

**TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO THE
COMPLAINTS PROCESSES IN THE DEFENCE FORCES AND THE
CULTURE SURROUNDING THE MAKING OF COMPALINTS
('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 ORDER FOR DISCOVERY

TAKE NOTICE that the Defence Forces Tribunal intends to make an Order on a date not before 23 October 2026 requiring the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces to make discovery, on oath, of the documents set out below, being documents relevant to the Tribunal's Inquiry which are or have been in his possession, power or procurement and which are not captured by the existing Orders for Discovery that have been made by the Tribunal in respect of the Chief of Staff.

Category (1)

All Provost Marshal Directives applicable to Assistant Provost Marshals and their personnel when investigating a complaint of abuse, as defined in the Terms of Reference, that were in force at any time during the period from 1 January 1983 to 20 June 2024.

Reason for requiring discovery of documents in Category (1)

In the light of the information received during the investigative phase of the Tribunal's inquiry, the Tribunal is satisfied that it is necessary and proportionate and in the interests of justice for it to examine the aforementioned category of documentation. Such documents are relevant to the Tribunal's Term of Reference and, in particular, to paragraphs (i), (ii), and (iii) thereof, and will enable the Tribunal to establish the procedures and/or instructions that ought to have been adhered to by Assistant Provost Marshals and their personnel when investigating a Complaint of Abuse made to the Military Police. Accordingly, the Tribunal is satisfied that the documents and materials set out in Category (1) below are relevant to its investigation and that their discovery and

production are necessary to enable it to carry out its functions and to report on the matters of urgent public importance that are set out in the Terms of Reference; and

The terms of the intended Order for Discovery are enclosed for your consideration.

Persons who believe that they may be affected by the terms of the intended Order for Discovery may make submissions, in writing, to the Tribunal by close of business on 22 October 2026.