what about then the text
- 16 messages? Would you say anything about the text
- messages?
- MR. HARTNETT: well, they're there.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yes.
- MR. HARTNETT: Made available.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mm.
- MR. HARTNETT: So again I draw a very specific
- 23 difference between tribunals in the past where people
- 24 may have set out to destroy the trail.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yes.
- MR. HARTNETT: And where material, as in this case, it
- was made readily available, voluntarily in cooperation
- 28 with the Tribunal.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: so in other words what you're

| 1  | saying is, if a person says: Look, this is what I       |
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| 2  | think about it, this is how I feel about it, this is    |
| 3  | how I see it, but here is the documentary evidence and  |
| 4  | if that contradicts what they say that is substantial   |
| 5  | cooperation. Is that the point you're making?           |
| 6  | MR. HARTNETT: That is my submission.                    |
| 7  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yeah. Can you help me then       |
| 8  | on you've given me a submission then on number four,    |
| 9  | compassion or mercy. Would you like, because everybody  |
| 10 | else did on the last occasion, to say what percentage   |
| 11 | below which the Tribunal would fall and fly in the face |
| 12 | of fundamental reason and common sense, in other words  |
| 13 | become unreasonable and subject to a judicial review?   |
| 14 | MR. HARTNETT: Yes. Without, if you like, throwing       |
| 15 | away any argument I might have in relation to whether   |
| 16 | we're entitled to the whole of our costs.               |
| 17 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mm.                              |
| 18 | MR. HARTNETT: If the Tribunal was to decide that there  |
| 19 | should be a proportion, I would submit that 25% would   |
| 20 | be the maximum that should be applied to that.          |
| 21 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right.                       |
| 22 | MR. HARTNETT: In view of the circumstances.             |
| 23 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right. It's good to have     |
| 24 | your submission on that in any event.                   |
| 25 | MR. HARTNETT: But that's as a fallback position.        |
| 26 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, I appreciate it's a          |
| 27 | fallback position and I appreciate that you don't want  |
| 28 | to do it, but everybody else did and I have asked and   |
| 29 | thank you for answering.                                |

2 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And then, have you any issue 3 with the fair procedures that were involved? In relation to these costs matters? MR. HARTNETT: 4 5 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yes. 6 MR. HARTNETT: No, none whatsoever. 7 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I think we followed the Ryan 8 iudament. 9 MR. HARTNETT: I have no dispute on that. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Then the first thing is, have 10 11 you any difference with Ms. Leader in terms of the law that was outlined by her? I don't think you have from 12 13 what you've said save for --14 MR. HARTNETT: The law is there. There are 15 interpretations of it. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 16 Yes. 17 MR. HARTNETT: And clearly there is a big issue on the 18 whole question of what is a substantive finding. And I think that is always out there and I suspect, I 19 think there was an opportunity for clarification before 20 21 the Supreme Court on that, but the case was settled 22 prior to hearing I think the case of Fox. 23 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: That is right, Cllr. Fox. 24 MR. HARTNETT: Yes, so I think that there was to be an 25 argument in relation to the judgment. Interesting that two judgments by Judge Baker, Chawke and Fox, and the 26 27 Fox case was in some way compromised prior to hearing. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 28 Yes. Well it wasn't my fault,

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MR. HARTNETT:

Yes.

but there you go. All right. Thank you Mr. Hartnett.

| Τ  | So Mr. Harty.  |
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| 3  | SUBMISSION BY MR. HARTY:                                 |
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| 5  | MR. HARTY: Firstly, Judge, as a matter of courtesy,      |
| 6  | the Court will be aware of the matters that were before  |
| 7  | the High Court, in both matters a notice of appeal has   |
| 8  | been prepared and is about to be lodged.                 |
| 9  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It's nothing to do with this.     |
| 10 | MR. HARTY: well, it is, in fact, in that one of the      |
| 11 | reliefs sought in those is a declaration in relation to  |
| 12 | our client's entitlement. It obviously doesn't bind      |
| 13 | the Court in relation to that but it is relevant or      |
| 14 | it doesn't bind the Tribunal but it is relevant and is   |
| 15 | a matter of courtesy.                                    |
| 16 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: But is it relevant?               |
| 17 | MR. HARTY: Yes.  |
| 18 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: As I understand the <u>Orange</u> |
| 19 | case, if a public official - and in that instance it     |
| 20 | was to do with communications regulation - is to be      |
| 21 | stopped from doing what their statutory duty requires,   |
| 22 | there has to be an actual order of the Court, but is     |
| 23 | there an order of the Court                              |
| 24 | MR. HARTY: No, there's no order.                         |
| 25 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: to stop me dealing with           |
| 26 | costs?   |
| 27 | MR. HARTY: None at all. It's simply as a matter of       |
| 28 | courtesy and indicating to the Tribunal that this is     |
| 29 | not a waiver of my nosition in respect of those          |

1 proceedings. 2 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Oh no, I appreciate that fully. 3 Absolutely not. No, there is no restriction on the Tribunal delay. 4 5 6 Tribunals of inquiry, as the Tribunal itself so 7 eloquently set out on a number of occasions, are 8 established by the Oireachtas to inquire into matters of public concern. They are an instrument, a special 9 instrument which has been constitutionally permitted to 10 11 allow the Oireachtas to engage in these investigations. 12 At its heart citizens and individual citizens are not 13 to bear the brunt or the expense of the desire of the 14 body politic to investigate. And that is the principle upon which the provision for costs has been laid out 15 for two reasons; firstly because the individual 16 17 reputation is to be protected; secondly, so as to 18 ensure that if an individual, in order to protect their 19 reputation, requires legal representation, that that 20 representation is met at the expense of the body politic which wished to carry out the inquiry. That is 21 22 the manner in which it has been established and it is under the Tribunals of Inquiry Act which predate even I 23 24 think the Constitution it is therefore a common law 25 precept which is only bolstered by the Constitution system under which we now live. 26 27 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Sorry, would just help me on that if you wouldn't mind? 28 29

MR. HARTY:

well, the Tribunals of Inquiry Act predates

| 1  | the Constitution, I understand. It's a                  |
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| 2  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I see. Now I get you, yes.       |
| 3  | MR. HARTY: The reality is, is that the Oireachtas is    |
| 4  | not permitted to carry out this exceptional power at    |
| 5  | the cost of the behest at the cost or to the            |
| 6  | detriment of individuals. Tribunals are legally         |
| 7  | neutral. They cannot affect the rights between          |
| 8  | individuals or individuals and the State. Tribunals     |
| 9  | that legal neutrality must, as a matter of first        |
| 10 | principles, go so far as to the issue of costs, because |
| 11 | it certainly could not be acceptable for the State to   |
| 12 | require an individual to come before a tribunal         |
| 13 | willy-nilly at that individual's expense because that   |
| 14 | would then be the State both intervening and affecting  |
| 15 | greatly the constitutional entitlements of that         |
| 16 | individual, and it would be utterly disproportionate to |
| 17 | the purpose of tribunals of inquiry in the first place, |
| 18 | which are to carry out legally neutral fact-finding     |
| 19 | exercises.  |
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Now, it is a fact-finding exercise and in the way of the world generally the finding of facts involves the preferring of one person's version of events to another's. That, in and of itself, does not give rise to a risk in respect of costs because 50% of the people before a tribunal would therefore be at risk in relation to their costs.

The finding in relation to the case law, which has been

| 1  | relied upon and it is, I would agree for the most part, |
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| 2  | an accurate summation of the law, it is not simply that |
| 3  | evidence was not accepted, it is not simply that        |
| 4  | evidence was untrue; it is that that evidence being not |
| 5  | accepted and untrue amounted to non-cooperation. It's   |
| 6  | not an either or. It's accumulative. It is only when    |
| 7  | the evidence which is not accepted amounts to           |
| 8  | non-cooperation, or misdirects the work of the          |
| 9  | Tribunal, therefore, adding to the load that the        |
| 10 | question of a costs order against any individual        |
| 11 | arises.   |
| 12 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It's not a costs order against   |
| 13 | no one has asked for a costs order against you.         |
| 14 | MR. HARTY: Sorry, a refusal of a person's costs.        |
| 15 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It is your right in the          |
| 16 | Tribunals of Inquiry Acts that one party can look for   |
| 17 | costs as against, but nobody did and we wrote to        |
| 18 | absolutely everybody. So the Garda Commissioner didn't  |
| 19 | look for costs against you, for instance.               |
| 20 | MR. HARTY: No, and I didn't look for costs against the  |
| 21 | Garda Commissioner either. Circumstances were the       |
| 22 | Garda Commissioner made false allegations against my    |
| 23 | client and initial statements submitted, which          |
| 24 | allegations were not accepted by the Tribunal and       |
| 25 | didn't form part of the report.                         |
| 26 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Sorry, help me about that.       |
| 27 | MR. HARTY: Oh, there was a suggestion that my client    |
| 28 | took a garda car, a patrol car, wrongly, without        |
| 29 | permission, to travel to Marisa Simms' house to         |

intervene in the incident with Marisa Simms' 1 2 That was set out in the initial statement 3 submitted by the Garda Commissioner in respect of this. It was not substantiated by the Sergeant at the station 4 5 at the time who said that in fact my client requested 6 permission to use the patrol car and was given 7 permission to use the patrol car. It didn't form part 8 of the report, then it didn't form part of the terms of reference either. But it was evidence given. 9 10 11 Similarly, the Garda Commissioner in its initial 12 statement suggested that my client, in moving to 13 Donegal, had breached the provisions of the Garda Code. 14 That, similarly, was not correct and was a false 15 allegation. 16 Perhaps most significantly, the initial statement 17 18 suggested by the Garda Commissioner said that the 19 matter never left Donegal and never went up the ranks 20 and was only --MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, if you were going to 21 22 attack the Garda Commissioner it may be that the Garda Commissioner ought to be here. 23 24 No, you said to me the Garda Commissioner MR. HARTY: 25 didn't ask for their costs against me. I'm simply 26 saying I didn't ask for my costs against them. 27 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, you're being argumentive and it doesn't really help. I mean, look, 28 there's fundamental principles I'm bound by. 29

| 1  | MR. HARTY: Yes.   |
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| 2  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And we all know what they are.   |
| 3  | You said you weren't asking for costs against the Garda |
| 4  | Commissioner. I said I was puzzled by that statement.   |
| 5  | And then you entered into, effectively, an attack on    |
| 6  | the character of the Garda Commissioner and his conduct |
| 7  | at the Tribunal. So I'd just ask you to be aware of     |
| 8  | the fact that the Garda Commissioner isn't here. If     |
| 9  | you want to persist in it, if you feel it's going to in |
| 10 | any way impact on my assessment as to costs well then   |
| 11 | I'll adjourn and we can get the Garda Commissioner in   |
| 12 | here. That's all I'm saying, Mr. Harty.                 |
| 13 | MR. HARTY: I hadn't intended to name names. I had       |
| 14 | intended to raise the fact that certain parties had     |
| 15 | been given costs in circumstances where they set out in |
| 16 | statements matters which were factually untrue against  |
| 17 | my client.  |
| 18 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Who has been given costs?        |
| 19 | MR. HARTY: Yet again the Tribunal asked me not to name  |
| 20 | names. I've already indicated that the first statement  |
| 21 | submitted on behalf of the Garda Commissioner sets out  |
| 22 | false matters.  |
| 23 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I didn't give the Garda          |
| 24 | Commissioner any costs.                                 |
| 25 | MR. HARTY: No . The person who set that out in that     |
| 26 | statement, which was submitted by the Garda             |
| 27 | Commissioner at that time, was given their costs.       |
| 28 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Are you talking about the        |
| 29 | Association of Garda Sergeants?                         |

1 No, I'm talking about the Donegal division, MR. HARTY: 2 matters which were submitted by the Donegal division, 3 which was the first statement received from the Garda Commissioner. 4 5 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Sorry, I'm mystified. But 6 anyway let's carry on, Mr. Harty. 7 MR. HARTY: Well, what I can say is that in terms of 8 this exercise whereby we're apparently assessing each person's evidence line-by-line and picking out both 9 bits that we say are true and untrue, that exercise has 10 11 to be a universal exercise then and must be applied 12 universally, to all witnesses before a tribunal if that 13 is the manner on which we are simply, this is to be 14 done. 15 16 In relation to that test -- and I say that is not the 17 It is manifestly not the test. The first thing 18 is that the untruth must be related to the actual terms 19 of reference, not simply the evidence called before the It is not open to the Tribunal to call 20 Tribunal. evidence, dislike evidence in relation to peripheral 21 22 matters which are not central to the function of the 23 Tribunal, and then to fix the person who has given that 24 evidence with the costs of that appearance. 25 So the Tribunal must firstly be satisfied that the 26 27 evidence which it is unhappy about is evidence which is

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central to the terms of reference, core to the terms of

reference. We cannot have a situation where a tribunal

| 1  | can call evidence and dislike the evidence of the       |
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| 2  | manner in which a witness dealt with something entirely |
| 3  | peripheral to the terms of reference and relying on     |
| 4  | that, therefore, effectively penalise that person in    |
| 5  | respect of costs.                                       |
| 6  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Would you help me, what do you   |
| 7  | mean by that?   |
| 8  | MR. HARTY: well, very simply, there is a suggestion in  |
| 9  | your letter to my solicitor that the Tribunal didn't    |
| 10 | like the evidence of my client in respect of PULSE      |
| 11 | checks which occurred a number of years before any      |
| 12 | matters which the Oireachtas asked the investigation,   |
| 13 | the Tribunal to investigate into. Similarly, the        |
| 14 | hostile reception in Donegal Town is utterly irrelevant |
| 15 | to interaction between members of An Garda Síochána and |
| 16 | Tusla, or the HSE in respect of Garda Keith Harrison in |
| 17 | that Sergeant Durkin at no stage had any interaction    |
| 18 | with Tusla, or the HSE in relation to my client.        |
| 19 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, it was your client    |
| 20 | saying these things, you know.                          |
| 21 | MR. HARTY: In fact my client didn't say these things    |
| 22 | in evidence. It was contained in a statement.           |
| 23 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: How did they suddenly appear     |
| 24 | before the Tribunal?                                    |
| 25 | MR. HARTY: They appeared, sir, because when the         |
| 26 | Tribunal was engaging in its editing of the statements  |
| 27 | at the start it removed some matters from my client's   |
| 28 | statement and left other matters in. It removed the     |
| 29 | matters which predated his move to Donegal and it       |

| 1  | removed matters which post-dated his suspension in      |
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| 2  | Donegal.  |
| 3  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what's your problem with that?   |
| 4  | MR. HARTY: well, the Tribunal didn't remove other       |
| 5  | matters, but it was entirely open to the Tribunal to    |
| 6  | say these are not relevant to the terms of reference    |
| 7  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, before you start      |
| 8  | shouting at me - and you already are raising your voice |
| 9  | - I was asked to inquire into what happened vis-á-vis   |
| 10 | your client and Tusla. That happened in Donegal.        |
| 11 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                      |
| 12 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what therefore happened or       |
| 13 | didn't happen for instance in Athlone, or what happened |
| 14 | or didn't happen in Galway University, or what happened |
| 15 | or didn't happen in relation to his first marriage was  |
| 16 | neither here nor there. Now what you're saying is the   |
| 17 | Tribunal was canvassing irrelevant material             |
| 18 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                      |
| 19 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: including checks in relation     |
| 20 | to PULSE  |
| 21 | MR. HARTY: Mm.  |
| 22 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Which the Tribunal felt fed      |
| 23 | into the whole issue of the domestic circumstances      |
| 24 | under which complaints were made about your client.     |
| 25 | You're also saying that his relationship with other     |
| 26 | members of the Garda Síochána in Donegal is irrelevant  |
| 27 | in the context where your client was making an          |
| 28 | allegation that Garda Headquarters had engineered a     |
| 29 | situation where all of his colleagues or many of his    |

| 1  | clients were turned against him, specifically                                   |
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| 2  | Sergeant Durkin who was bullying him and engineered a                           |
| 3  | situation where social workers called to his house.                             |
| 4  | That's what your client was saying.   |
| 5  | MR. HARTY: And the Tribunal will be well aware that I                           |
| 6  | objected at all stages to any line of questioning in                            |
| 7  | relation to that on the basis of the fact that it was a                         |
| 8  | matter for High Court proceedings which were then                               |
| 9  | extant. I didn't accept it was relevant, my client                              |
| 10 | didn't accept it was relevant, and the matter was left                          |
| 11 | there. And it rested there until such time as the                               |
| 12 | Tribunal report came out and then was added to by this                          |
| 13 | to be contained in this letter. But it has little or                            |
| 14 | nothing to do with the job of the Tribunal                                      |
| 15 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, your memory is                                |
| 16 | defective.  |
| 17 | MR. HARTY: My memory is exact and I can look at the                             |
| 18 | transcript and show where ${\tt I}$ objected to the questioning                 |
| 19 | being put to my client, where $\ensuremath{\mathtt{I}}$ objected to being asked |
| 20 | to apologise, or my client to apologise to                                      |
| 21 | Sergeant Durkin. My memory is very clear in relation                            |
| 22 | to it.  |
| 23 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're saying  |
| 24 | MR. HARTY: It's not saying  |
| 25 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, you're saying allegations                            |
| 26 | of bullying by your client against colleagues was                               |
| 27 | irrelevant to the claim you were making. You're saying                          |
| 28 | the extent to which your client was checking up on his                          |
| 29 | ex-girlfriend, who was then becoming his domestic                               |

| 1  | partner or was in the course of re-communicating with       |
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| 2  | the person who would become his domestic partner, is        |
| 3  | not relevant to the domestic circumstances which led to     |
| 4  | his relations making complaints to the Gardaí about his     |
| 5  | conduct towards her when in fact they started living        |
| 6  | together.   |
| 7  | MR. HARTY: I am saying                                      |
| 8  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You've made that submission. I       |
| 9  | understand it.  |
| 10 | MR. HARTY: And I am saying                                  |
| 11 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm not saying I accept it, but      |
| 12 | I do understand it.   |
| 13 | MR. HARTY: I'm saying that the Tribunal, when it makes      |
| 14 | a ruling on this matter, must relate it clearly to how      |
| 15 | these individual matters relate to a percentage costs       |
| 16 | penalty against my client. That involves an analysis        |
| 17 | of the centrality of the evidence, the time taken to        |
| 18 | get the evidence and the difficulty or otherwise that       |
| 19 | arose as a result of the evidence being given by my         |
| 20 | client. Those matters must be undertaken in terms of        |
| 21 | an analysis and a ruling in respect of costs and that       |
| 22 | is what the <u>Ryan</u> judgment says. It doesn't require a |
| 23 | precise analysis, but it does require an analysis.          |
| 24 |   |
| 25 | In relation to the other matters which are sent out in      |
| 26 | the letter, and I will say this, it is manifest from        |
| 27 | the letter sent to us that both the issue in respect of     |
| 28 | Sergeant Durkin and the issues in respect of                |

Donna McTeague are expressed in manners which would

| 1  | suggest that the Tribunal wishes to express its        |
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| 2  | disapproval of my client's evidence.                   |
| 3  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Just hang on a minute, what are |
| 4  | you actually saying?                                   |
| 5  | MR. HARTY: I'm saying that it suggests, and if I read  |
| 6  | the letters.   |
| 7  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're talking about the letter |
| 8  | now of 22nd October 2019?                              |
| 9  | MR. HARTY: Exactly. "Garda Harrison maintained to the  |
| 10 | Tri bunal that Tusla"                                  |
| 11 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Just give me which page are you |
| 12 | on there.  |
| 13 | MR. HARTY: Page 3.                                     |
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| 15 | "Garda Harrison maintained to the Tribunal that Tusla  |
| 16 | intervened in his family life as Gardaí manipulated    |
| 17 | social services to that end. Furthermore,              |
| 18 | Garda Harrison accused Tusla of going along with this  |
| 19 | garda manipulation. These allegations were completely  |
| 20 | rejected by the Tribunal as false. The following is    |
| 21 | the relevant extract from the report, in particular"   |
| 22 |  |
| 23 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Sorry, just hang on. Do you     |
| 24 | want to say something?                                 |
| 25 | MR. HARTY: I want to say something about the entire    |
| 26 | paragraph. I'll read the entire paragraph.             |
| 27 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I've actually read the          |
| 28 | paragraph before going out.                            |

MR. HARTY: Well, no, I'd prefer to read it. I think

| 1  | it's probably  |
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| 2  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're telling me stuff I       |
| 3  | already know.  |
| 4  | MR. HARTY: I know, and it's perhaps of assistance if I |
| 5  | read it.   |
| 6  |  |
|    | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're actually now quoting the |
| 7  | Tribunal Report, but if you feel you should please     |
| 8  | carry on.  |
| 9  | MR. HARTY: <b>Thank you.</b>                           |
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| 11 | "In particular, it is alleged that Donna McTeague had  |
| 12 | apologised over a telephone to do a home visit. It was |
| 13 | claimed that in the aftermath of the meeting,          |
| 14 | Donna McTeague apologised to Marisa Simms claiming she |
| 15 | didn't have any choice in the matter, that her team    |
| 16 | leader had been in contact with the Gardaí and as a    |
| 17 | result had to do the visit. It is further claimed that |
| 18 | after the visit, before leaving, Donna McTeague was    |
| 19 | again apologising but guaranteeing that this was the   |
| 20 | end of it.   |
| 21 |  |
| 22 | There is no mistake in any of these matters. The fact  |
| 23 | is that at the hearing that they were reduced by       |
| 24 | Marisa Simms to give some kind of a feeling which she  |
| 25 | had in consequence of the meeting when the allegations |
| 26 | as made were specific, and the fact that Garda Keith   |
| 27 | Harrison notwithstanding this reduction claimed he had |
| 28 | been told the immediate conversation surrounding the   |

alleged events by Marisa Simms, that social services

| 1  | action described the determination to pursue            |
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| 2  | damaging and hurtful allegations, notwithstanding the   |
| 3  | fact they knew that they were untrue."                  |
| 4  |   |
| 5  | Now, in relation to that the characterisation of the    |
| 6  | allegations as damaging and hurtful is utterly          |
| 7  | irrelevant to what this Tribunal is to be assessing in  |
| 8  | terms of cooperation or non-cooperation.                |
| 9  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, Mr. Harty, just let me     |
| 10 | give you an example. That's the witness stand over      |
| 11 | there in this court and this court will have seen a     |
| 12 | lot. Let's suppose a woman comes into this court and    |
| 13 | makes an allegation against another person to the       |
| 14 | effect that that person told malicious lies about her,  |
| 15 | in consequence of which she had a terrible row with her |
| 16 | husband and her marriage broke up.                      |
| 17 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                      |
| 18 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Let's suppose that in fact what  |
| 19 | she said was true                                       |
| 20 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                      |
| 21 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: that the other person did in     |
| 22 | fact tell lies about her and it did in fact have an     |
| 23 | affect on her life.                                     |
| 24 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                      |
| 25 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I suppose the difference         |
| 26 | between where I'm sitting between where you're sitting  |
| 27 | or your solicitor is sitting is that I can see          |
| 28 | everybody's face in the court. I can see what's going   |
| 29 | on.   |
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1 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. 2 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I can see the upset, for 3 instance, of the people against whom allegations are made. 4 5 MR. HARTY: Mm. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Certainly, looking back to the 7 Tribunal, I can recall people being in tears in 8 consequence of what your client was saying about them. Those are facts. 9 MR. HARTY: 10 Mm-hmm. 11 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: But these are human things, you 12 when people say wrong things - by wrong I just 13 mean incorrect or untrue, whether maliciously or 14 mistakenly, people get upset. 15 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. 16 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Now you seem to be turning that 17 into something else. I don't know what it is and maybe 18 you'd help me, if you really want to turn it into 19 something else maybe you'd tell me. You've given me a 20 big long passage --21 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. 22 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: -- and you seem to be drawing 23 some kind of an inference or saying the Tribunal should 24 draw some kind of an inference from that. I actually 25 don't know what you're saying. 26 MR. HARTY: Well there are a number of things to be 27 Firstly, the Tribunal did not find that it wasn't said by Marisa Simms to Keith Harrison. And it 28

didn't find that.

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| 1  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: She said it in evidence.        |
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| 2  | MR. HARTY: She said it in evidence but when he         |
| 3  | reported that that was what he had said to her she had |
| 4  | said to him - and that's all he ever reported. That is |
| 5  | all he ever reported. He never said it was said to him |
| 6  | by Donna McTeague. He said it was said to him by       |
| 7  | Marisa Simms. She did not say she didn't say it to him |
| 8  | and Keith Harrison did not say she didn't say it to    |
| 9  | him.   |
| 10 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So your point is what?          |
| 11 | MR. HARTY: My point is that there is no finding of an  |
| 12 | untruth on the part of Keith Harrison there, firstly.  |
| 13 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay.                           |
| 14 | MR. HARTY: Secondly, in relation to that, the manner   |
| 15 | in which it was expressed would suggest costs as a     |
| 16 | means of retributive justice.                          |
| 17 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Now, maybe you'd help me on     |
| 18 | that particular point.                                 |
| 19 | MR. HARTY: Because the emphasis on damaging and        |
| 20 | hurtful allegations in that instance, and similarly in |
| 21 | relation to the bullying in Donegal, the question of   |
| 22 | whether or not that was hurtful to Sergeant Durkin,    |
| 23 | despite being irrelevant, was what exercised the mind  |
| 24 | of the Tribunal when the matter was being raised. And  |
| 25 | yet again it is not relevant to the issue of costs.    |
| 26 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So what are you saying?         |
| 27 | MR. HARTY: I'm saying the issue of costs has to do     |
| 28 | with whether or not non-cooperation occurred, which    |
| 29 | would be a remarkable suggestion against my client. My |

| 1  | client, who was obliged to go through thousands of      |
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| 2  | pages of documents, faced a situation whereby An Garda  |
| 3  | Síochána had six counsel; the Tribunal had three        |
| 4  | counsel; Tusla had three counsel; individual members of |
| 5  | the Donegal division had counsel, each of them          |
| 6  | cross-examining, calling witnesses that he was obliged  |
| 7  | to cross-examine. A vast panoply of State-funded        |
| 8  | lawyers ranged against him and he cooperated fully.     |
| 9  | You didn't like some of his answers but that is not the |
| 10 | same thing as saying that he didn't cooperate.          |
| 11 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, you really have to    |
| 12 | be careful of how you use language here. That's what    |
| 13 | law is about; how you use language. I didn't like       |
| 14 | things. I don't like or dislike anybody. And even if    |
| 15 | I liked or disliked anybody, I've taken an oath to      |
| 16 | judge cases in accordance with the evidence. That's my  |
| 17 | oath. That's what I do. No question of liking or        |
| 18 | disliking anybody, or liking or disliking anybody's     |
| 19 | evidence. What courts have done, except in the most     |
| 20 | exceptional circumstances, has always been to spare     |
| 21 | people's feelings and to say the evidence of            |
| 22 | Mrs. O'Toole is preferred to the evidence of            |
| 23 | Mrs. O'Neill. And the reason that they do that is in    |
| 24 | order to maintain an objective balance between people.  |
| 25 | But if you're saying to me that I made findings of fact |
| 26 | because I either liked somebody or didn't like          |
| 27 | somebody, well that has nothing to do with anything on  |
| 28 | earth.  |
| 29 | MR. HARTY: with all due respect, sir, firstly the       |

1 suggestion that is made in the opening of your sentence 2 that I don't know what law is, is inappropriate. 3 Secondly, sir, I never said you liked or disliked any particular person. I said you liked or disliked their 4 5 evidence. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You don't make assessments of 7 evidence upon the basis of you like that evidence. 8 MR. HARTY: One prefers one set of evidence over another. 9 10 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Nobody does. 11 That is liking or disliking. And if the Court wishes me to --12 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right, if that's --14 MR. HARTY: -- produce a copy of the Oxford English Dictionary to show that that's what the word "like" 15 16 means. 17 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, if that's what you 18 meant I understand. 19 MR. HARTY: And, sir, I fully understand how words impact on law. And insofar as the Court wished to 20 suggest something otherwise to me, I will say to you I 21 22 don't accept that. 23 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Well we're getting a bit --24 MR. HARTY: We are getting a bit, sir. 25 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: We are a bit out of the boat. We are entirely out of the boat. 26 If the MR. HARTY: 27 Tribunal wishes to leave it hang there, that apparently I don't understand what law is about we'll leave it 28 29 hang there.

| 1  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I never said you didn't         |
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| 2  | understand what law is about. It's clear you're an     |
| 3  | extremely good lawyer, Mr. Harty. But to use language  |
| 4  | to a judge to say that a finding was made because the  |
| 5  | evidence wasn't likeable. Evidence may be highly       |
| 6  | unlikable but nonetheless it may be a fact.            |
| 7  | MR. HARTY: It would be better not to paraphrase me,    |
| 8  | sir, where I said the evidence wasn't liked, not       |
| 9  | likeable.  |
| 10 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: we'll have a transcript in due  |
| 11 | course   |
| 12 | MR. HARTY: Yes, we will.                               |
| 13 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And you can read it all and     |
| 14 | admire the way you put things. Now, let's get on with  |
| 15 | things.  |
| 16 | MR. HARTY: Right. So in respect of both of those       |
| 17 | categories, it is obviously an attempt at retributive  |
| 18 | justice by way of costs. And that's the manner in      |
| 19 | which they're expressed.                               |
| 20 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: What do you mean by that? What  |
| 21 | is retributive   |
| 22 | MR. HARTY: What I mean is that he is to be punished    |
| 23 | for the evidence he against                            |
| 24 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, stop shouting at me. |
| 25 | What do you mean? By the way, I have an entitlement to |
| 26 | put this entire transcript out on air on the Tribunal  |
| 27 | website. You're being recorded. Everybody is being     |
| 28 | recorded. What do you mean by "retributive justice"?   |
| 29 | MR. HARTY: What I mean, sir, is that two of the        |

1 categories that you rely upon are premised on the hurt 2 feelings of the witnesses. That the costs that you are 3 seeking to reduce are on the basis of people's feelings being hurt. So that is costs, punishment, not for the 4 5 cooperation, not for the involvement of the evidence in 6 the findings of the report, but for the impact that it 7 had on certain witnesses. 8 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So what you're saying is that were the Tribunal, as a matter of law, to approach the 9 award or non-award of costs on the basis that witnesses 10 11 were hurt --12 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: -- that would be to turn the 14 exercise on costs into a question of just desserts in 15 consequence of causing shame or embarrassment to 16 somebody. 17 MR. HARTY: Yes. 18 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: But whereas the true exercise is the degree of cooperation by a person whether they 19 20 caused hurt or not. 21 MR. HARTY: Exactly. Exactly. 22 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And you're saying that the 23 Tribunal's letter indicates a tone of retribution --24 MR. HARTY: Yes. 25 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: -- against your client which is 26 inappropriate? 27 MR. HARTY: Exactly. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, retribution for what? 28

MR. HARTY:

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I've just read it out, sir.

1 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, but retribution for what? For apparently hurting the feelings of 2 3 Donna McTeague and not withdrawing an allegation when Marisa Simms withdrew it the day before. 4 5 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So you accept that Marisa Simms 6 withdrew that allegation? 7 That's what the letter says. That's what MR. HARTY: 8 the report says. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 9 You seem to accept that. 10 I don't have to accept or reject it. The 11 findings are there. 12 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay, you accept the finding. 13 MR. HARTY: The findings are there. I don't have to 14 accept or reject it. 15 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right. So did you want to 16 mention the next matter? 17 MR. HARTY: Yes. The checking on PULSE. That was a 18 matter which took approximately ten minutes to be dealt 19 with, both in cross-examination of my client and in the examination I think it was of Chief Superintendent 20 Sheridan. Ten minutes. 21 22 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mm. 23 So ten minutes out of 19 days' hearing, as 24 a matter of mathematical analysis we're certainly 25 talking about less than a percentage point. At most. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 26 Mm-hmm. Okav. 27 And, in any event, I say it wasn't central to what the Oireachtas asked the Tribunal to inquire 28

into.

| 1  | And in relation to the fourth category, because I've    |
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| 2  | dealt with the third, the rejection of Garda Harrison's |
| 3  | evidence in relation to the texts on the phone as       |
| 4  | ridiculous and nonsense. The Tribunal didn't accept     |
| 5  | his evidence. So be it. The Tribunal, the Chairman of   |
| 6  | the Tribunal is a fan of the films of Kurosawa and the  |
| 7  | Chairman of the Tribunal will be well aware, therefore, |
| 8  | of Mr. Kurosawa's greatest work, a film by the name of  |
| 9  | Rashomon. And the whole point                           |
| 10 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Rashomon, yes.                   |
| 11 | MR. HARTY: Yes. Rashomon                                |
| 12 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: This is the one where            |
| 13 | MR. HARTY: Everything is about                          |
| 14 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON:someone is killed under the       |
| 15 | tree and then four different witnesses give their own   |
| 16 | view about things.                                      |
| 17 | MR. HARTY: Yes.   |
| 18 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yeah. Sorry.                     |
| 19 | MR. HARTY: And central to Mr. Kurosawa's view of the    |
| 20 | world is the importance of perspective.                 |
| 21 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay.                            |
| 22 | MR. HARTY: And how people can have different versions   |
| 23 | of events without necessarily seeking to mislead or to  |
| 24 | lie. Central to Rashomon is the idea that you, the      |
| 25 | viewer, and to a certain extent, in this instance, the  |
| 26 | Chairman of the Tribunal was Mr. Kurosawa's camera lens |
| 27 | - best able to view each person's version of events and |
| 28 | to assess what probably happened. But simply because    |
| 29 | the camera determines that something could not have     |

happened in that way, or did not happen in that way does not mean that a witness is not cooperating, not doing their best to give their version of events. witnesses are mistaken. Witnesses do mis-recollect how things happen. Witnesses do, in attempting to deal with matters or recall them later, do construct a version of events in a manner which is entirely innocent, a version of events which they can live with, or which they can accept happened, without seeking to mislead anybody. There is no absolute need to lie 

unintentional lie.

In assessing the question of costs the accidental or unintended lie cannot be a basis for a reduction in costs. The incorrect recollection of what took place cannot be a basis for reduction in costs. The imperfect recollection of what occurred cannot be the basis. And if it is to be the basis then each and every witness will have to have their evidence assessed in its entirety so that when the Tribunal, for example, was unable to resolve who called who in the January of 2014 between the guards and Tusla. And that was central, but neither witness could satisfy you as to who made the call.

deliberately. There can be the accidental lie.

MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: At the end of the day was it so important in the sense that if there is an allegation of a child witnessing a row, a serious row, aren't the Gardaí obliged to actually call the social workers then

2 This is the call three months later. MR. HARTY: 3 is the call in January as opposed to October. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 4 Mm. 5 MR. HARTY: So no, they're not. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: There was a lot of stuff going on though, Mr. Harty, that went over several months. 7 8 MR. HARTY: what I'm --MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It wasn't exactly the happiest 9 10 of relationships. I know things are better now. 11 MR. HARTY: It wasn't the happiest of relationships but 12 it also was a situation where this Tribunal was tasked 13 with investigating the interactions between the Garda Síochána and Tusla in relation to Garda Keith Harrison. 14 15 A central interaction was the one which took place in 16 January of 2014, and from the evidence given by both Tusla and An Garda Síochána this Tribunal could not 17 18 resolve who called who. So what's your point on that? 19 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 20 MR. HARTY: My point is that that should be visited in costs if we are simply to deal with imperfect 21 22 recollection. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Visited in costs? How do you 23 24 mean? 25 Against the witnesses who gave that evidence, if we are simply dealing with imperfect 26 27 recollection. 28 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So what are you saying? Are 29 you saying I shouldn't have awarded Tusla costs? They

under the guidelines?

1 didn't look for costs. 2 I'm picking it as an example, sir. 3 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mm. MR. HARTY: It's not an unreasonable example to select. 4 5 And it's not --6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Look, Mr. Harty, my difficulty, and it's my fault, was simply in understanding the 7 8 submission and therefore I asked a question on it. The situation is, sir, that there's a 9 MR. HARTY: variety of evidence such as, for example, the 10 11 allegation made by the Chief Superintendent in Donegal 12 that my client had driven a garda car without 13 permission from Buncrana Garda Station to Donegal Town 14 when in fact he had been given that permission. 15 that allegation was made full square on a statement 16 submitted by Chief Superintendent McGinn. I do know 17 that Chief Superintendent McGinn applied for her costs. 18 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Was it all the way from 19 Buncrana to Donegal? 20 I can't remember, whichever station it was. MR. HARTY: 21 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I thought it was Letterkenny 22 out to where they lived which is -- I mean Buncrana to 23 Donegal Town --24 MR. HARTY: I can read it. 25 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're talking about an hour 26 and a bit. Don't worry about it, Mr. Harty, I have the submission. I understand. 27 I don't want to be wrong. To Churchill. 28 MR. HARTY: So Buncrana to Churchill. 29 61km away.

2 MR. HARTY: 61km. 3 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yeah. MR. HARTY: And that was an allegation made that he did 4 5 so illegally, wrongfully, unlawfully. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right. 6 7 That wasn't visited in costs. MR. HARTY: 8 wouldn't have said it should be visited in costs. but if we're engaging in an exercise whereby any individual 9 on truth is something which must be visited in costs 10 11 and must be assessed in that light, then that exercise 12 has to take place in respect of every witness. 13 14 There are other, just from that statement alone, there 15 is the suggestion that my client had broke the Garda 16 Code, which was unfounded. And there was also nothing 17 in that statement indicating the interaction which took place between the Donegal division and the district 18 19 after this, which interaction was only uncovered as a 20 result of the evidence given. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm just not following that 21 22 point, I'm sorry. It was dealt with between Chief 23 24 Superintendent McGinn and Assistant Commissioner Kenny. 25 The Tribunal will recall that that was only revealed in the evidence of Chief Superintendent McGinn as a result 26 27 of cross-examination. 28 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what are you -- I'm sorry, I 29 don't know --

Yeah.

MR. JUSTI CE CHARLETON:

1 MR. HARTY: Her statement makes no reference to this 2 matter. 3 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: To which? To dealing with the matter of Assistant 4 5 Commissioner Kenny. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: What matter of Assistant Commissioner Kenny? 7 8 MR. HARTY: My client. 9 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I know, but what are you talking about? I'm sorry, it's my fault. 10 I'm lost. Ι 11 don't know what you're talking. Sorry, Chief 12 Superintendent McGinn --13 Chief Superintendent McGinn --MR. HARTY: MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: -- and Assistant Commissioner 14 15 Kenny would be the superior officer --16 MR. HARTY: Exactly. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: -- did what? 17 18 They discussed and raised the issues of 19 Keith Harrison at regional path meetings I think were 20 the ones afterwards --MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 21 Mm. 22 In the statement delivered first by Chief MR. HARTY: 23 Superintendent McGinn to the Tribunal no mention is 24 made of this and it was only during the course of the 25 evidence of Chief Superintendent McGinn that this came 26 to light, by which stage Assistant Commissioner Kenny 27 was out of the country, if I recall, on an extended vacation. 28

MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON:

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He might have been, but your

| 1  | point is?   |
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| 2  | MR. HARTY: My point is that it wasn't revealed in the   |
| 3  | statement. That was a matter which, if we are to look   |
| 4  | at every single bit of evidence and say: You are        |
| 5  | entitled to costs or you are not entitled to your       |
| 6  | costs, then we need to look at why those I picked       |
| 7  | the first statement against my client contained in the  |
| 8  | booklet and went through that one. I'm sure if I'd      |
| 9  | gone through all this I would have found other matters  |
| 10 | that weren't supported by the evidence called before    |
| 11 | the Tribunal.   |
| 12 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what? How do you mean?           |
| 13 | MR. HARTY: What I'm saying is that the Tribunal has     |
| 14 | picked out four isolated bits of evidence as a manner   |
| 15 | in which to say that my client is not entitled to his   |
| 16 | costs.  |
| 17 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, I mean you it says "in     |
| 18 | the light of the above" and I think it also refers to   |
| 19 | the entire of the report. Well, the letter does.        |
| 20 | MR. HARTY: Yes, it does. Well, in light of the above    |
| 21 | my client is entitled to his costs in their entirety.   |
| 22 | The Tribunal is not entitled to select him as a person  |
| 23 | not to get his costs in circumstances where the         |
| 24 | Tribunal has not assessed the evidence of other         |
| 25 | witnesses, and assessed whether or not they should have |
| 26 | a reduction in their costs.                             |
| 27 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, I actually have.           |
| 28 | MR. HARTY: In respect of this module.                   |
| 29 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, I actually have in         |
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| 1  | relation to, I think there was maybe eight different    |
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| 2  | individuals and there was eight different individual    |
| 3  | assessments.  |
| 4  | MR. HARTY: I know for a fact that Chief Superintendent  |
| 5  |   |
| 6  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It's the same tribunal.          |
| 7  | MR. HARTY: I know for a fact that in relation to this   |
| 8  | module, this evidence of Chief Superintendent Terry     |
| 9  | McGinn was certainly not assessed to see whether or not |
| 10 | she should suffer a reduction in her costs.             |
| 11 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Right. You didn't look for       |
| 12 | costs against her in any event.                         |
| 13 | MR. HARTY: I didn't look for costs against her and I    |
| 14 | didn't believe that my client had not cooperated with   |
| 15 | the Tribunal; nor do I find that if my client had if    |
| 16 | there is non-cooperation on the part of my client there |
| 17 | is therefore non-cooperation on the part of Chief       |
| 18 | Superintendent Terry McGinn.                            |
| 19 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right.                       |
| 20 | MR. HARTY: And a number of other witnesses who gave     |
| 21 | evidence which evidence was not accepted by the         |
| 22 | Tribunal. My client did cooperate fully. He is          |
| 23 | entitled to his costs in its entirety.                  |
| 24 |   |
| 25 | There is the question of mercy, or otherwise, is I      |
| 26 | would submit not a relevant test.                       |
| 27 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mm.                              |
| 28 | MR. HARTY: The question is justice. Sorry, as set out   |
| 29 | in the section, perhaps if I could take it. Equity,     |

1 not mercy, is the test. It is equitable to do so. And 2 only equity is the test. 3 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Do you disagree with Mr. Hartnett's submission in that regard? 4 5 MR. HARTY: I do. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, where do you say he got it from? 7 8 MR. HARTY: well, I'd say very simply that the section says "equity", therefore that the test is equity, not 9 mercy. I'm careful in my words. I think they're 10 11 different things. 12 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Riaht. 13 MR. HARTY: And in terms of equity, the Tribunal will 14 have to look at all of the evidence that was put before 15 it; all of the evidence which was accepted or not 16 accepted, and then engage in the equitable exercises if 17 that is the what the Tribunal says is the test by way 18 of non-cooperation evidence which is not accepted. 19 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So what do you think I ought to 20 do? Well, everybody is entitled --21 MR. HARTY: 22 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, just -- so I should produce 23 another tribunal report? 24 Well, in fact I would go with my first MR. HARTY: 25 proposition which is that it's only if the evidence in 26 and of itself was noncooperative to the point that it 27 impeded the work of the Tribunal. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 28 Mm.

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MR. HARTY: And it is only if it impeded the work of

1 the tribunal that you then engage in this exercise. 2 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So let me give you a 3 proposition then. Let's suppose somebody goes on the television tonight and says that three TDs have been 4 5 accepting bribes and obviously that's -- maybe you want 6 to talk to your solicitor, I don't know? 7 MR. HARTY: No. All right. Well let me give a 8 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'll start again. Let's suppose a 9 proposition then. person goes on the television tonight and says that 10 11 three TDs are accepting bribes to, let's say, vote in 12 relation to legislation in a particular way. 13 MR. HARTY: Mm. 14 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And let's suppose, as would be 15 the case, it's covered by Prime Time, or whatever. 16 let's suppose that there's public disquiet, editorials 17 in various newspapers and a tribunal of inquiry is 18 established and the terms of reference, et cetera, as to whether this is true or not. The Tribunal is there 19 and the witness comes up, who is making the 20 allegations, and the witness is asked: Well, on what 21 22 basis do you make these allegations? And you say: None whatsoever, I was just going to make -- I wanted 23 24 to make a fuss. In other words I was suffering from 25 the her Herostratus syndrome - to use a term from Amion 26 psychology. In those circumstances, according to 27 Ms. Justice Denham, that witness - even though they've made serious allegations - would be entitled to their 28 29 costs because they have fully cooperated in the sense

1 that they had said: There's no need to go any further, 2 you don't have to be here for the next two years, you 3 don't have to gather vast amounts of materials and distribute them to everybody electronically or 4 5 otherwise; instead this whole thing is at an end and I 6 was in the wrong. 7 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. 8 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And that would be cooperation, wouldn't it? 9 MR. HARTY: 10 Yes. 11 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: But on the other hand, if the 12 person persisted in the allegation, and claimed there 13 was evidence here, there, and everywhere, the Tribunal looked at it and had to hear all the evidence and in 14 15 the event that, for instance, the TDs - two of whom 16 were women, let us say - were deeply upset and the one 17 who was a man was in tears listening to this and their 18 political careers were ruined; would you say that was 19 cooperation even though the Tribunal, at the end of the day, found that none of this happened, that they had 20 not accepted bribes? Would you say that was 21 22 cooperation by the person making the allegation? 23 It depends on whether or not the person gave their truthful evidence. And whether or not 24 25 people are crying, anywhere, is irrelevant to the 26 assessment of the equity of a person's entitlement to 27 their costs. The situation is absolutely -- it is no role for the Chairman of the Tribunal to decide to 28

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punish people for giving a version of events which is

| 1  | not accepted. No role. And it is certainly not the      |
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| 2  | role for the Chairman of the Tribunal to decide to      |
| 3  | punish people for giving the version of events which    |
| 4  | hurts other people. It is absolutely outside the role.  |
| 5  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, you're absolutely right      |
| 6  | about that. It can't anything to do with the court      |
| 7  | case, the fact that evidence hurts other people. It's   |
| 8  | everything to do with whether or not something is       |
| 9  | truly. But lies do hurt other people.                   |
| 10 | MR. HARTY: It's not a court case, firstly, it is a      |
| 11 | tribunal of inquiry. It is a unique creature, entirely  |
| 12 | of statute.   |
| 13 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, look, Mr. Harty, I know all  |
| 14 | about tribunals of inquiry, you don't need to tell me   |
| 15 | about that.   |
| 16 | MR. HARTY: well, we appear                              |
| 17 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It's not a court case, but it    |
| 18 | has every single indicia of a court case and it has     |
| 19 | every single right attached to a murder trial. In fact  |
| 20 | it has even more rights than are attached to a murder   |
| 21 | trial.  |
| 22 | MR. HARTY: With a couple of differences in terms of a   |
| 23 | civil court case.                                       |
| 24 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right. Fine. Okay. Well,     |
| 25 | there's an article in the Dublin University Law Journal |
| 26 | by me and   |
| 27 | MR. HARTY: I've read it.                                |
| 28 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Paul Carey and Ciara             |
| 29 | Herlihy.  |
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- 1 MR. HARTY: I've read it.
- 2 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, it's surprising that you
- 3 have since it's not out.
- 4 MR. HARTY: I listened to the paper --
- 5 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yes, it's coming out. It's
- 6 different. Anyway, look, let's go on. It's not out
- 7 yet, Mr. Harty.
- 8 MR. HARTY: well, I listened to the paper certainly.
- 9 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You may well have a version of
- 10 it.
- 11 MR. HARTY: well, I understood that that was the same
- 12 paper.
- 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, it's nice to know --
- 14 MR. HARTY: It was the one --
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It's nice to know you're
- following my academic pursuits. But in any event --
- 17 MR. HARTY: And in relation to that, sir, what I will
- 18 say --
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what I'm saying to you,
- 20 Mr. Harty, is this, it's very simple: Evidence may be
- 21 hurtful. That's tough.
- MR. HARTY: Yes.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: As my mother used to say: The
- 24 truth hurts. Of course it's something that many
- 25 mothers in this country used to say to many children
- and I'm sure it helped me along the way. On the other
- 27 hand, if evidence is untrue and it's hurtful, it's the
- 28 untruth that matters.
- 29 MR. HARTY: And that is not one which is empowered --

| the Tribunal is empowered to award costs in relation    |
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| to.   |
| MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, I agree. I'm not entitled    |
| to award costs simply because evidence is hurtful. But  |
| I think I am in relation to evidence which is untrue.   |
| MR. HARTY: well, it is untrue and hurtful to somebody   |
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| MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Do you accept that?              |
| MR. HARTY: <b>But</b>                                   |
| MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: But do you accept that?          |
| MR. HARTY: No.  |
| MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: As a legal proposition?          |
| MR. HARTY: No.  |
| MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So people can come in to a       |
| tribunal of inquiry and tell the most egregious lies in |
| the instance given in relation to the three TDs and     |
| they should be awarded their costs?                     |
| MR. HARTY: You  |
| MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It doesn't matter that it's      |
| hurtful, it doesn't matter that it's untrue, it doesn't |
| matter that it causes public chaos, it doesn't matter   |
| that it causes a diminution in respect for democracy in |
| our country, they should be awarded their costs? But    |
| why? First tell me why?                                 |
| MR. HARTY: Firstly, sir, you've actually put two        |
| entirely different questions to me. The first question  |
| is whether or not simply because evidence is untrue are |
| you entitled to award costs against someone? The        |
| answer to that is, no. It is a different thing          |
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|    | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: In the ordinary way, the cases   |
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| 2  | that have been heard in this Order 99 Rule 1, if people |
| 3  | come in and make untrue allegations and lose their      |
| 4  | case, costs follow the event. Now, why is a tribunal    |
| 5  | of inquiry different?                                   |
| 6  | MR. HARTY: Because it is a tribunal of inquiry and not  |
| 7  | a court of law.   |
| 8  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right.                       |
| 9  | MR. HARTY: Because they are established                 |
| 10 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Just                             |
| 11 | MR. HARTY: No, sorry, I'd be grateful, sir, if you'd    |
| 12 | let me answer each question that you pose to me.        |
| 13 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm just trying to get to the    |
| 14 | heart of it, Mr. Harty, and the heart of it seems to    |
| 15 | be: Why should a person who tells nothing but lie -     |
| 16 | and I'm taking the case up of three TDs, why should     |
| 17 | they be awarded costs? Just please tell me why that     |
| 18 | should be the case?                                     |
| 19 | MR. HARTY: The hypothetical question that you are       |
| 20 | asking now I don't propose to answer because it is      |
| 21 | entirely a hypothetical. You did ask me an actual       |
| 22 | question which is: Whether or not simply because        |
| 23 | somebody tells an untruth                               |
| 24 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You don't feel hypotheses are    |
| 25 | useful in discussing legal matters?                     |
| 26 | MR. HARTY: I'm answering the questions in the order in  |
| 27 | which I was asked them.                                 |
| 28 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right. You carry on.         |
|    | MR. HARTY: The first question you said: Where a         |

1 person gives untrue evidence they should be disentitled 2 to their costs. The answer to that is absolutely not. 3 That is an absolutely incorrect proposition. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 4 Well, a party I meant. 5 MR. HARTY: A party. Well, firstly, there are no 6 parties, there are only witnesses before a tribunal. 7 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mm . 8 MR. HARTY: There are no parties. There are witnesses, and where a witness gives untrue evidence, or argues a 9 case which is found to be untrue, that does not 10 disentitle that witness to their costs. That was the 11 12 first proposition that was put to me and the answer to 13 that is, absolutely there is no law to say that that is 14 the case. 15 16 The second proposition was where a person has told 17 egregious lies and has persisted with egregious lies, 18 giving rise to the entire tribunal having to take 19 place, then the Tribunal has to look at those lies. 20 Were they knowingly untrue? It has to find that the person knew that they were egregious lies. 21 22 Tribunal has to find that they were done for the 23 purpose, I'm told for the purpose of undermining the 24 work of the Tribunal. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 25 Mm-hmm. And in those circumstances the Court then 26 MR. HARTY: 27 should look at the questions of costs. But they have 28 to be knowing non-cooperation, or increasing the

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workload of the Tribunal knowingly. And that involves

findings made on, substantive findings of knowing non-cooperation. In those circumstances, yes.

In relation to the hypothetical situation of the three people who tell the -- lies told by the three people, that is the test which has to take place. They have know whether they are lies. They have to assess the truth or accuracy of those lies. They do have to be central lies to the questions that are being asked, and then the Tribunal should look at the equity. And in doing that they need to look at the lies told by other witnesses and how those lies impacted on the work of the Tribunal because equity involves between the witnesses, not just between the Tribunal and the individual witness. And the equitable assessment must take place at that stage.

There was no finding of non-cooperation on the part of my client. There was no suggestion, in the second report, that my client had told lies. No finding to that effect. And in the absence of those findings my client is entitled to his costs.

The one other matter which I should raise, and my solicitor does remind me, that these matters all arose as a result of a protected disclosure. Protected disclosure which was made to members of the Oireachtas who, as a result, included my client in the terms of reference. And this Court should be mindful of the

| 1  | basic principles in respect of protected disclosure     |
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| 2  | which is that the person who makes a protected          |
| 3  | disclosure ought not to be penalised as a result of     |
| 4  | making that protected disclosure. And in assessing      |
| 5  | whether or not my client is entitled to his costs, this |
| 6  | tribunal needs to be aware and alert to the purpose of  |
| 7  | the Tribunal and the overall public good that arises    |
| 8  | from people being, firstly, able to make protected      |
| 9  | disclosures and, secondly, giving evidence such as      |
| 10 | their recollection or their views before a tribunal of  |
| 11 | inquiry, without fear of being penalised, save in       |
| 12 | exceptional circumstances.                              |
| 13 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what would you say the           |
| 14 | exceptional circumstances are?                          |
| 15 | MR. HARTY: Your egregious lies, where they knew they    |
| 16 | were telling lies from the start; where they made it    |
| 17 | all up; where they continued to add it altogether;      |
| 18 | where such findings have been made.                     |
| 19 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And you would say in those       |
| 20 | circumstances I would be entitled to award no costs?    |
| 21 | MR. HARTY: You would be entitled to award no costs in   |
| 22 | those circumstances.                                    |
| 23 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right.                       |
| 24 | MR. HARTY: But you would need to have made those        |
| 25 | findings in your report.                                |
| 26 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, can I ask you the     |
| 27 | same four questions that in fact there's five, that     |
| 28 | other people have been asked?                           |
| 29 | MR. HARTY: Yes.   |

- 1 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay. You differ on the law in 2 relation to cooperation and truth from Ms. Leader's outline? 3 MR. HARTY: I sav that -- I don't think we differ 4 5 because I think we're both saying the same thing; the 6 one difference is that I'm saying that simply an 7 untruth isn't what the law says. 8 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay. Untruth is not enough. MR. HARTY: 9 Yes. 10 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And it has to be egregious 11 non-cooperation. 12 MR. HARTY: No. 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Maybe you'd just help me. Just 14 say it again, if you wouldn't mind. Non-cooperation, deliberately misleading 15 MR. HARTY: 16 the Tribunal in its function is probably the primary purpose of non-cooperation. So, for example, shredding 17 For example, failing to reveal meetings 18 documents. 19 which took place at a senior level at an appropriate 20 time. MR. JUSTI CE CHARLETON: Well, your client wasn't at a 21 22 senior --
- MR. HARTY: well, I'm giving examples.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay.
- MR. HARTY: My client didn't destroy any documents.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Sorry, shredding documents,
- yes, okay. Concealing meetings.
- 28 MR. HARTY: Concealing meetings.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yeah.

2 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yeah. 3 MR. HARTY: -- which would have impeded the work of the Tribunal. 4 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 5 Okay. 6 So giving evidence which is not accepted is not sufficient. 7 8 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay. All right. So have you any issues with the fair procedures, the submissions 9 sought, et cetera, et cetera initially, the submissions 10 11 made, the letter of 22nd October; have you any issue 12 with the fact that we're attempting to follow fair 13 procedures but do you think we have fallen at any of 14 the hurdles? 15 MR. HARTY: What I would say is that there is one 16 matter which you haven't done, which is to indicate a 17 basis for a calculation of a proposal, but that is not 18 necessarily breaching fair procedures now. 19 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okav. But if there is a proposal to reduce, a 20 MR. HARTY: mechanism by which that proposal is breached is a 21 22 matter which should be revealed and which I would be 23 entitled to argue on. 24 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You better tell me now. Here's 25 vour chance. 26 Well, I don't know what mechanism you MR. HARTY: 27 propose to use to I can't argue on it. 28 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Well, what about Veolia Water? You've read that case. 29

That would be serious non-cooperation --

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MR. HARTY:

| _  | MIR. HARTT. NOT TOT a very foring time. What are you   |
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| 2  | suggesting you're going to do?                         |
| 3  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, it's not for you to  |
| 4  | interrogate me. We're here in order to                 |
| 5  | MR. HARTY: well, what I'm saying is                    |
| 6  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Sorry, Mr. Harty, just hang on  |
| 7  | a wee moment now please. You're saying if a court, for |
| 8  | instance, says that witnesses if a court says a        |
| 9  | party is entitled, because of various factors, to no   |
| 10 | costs  |
| 11 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                     |
| 12 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: is entitled 30% of their        |
| 13 | costs.   |
| 14 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                     |
| 15 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Is it entitled to 50% of their  |
| 16 | costs.   |
| 17 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                     |
| 18 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: That there's some logarithm out |
| 19 | there, of which I'm unaware, that ought to be deployed |
| 20 | and you ought to have a chance to make submissions on  |
| 21 | it. The letter actually says:                          |
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| 23 | "The Tribunal in the circumstances is considering      |
| 24 | whether to award your client's costs or whether in the |
| 25 | circumstances it is going to award your client's       |
| 26 | reduced costs and asks for submissions on that."       |
| 27 |  |
| 28 | Now, what more than that am I supposed to do?          |
| 29 | MR HARTY What you're supposed to do if you propose     |

- 1 to use a mechanism for calculating how my client's 2 costs should be reduced, I should be told that. 3 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: What are you talking about? I'm not the one making the decision. 4 5 would never have occurred to me --But you say --6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: MR. HARTY: -- that my client should suffer a reduction 7 8 in his costs. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: It never would have occurred to 9 10 you, no? 11 MR. HARTY: No. Not at all. 12 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're saying, therefore, if 13 there is to be a reduction there has to be what? 14 MR. HARTY: A mechanism. 15 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: what is the mechanism? 16 MR. HARTY: Well, I don't know. I don't propose to do 17 it. Perhaps if the Tribunal were to tell me what it 18 proposes to do. It put four items out there, is it 19 operating on the basis of 25% per item? MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: These are the kind of decisions 20 21 that are made every day by courts. 22 MR. HARTY: It's not a court. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You know you snapped at me 23 24 "this is not a court", and frankly you've done it 25 several times during the course of the Tribunal.
- MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. I'd ask --
- 27 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Just hang on a minute,
- Mr. Harty. Just please hang on a minute.
- MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.

1 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're saying that for some 2 reason that I unfortunately can't understand but I'm trying to get to the bottom of, that this Tribunal is 3 in breach of fair procedures. 4 5 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Now, you'll be aware that the 7 original Act says that the Tribunal has the powers of 8 the High Court. It exercises the same jurisdiction in relation to the matter over it. You're aware there's 9 further jurisdiction given. So what I'm saying to you 10 11 is, of course it's not a court, but I am a judge and the reason I'm the Chairman of the Tribunal is because 12 13 I'm a judge. 14 MR. HARTY: Mm. 15 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And judges, every day, and the 16 Supreme Court indeed not every day but certainly every week. has to make decisions as to whether an award of 17 18 costs ought to be reduced. 19 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm. 20 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So what --21 MR. HARTY: In the case of Lowry --22 Sorry, I'm a bit lost for MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: What exactly are you saying about -- what 23 24 exactly are you saying that -- what? That you're not 25 getting fair procedures because you don't know of some 26 logarithm of some kind? I don't understand. 27 MR. HARTY: Firstly, I didn't mention the word "logarithm". 28

MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON:

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No. I --

| 1  | MR. HARTY: we  |
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| 2  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: No, no, you're absolutely       |
| 3  | right. I mentioned "logarithm" but if you're saying is |
| 4  | there a mechanism?                                     |
| 5  | MR. HARTY: In fact a better word; methodology. I'll    |
| 6  | quote directly from <u>Lowry -v- Moriarty</u> :        |
| 7  |  |
| 8  | "Neither was he given an indication of the methodology |
| 9  | of calculation of reduction or matters to which the    |
| 10 | Tribunal would have regard set out in the General      |
| 11 | Ruling so that he could address these in response with |
| 12 | a view to averting that outcome."                      |
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| 14 | The methodology, not just the matters that you intend  |
| 15 | to avert to, but also the methodology. There is no     |
| 16 | mention in your letter of a methodology.               |
| 17 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well, now, you have a chance to |
| 18 | make submissions. What                                 |
| 19 | MR. HARTY: No, I don't                                 |
| 20 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Just hang on                    |
| 21 | MR. HARTY: propose to make submissions                 |
| 22 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: a minute, Mr. Harty             |
| 23 | MR. HARTY: I intend to rely on Lowry -v- Moriarty.     |
| 24 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Mr. Harty, what methodology do  |
| 25 | you suggest I apply?                                   |
| 26 | MR. HARTY: well, I think you need                      |
| 27 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: One you've suggested is that    |
| 28 | there are four issues in the Tribunal and if I find    |
| 29 | against your client on all four it would be a complete |

1 reduction of 100%; if I find in relation to three it 2 would be 75%; two 50%; one 25%. Is that your 3 submission? MR. HARTY: I didn't make any such suggestion and 4 5 you're fully alert to the fact that what I said is I 6 have no idea what methodology you propose to use, 7 whether it is simply --8 MR. JUSTI CE CHARLETON: No. but you said --MR. HARTY: No, sir, for the transcript and so there's 9 no confusion, I never suggested --10 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You see the transcript is going 11 12 to be a wee bit confused if you don't let me speak. 13 You've said there are four issues there. Is it to be 14 the case that if you find in relation to one you'll 15 reduce by 25%? 16 MR. HARTY: Yes. 17 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Yes. 18 MR. HARTY: That wasn't me suggesting that as a 19 methodology. That was me asking was that the 20 methodology. 21 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Oh, I see. What do you suggest 22 Because this is -now? 23 I don't suggest a methodology. 24 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: This is a question of fair 25 procedures. You're saying you're entitled to 100% of 26 your costs.

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MR. HARTY:

no reduction.

Yes.

MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You're saying there should be

- 1 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.
- 2 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: so if you're saying that, for
- instance, I find that your client was, as you say,
- 4 deliberately misleading, was impeding the work of the
- 5 Tribunal --
- 6 MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.
- 7 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: -- that I can award 100%
- 8 reduction of costs?
- 9 MR. HARTY: No, I don't say that. I don't say that. I
- 10 never said that.
- 11 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: well --
- 12 MR. HARTY: I never said that.
- 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm inviting a submission.
- MR. HARTY: No, I don't propose to make a submission.
- 15 I've already said plenty in relation to that.
- 16 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Let's suppose a judge is
- 17 sitting here, Mr. Harty, and he says, he or she says to
- a party: So if I'm to reduce costs, what do you
- 19 suggest I ought to do?
- 20 MR. HARTY: I suggest you shouldn't and, if you intend
- 21 to reduce costs you first have to tell me the
- 22 methodology you intend to use.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right. well, I'm asking
- 24 you what methodology do you suggest?
- MR. HARTY: I don't know what methodology to use.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: This is fair procedures. I'm
- 27 hearing you, Mr. Harty, you see.
- MR. HARTY: No.
- MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: so maybe you would tell me what

2 Perhaps if the Tribunal were listening to 3 me, the Tribunal would be aware of the fact that what I am saying is that I don't know the methodology and I 4 5 cannot comment on it. 6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: What do you suggest should be 7 the methodology? 8 well, I have suggested that I am entitled I'm not obliged to move off that position. 9 to 100%. But if the Tribunal is moving off that position, it 10 11 must set out its methodology and its reasoning in 12 relation to it. 13 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Have you read any of the determinations which the Tribunal made in relation to 14 the witnesses in the Maurice McCabe matter? 15 16 MR. HARTY: Yes. 17 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And is there anything wrong 18 with the methodology there? 19 MR. HARTY: There is no methodology set out there. You're saying that all of those 20 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: 21 are wrong? 22 MR. HARTY: Yes. 23 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And you're saying they're wrong 24 because? 25 Because they don't actually set out a MR. HARTY: methodology for the reduction. 26 27 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Well, what do you suggest as a 28 methodology?

methodologies I ought to apply.

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MR. HARTY: well, there must be an assessment of how

the costs must be referred to in the -- how the costs 1 2 order relates to the evidence given and whether or not 3 that evidence impeded the work of the Tribunal. MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: So to the extent to which it 4 5 impeded the work of the Tribunal, there should be a 6 percentage reduction? 7 MR. HARTY: In the instant case, where four items have 8 been --No, it refers to the entire of 9 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: the Tribunal Report. 10 11 MR. HARTY: Yeah. 12 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: And it instances four matters 13 which we would specifically like you to address. 14 MR. HARTY: Yes. 15 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Now --MR. HARTY: well, if the situation --16 17 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: What is wrong with the 18 methodology used, for instance, in relation to the 19 other persons? 20 If anything other than a complete refusal MR. HARTY: 21 of costs is contemplated, the Tribunal must set out its 22 methodology as to why, how that calculation was arrived at. 23 24 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: All right. And if it's 100% I don't. 25 If it's 100% you don't. 26 MR. HARTY: 27 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Thank you. Right, the next

Sorry.

question --

MR. HARTY:

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| 1  | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: What percentage below which the  |
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| 2  | Tribunal would fall so that the Tribunal would fall     |
| 3  | into acting unreasonably in the sense of flying in the  |
| 4  | face of fundamental reasoning and common sense?         |
| 5  | MR. HARTY: In circumstances where the Tribunal hasn't   |
| 6  | assessed the evidence given by each and every witness   |
| 7  | who has applied to it and, rather, has selected a       |
| 8  | number of witnesses for this issue, I suggest that      |
| 9  | there is no reasonable position in which the Tribunal   |
| 10 | can make a reduction.                                   |
| 11 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Okay. You've addressed me on     |
| 12 | the issue of compassion or mercy. You say it's a        |
| 13 | matter of equity.                                       |
| 14 | MR. HARTY: Mm-hmm.                                      |
| 15 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Then the next matter and the     |
| 16 | last matter I want to ask you about and this is a new   |
| 17 | question, I asked Mr. Hartnett this this morning: Is    |
| 18 | there any shaft of light in terms of your client's      |
| 19 | evidence that I can actually identify whereby I can say |
| 20 | that evidence was helpful to the Tribunal, that         |
| 21 | evidence was true, that evidence was accepted, that     |
| 22 | evidence assisted in resolving a matter of public       |
| 23 | disquiet? I mentioned a couple of things to             |
| 24 | Mr. Hartnett, he mentioned a couple of things to me; is |
| 25 | there anything you would like to mention to me?         |
| 26 | MR. HARTY: I'm saying my client assisted greatly to     |
| 27 | the Tribunal at all times.                              |
| 28 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Do you want to address that      |
| 29 | issue?  |

1 MR. HARTY: That is the issue: My client assisted 2 greatly at all times. There is -- the suggestion that somehow my client acted entirely as a force of 3 penumbration during the course of the Tribunal is 4 5 entirely unfair. My client --6 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I was asking you is there any 7 -- is there any bright spot you can refer me to? MR. HARTY: well, what I'm saying is that the 8 suggestion that there is no -- the suggesting that I'm 9 to identify bright spots, I say my client examined 10 11 every, dealt with every piece of evidence. 12 MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: You know what I went through 13 with Mr. Hartnett. I mean, you know what I went 14 through with Mr. Hartnett. I mean I asked him about 15 the encounter in the kitchen between you and 16 Marisa Simms. I asked him about what was said by the 17 social workers as opposed to what was in the statement. 18 I asked him about the Leaving Certificate papers. mean, these things -- he mentioned the first matter. 19 20 Is there anything you can mention is what I'm asking 21 you? 22 My client gave evidence in relation to how MR. HARTY: he was treated when he arrived first. How he was moved 23 because of who his girlfriend was related to. That was 24 25 a matter which was of some importance to the State to 26 know that this does happen or can happen, or be an 27 issue that needs to be determined. Whether he was right to be aggrieved about it or not is an entirely 28 29 different matter. My client then gave evidence about

| 1  | what occurred in relation to his difficulties with his  |
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| 2  | wife, with his partner, the rows he had with her, and   |
| 3  | he dealt with those. He gave evidence which was not     |
| 4  | found to be untruthful. It was found to be wrong, but   |
| 5  | not untruthful. My client gave his evidence, I say, ir  |
| 6  | a truthful manner, albeit that it wasn't accepted as    |
| 7  | being the correct version of events. And to quote the   |
| 8  | third report: "It happens". They were the precise       |
| 9  | words that the Tribunal used to sum up the case made by |
| 10 | my client in the third report. I can read the exact     |
| 11 | phrase:   |
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| 13 | "The allegations were untrue. That happens."            |
| 14 |   |
| 15 | It happens. It doesn't give rise to an order for        |
| 16 | costs. It just happens. Evidence is accepted or not     |
| 17 | accepted.   |
| 18 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: Thank you kindly for your        |
| 19 | submissions, Mr. Harty.                                 |
| 20 | MR. HARTNETT: One point of clarification. Mr. Barnes,   |
| 21 | ever astute, feels that I may have suggested, when the  |
| 22 | figure of 25% was mentioned, that I was suggesting that |
| 23 | was the figure to be awarded when in fact I was         |
| 24 | referring to it as a potential deduction.               |
| 25 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: That's exactly what you said.    |
| 26 | MR. HARTNETT: I'm very glad to hear that. Mr. Barnes    |
| 27 | was concerned.  |
| 28 | MR. JUSTICE CHARLETON: I'm sure I have taken many       |

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things up wrong and will require many clarifications

| 1  | over the course of the last hour-and-a-half. But ther  |
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| 2  | you are. Thank you for your help. Just in case         |
| 3  | there's any misunderstanding, my side of the Tribunal, |
| 4  | in other words I'm inviting them to a cup of Japanese  |
| 5  | tea, nobody else.                                      |
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