

DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 30 Eanáir, 2008
Wednesday, 30th January, 2008

2.30 p.m.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Fógra i dtaobh leasuithe ar Thairiscint : Notice of Amendments to Motion

25. “That Dáil Éireann reaffirms its confidence in the Mahon Tribunal, and its belief that the Tribunal is acting independently, without bias and within the remit contained in the terms of reference set by the Oireachtas.” — *Phil Hogan, Enda Kenny, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Richard Bruton, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D'Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Tom Hayes, Brian Hayes, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O'Donnell, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John O'Mahony, John Perry, James Reilly, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

1. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:

- “— affirms its confidence in the Mahon Tribunal and believes it will fulfil the Tribunal’s mandate pursuant to the amended Terms of Reference established by the Oireachtas;
- notes that the Tribunal was established to inquire urgently into Certain Planning Matters and report to the Clerk of the Dáil and make such findings and recommendations as it sees fit;
- notes the rulings of the Supreme Court in relation to the Tribunal of Inquiry’s Terms of Reference;
- notes the projected cost of this Tribunal of Inquiry, urges the Tribunal to continue its work and looks forward to receiving the report of the Tribunal expeditiously, in order that the Dáil may debate and deliberate on its findings;
- urges the early consideration and enactment by the Oireachtas of the Tribunals of Inquiry Bill 2005 to underpin the confidence of the public and the Oireachtas in any future Tribunals and to address matters of procedure and practice in the conduct of any such Tribunals;
- welcomes the opportunity to discuss the procedures and practices involved in investigating matters mandated by Oireachtas Éireann; and
- condemns the leaking of Tribunal documents as a breach of confidentiality as established by law, and an infringement on the rights of those affected, and supports appropriate actions to investigate such leaks, and further reaffirms the right to confidentiality to which each citizen is entitled in their correspondence with the Tribunal.” — *An tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.*

Leasú ar Leasú 1:

Amendment to Amendment 1:

1. To delete paragraphs 4 to 7 and substitute the following:

- “— shares the public concern about the potential costs of the Tribunal and having regard to the comments made by the former Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy, in which he described the legal fees as ‘*astronomical*’ and ‘*a gravy train*’, deplores the failure of the government to take action to reduce the level of legal fees for Tribunals generally;
- urges the further postponement by the Oireachtas of the Tribunals of Inquiry Bill 2005, pending the completion of the work of the Tribunal;
- welcomes the opportunity to discuss the procedures and practices involved in investigating matters mandated by Oireachtas Éireann; and
- condemns the leaking of Tribunal documents by whatever parties or persons may be responsible as an infringement of the rights of those affected, notes the strong denial by the Tribunal that it was responsible for any such leaks, and supports appropriate action to investigate such leaks, and further confirms the right to confidentiality to which each citizen is entitled in their correspondence with the Tribunal.” — *Eamon Gilmore, Joan Burton, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joe Costello, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Ciarán Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Liz McManus, Brian O’Shea, Jan O’Sullivan, Willie Penrose, Ruairí Quinn, Pat Rabbitte, Seán Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*