

Press Release - Monday the 19th of September 2005.

It has come to the attention of the Tribunal that a number of media sources have speculated as to whether the Tribunal has made a secret report of some matter to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

The Tribunal has issued two reports: on Explosives Finds in 2004 and on the Barron Death Investigation in 2005. There are no other reports.

Under section 3 of the Tribunals of Enquiry (Evidence) (Amendment) Act, 2002, the Tribunal is required to issue any report to the person to whom it is required to report under the Terms of Reference. No Tribunal can secretly issue a report. On receipt of such report, an application to the High Court can be made by the person receiving same, if they consider that such a report may prejudice criminal proceedings. The High Court may then issue directions as to the publication, or non publication, of such report, in whole or in part. Such an application may be heard otherwise than in public. In respect of the work of this Tribunal, there has been no such application. All reports were issued in full.

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Registrar to the Tribunal.