

Tribunal of Inquiry into protected disclosures made under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and certain other matters

Established by the Minister for Justice and Equality under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921, on 17th February 2017 by instrument

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Notice as to future progress

- 1. The tribunal will recommence evidence on Friday 12 January at 10.00 hours. The tribunal is currently hearing term of reference (e). Thereafter, the tribunal will move to the remaining terms of reference, apart from term of reference (p). A notice on this has already been issued on 24 November requiring statements by 18 December 2017.
- 2. The tribunal cannot sit on Tuesday 16 January.
- 3. Hearings on term of reference (d) took place in June and July 2017, with some other days later. Some limited further papers have since been received by the tribunal. If any party wishes to make any application to adduce further evidence, this should be done in writing by Friday 12 January 12.00 hours.
- 4. That hearing is complete save for submissions from the parties. The preference of the tribunal is for oral submissions. Parties may, if they choose, put in a written submission or use a speaking note. Submissions on that term of reference will be heard on the completion of what is currently at hearing.
- 5. When evidence ends on the current hearing on term of reference (e), submissions on it will be heard immediately. Again, the tribunal's preference is for oral submissions but the same proviso as to written submissions or a written speaking note applies.
- 6. After the submissions on term of reference (e) the tribunal will, without any break, hear the submissions of the parties on term of reference (d).

The terms of reference are on the tribunal's website, <u>www.disclosurestribunal.ie</u> for reference.