



Tribunal of Inquiry into Issues Relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces and the Culture Surrounding the Making of Complaints (‘Defence Forces 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 INTENDED ORDERS FOR DISCLOSURE

TAKE NOTICE that the Defence Forces Tribunal (‘the Tribunal’) intends to make Orders for Disclosure, on a date or dates not before **17 October 2025**, requiring the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces and his servants and/or agents, and the Minister for Defence and his servants and/or agents, to disclose to the Tribunal information concerning the identity and contact details (‘information’) of certain individuals, including, investigating officers/decision-makers/mediators/and persons engaged in and/or otherwise involved in the complaints processes for dealing with complaints of abuse and/or persons who may have deterred the making of complaints of abuse, and/or persons engaged in responding to and/or in failing to respond to complaints of hazardous chemicals, and that such disclosure be limited to the extent that is necessary to enable the Tribunal to contact the aforesaid individuals by post and by telephone and by email.

The Intended Orders for Disclosure are required:

- (i) to enable the Tribunal to carry out its function under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Acts 1921 to 2011 and report on the definite matters of public importance specified in S.I. 304 of 2024 of investigating issues pertaining to the processes for the making of complaints of abuse within the Defence Forces, including, the culture surrounding the making of such complaints, and of investigating the response to complaints of hazardous chemicals; and
- (ii) to ensure that the Tribunal carries out its functions in accordance with the requirements of fair procedures and constitutional justice by affording to such individuals concerned an opportunity to answer allegations that have been made in relation to their processing and/or handling and/or alleged deterrence of the making of complaints of abuse and/or their response to complaints of hazardous chemicals and, further, by affording to such individuals an opportunity to vindicate their constitutional right to their good name.

The Tribunal considers that the Minister for Defence and the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces and their servants and/or agents have the information within their power, possession or

procurement, in circumstances where such information is not otherwise available, reasonably, to the Tribunal or otherwise procurable by means of Discovery already made. The information to be disclosed to the Tribunal is to be limited to the extent that enables the Tribunal to contact the individuals concerned by name, address, telephone number and email address.

The intended Orders for Disclosure are available on the Tribunal's website www.toidf.ie and can be provided, upon request, by email (info@toidf.ie) or by telephone (01-539 1550).

Persons who believe that they may be affected by the making of the intended Orders for Disclosure may make submissions, in writing, to the Tribunal by **5pm on 10 October 2025**.