



Tribunal of Inquiry into Issues Relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces and the Culture Surrounding the Making of Complaints (‘the Tribunal’)

Established by the Government under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Acts 1921 to 2011 by statutory instrument signed by the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence on the 20th day of June 2024.

NOTICE OF TRIBUNAL RULING AND ORDERS MADE EXTENDING THE TIME FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS FOR DISCOVERY

At a public sitting of the Tribunal, held on 16 June 2025, applications were made on behalf of the Minister for Defence and the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces seeking an extension of time for compliance with the Tribunal’s Orders for Discovery made in respect of both parties.

On 30 June 2025, the Tribunal delivered its Ruling on both applications which can be found [here](#).

The Tribunal’s Orders extending the time for compliance with its Orders for Discovery can be found [here](#).

The Orders of the Tribunal are as follows:

1. The timeframe for the Minister for Defence to comply with the Tribunal’s Order for Discovery dated the 27th January 2025 is extended, from the 16th day of June 2025, by a period of twenty-two weeks, to the 17th day of November 2025.

2. The timeframe for the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces to comply with the Tribunal's Order for Discovery dated the 28th January 2025 is extended, from the 2nd day of July 2025, by a period of twenty-two weeks, to the 30th day of November 2025 on the following terms:

- that on or before 6 August 2025, that being one quarter way through the extended period, not less than 375 files are to be discovered to the Tribunal, that being 25% of the total number of currently outstanding documents that are relevant to the Tribunal's Order for Discovery;
- that on or before 17 September 2025, that being half way through the extended period, not less than a further 375 files are to be discovered to the Tribunal, that being another 25% of the total number of currently outstanding documents that are relevant to the Tribunal's Order for Discovery;
- that on or before 22 October 2025, that being three-quarters way through the extended period, not less than a further 375 files are to be discovered to the Tribunal, that being a further 25% of the total number of currently outstanding documents that are relevant to the Tribunal's Order for Discovery; and
- finally, that on or before 30 November 2025, that being the end of the extended period, all remaining files that fall with terms of the Tribunal's Order for Discovery are to be discovered.