



**Tribunal of Inquiry into Issues Relating to the Processes within the Defence Forces for Dealing with Complaints of Abuse and the Culture Surrounding the Making of such Complaints  
(‘the Tribunal’)**

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

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Defence Forces Tribunal will commence public hearings on

**Wednesday, 3 June 2026 at 10:00**

The first module of public hearings will consider paragraph (iv) of the Terms of Reference which requires the Tribunal to:

***‘investigate whether Complaints of Abuse were actively deterred or whether there was a culture that discouraged the making of the Complaints of Abuse;’***

The hearings will be held at the premises of the Defence Forces Tribunal situate at The Infinity Building, Third Floor, George’s Court, George’s Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 E98Y.

The proceedings will commence with an opening statement by Senior Counsel to the Tribunal. This will be followed by the testimony of witnesses, the running order of which will be published on the Tribunal’s website in advance of the commencement of hearings.