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F.A.O. Mr Rod Baker

Your Ref: D3/RRB/5579128

Re: Commission Hearing 9th May 2016

Dear Mr Baker,

I refer to your letter of 27th May 2016.

In relation to your clients' application that their hearing of 9th May be held in public, I would refer you to Section 11(1) of the Commissions of Investigation Act, 2014. In this instance, the Commission was not satisfied that it was desirable in the interests of both the investigation and fair procedures to hear all or part of the evidence of your clients in public. In my letter of 19th February 2016 to Ms McGettrick, I enquired as to why she considered that a public hearing would be appropriate for any evidence or submission that she would give to the Commission, but did not receive any response on this issue.

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Each application for a public hearing will be dealt with by the Commission on its merits, having considered the reasons put forward by the applicants.

Because of the statutory requirement to conduct its investigation in private, the Commission does not furnish copies of its transcripts to witnesses. However, your clients and/or their legal representatives are welcome to attend at the Commission's premises to read their transcript in the presence of a member of the Commission's staff. Please note that no legal costs are payable in this instance.

Yours sincerely


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Solicitor to the Commission