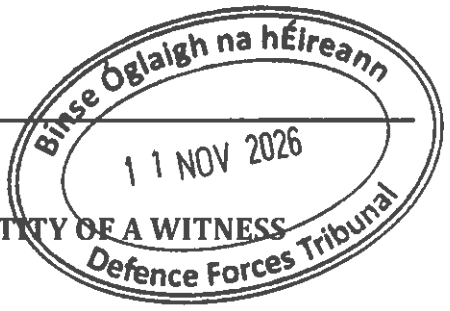
TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS IN THE DEFENCE FORCES AND THE CULTURE SURROUNDING THE MAKING OF COMPLAINTS

FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY DAIL EIREANN AND SEANAD EIREANN

ESTABLISHED BY INSTRUMENT MADE BY THE TAINAISTE AND MINISTER FOR DEFENCE UNDER THE TRIBUNALS OF INQUIRY (EVIDENCE) ACTS 1921 TO 2011,

ON 20 JUNE 2024



ORDER RESTRICTING REPORTING OF THE IDENTITY OF A WITNESS

UPON ESTABLISHMENT by Instrument dated the 20th day of June 2024 (S.I. 304 of 2024) of a Tribunal of Inquiry into Issues Relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces in respect of Complaints of Abuse and Complaints of Hazardous Chemicals and to the Culture Surrounding the Making of Complaints of Abuse (hereinafter 'the Tribunal') charged with investigating the matters provided for in its Terms of Reference from the 1st day of January 1983 to the 20th day of June 2024; and

WHEREAS the Oireachtas has determined that the matters which the Tribunal has been charged with investigating are definite matters of urgent public importance; and

WHEREAS the Tribunal has received an application, in writing, from a witness ('the applicant') who seeks to give his evidence otherwise than fully in public; and

WHEREAS the Tribunal considers that the evidence of the applicant is necessary for and relevant to its consideration of the matters that are set out in the Tribunal's Terms of Reference (i) to (v) inclusive; and

BEARING IN MIND the Notice published by the Tribunal on 27th day of May 2026 in respect of applications for evidence to be heard otherwise than, fully, in public; and

RECALLING that section 1 (1) of the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Acts 1921-2011 vests in the Tribunal all powers, rights, and privileges as are vested in the High Court in respect of certain matters including the examination of witnesses; and

FURTHER RECALLING that pursuant to Section 4 of the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) (Amendment) Act 1979 the Tribunal may make such orders as it considers necessary for the purposes of its functions; and

THE TRIBUNAL BEING SATISFIED that it is both necessary and proportionate for it to make an Order in the following terms

HEREBY ORDERS that no report of the proceedings of the Tribunal that contains material or information likely to lead members of the public to identify the witness referred to by the pseudonym 'Mr H' shall be published in a written publication available to the public, or be broadcast in any format by members of the media or by media organisations or by any other person or persons.

This Order is made without prejudice to the powers conferred upon the Tribunal by section 2(2)(a) of the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Acts 1921-2011.

Signed: L. Heavey

Lynn Heavey
Tribunal Registrar

Date of Perfection: 11th day of November 2026