

# The Third Interim Report of the

**Tribunal of Inquiry** 

into

Certain Planning Matters and Payments

#### PREFACE

This is my Third Interim Report to the Oireachtas. It concerns itself, in the main, with the activities of Mr. George Redmond, a retired City and County Manager for Dublin.

In my Second Interim Report published on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2002, I reported my Interim findings in connection with the payment of monies to Ray Burke.

I am aware, from information published in the public media, that Mr Redmond is currently awaiting trial in Dublin Circuit Criminal Court on charges of corruption arising from the performance of his duties as Assistant City and County Manager for Dublin. I believe that Mr. Redmond's trial may take place in the forthcoming sessions of Dublin Circuit Court which commence in October 2002.

In these circumstances, I have decided to withhold publication of this Interim Report pending the determination of the criminal proceedings against Mr. Redmond which are currently before the Court. I do so lest it be argued that the publication of my Report at this time may prejudice Mr. Redmond's entitlement to a fair trial.

I have entrusted this, my Third Interim Report, to the custody of the Registrar to the Tribunal, Mr. Peter Kavanagh B.L., to retain it in escrow with a direction that it be delivered to the Clerk of the Dáil as soon as possible after the conclusion of Mr. Redmond's trial.

The publication of the Third Interim Report completes my present findings upon the Gogarty module of evidence referred to in my Second Interim Report. As this is an Interim Report only, I am not, at this time, making any specific recommendations for legislative change governing corruption.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Feargus M. Flood. 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

### **CHAPTER 3**

## FINANCIAL HISTORY OF MR. GEORGE REMOND

#### MR REDMOND'S INCOME AND ASSETS

- 3.01 Mr Redmond commenced employment as a Clerk in Dublin Corporation in 1941. He spent the entire of his working life with Dublin Local Authorities and retired having reached 65 years of age on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1989. His legitimate earnings from Dublin County Corporation and Dublin County Council for the years 1965-1998 are shown in (Appendix I). His net salary in 1989 was £19,380.
- 3.02 Although it was publicly known prior to the setting up of the Tribunal, Mr Redmond had, since the 1960's, been in receipt of regular and substantial payments from builders and developers in the Dublin area throughout the period when he was employed in the Planning Department of Dublin Corporation and later, when he took up his position as Assistant City and County Manager with Dublin County Council.
- 3.03 The subsequent inquiries carried out by the Tribunal have established that Mr Redmond was lodging sums to his various bank accounts, which were multiples of the relatively modest salary he received whilst an employee of Dublin Corporation and, subsequently, of Dublin County Council. The amount which Mr. Redmond admitted lodging to his accounts in the early 1960's were the equivalent of receiving one substantial house per annum free. The schedule annexed to the Report (Appendix J) reflects the accretions to Mr. Redmond's capital assets over the years 1981 to 1998. These accretions cannot be explained as being the proceeds of saving from Mr. Redmond's salary or the interest earned on savings.
- 3.04 At the time of the commencement of this Tribunal, Mr Redmond had cash deposits of over £350,000 of which £194,000 was held offshore in accounts in his name in the Isle of Man. Prior to the opening of his Isle of Man bank accounts he had operated a number of bank accounts in Ireland using various forms of his name both in its Irish and English versions, and giving a variety of addresses in Ireland, England and in Spain, none of which were addresses at which he had ever resided.
- 3.05 The Tribunal is satisfied that Mr Redmond at all times intended to keep secret the fact that he was in receipt of these payments. The Tribunal believes that only a limited number of persons were aware of the fact that Mr Redmond was receiving substantial sums of money from builders and developers, most of whom were contributors to him.
- 3.06 Mr. Redmond acknowledged that the monies paid to him were paid by property owners, developers and builders in the Dublin area to whom he gave advices. This advice was said by him to range over a variety of topics from financial matters to advices on property trends. Mr Redmond denied that any of the advices given damaged his employer's legitimate interests.

## Appendix I

George Redmond Review of Salary 1965 to 1989

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\* Allowances from 1965 to 1978 are Estimated

\*\* Salaries in these years are estimated

\*\*\* I have assumed a tax rate of 30% for the years 1965 to 1974. Remaining years 1975 to 1989 Actual Tax Rates

# Appendix J

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Appendix 12

Projected Capital
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Based at 25% savings
in salary from 1970 to
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ASSUMPTONS
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