

Sitting on 2nd February 1998 in the
Clock Towering Building Dublin Castle Dublin 2

Before I give my decisions on the applications for representation I would like to draw attention to the following matters:-

- The Tribunal wishes to emphasize that all the proceedings of the Tribunal will be carried out in such a manner as to ensure compliance with natural justice.
- In cases where representation is not granted, this does not imply any decision, one way or the other, on the merits of the matter in respect of which the application for representation was made.
- The decisions to grant or to refuse representation is not final and can be reviewed by the Tribunal at any time.
- In cases where representation is granted this does not imply any guarantee that costs will be awarded to the person to whom representation was granted.
- Persons who are granted limited representation will be expected to confine their participation to matters which affect their own interests.
- As I have already pointed out on the date on which applications were taken, the fact that representation is granted to certain parties does not mean that any decision has been taken to proceed to full public hearings. That decision, which is required under the Tribunal's terms of reference, will be made in the next two weeks.
- The Tribunal has received an anonymous typewritten letter dated the 12th of January from a person who clearly has important information which may be of great assistance to the Tribunal. The Tribunal urges that person to come forward to discuss the matter in confidence and invites him or her to telephone the Tribunal at 4785633