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By Hand and by Post

9 April 2014

Dear Sir,

We act for Ms. Angela Kerins and refer to your letter of 13 March 2014 requesting her attendance at a hearing of the Committee of Public Accounts on 10 April 2014.

We confirm that due to ill health and following medical advice Ms. Kerins will be unable to attend a hearing at this time.

Our client attended a hearing of the Committee of Public Accounts on 27 February 2014 and was subjected to questioning over seven hours with just one short break in an unfair manner and on a number of issues that were not the subject matter of the hearing as notified to her in the letter from the Committee of Public Accounts of 18 February 2014. Our client has been damaged and prejudiced by the manner in which the Committee of Public Accounts conducted the hearing. We wish to inform you that our client reserves her position in relation to these matters.

We wish to clarify a matter that has come to our client's attention following a review of the transcript of the committee's hearing of 27 February in which she had at that time voluntarily waived her rights to confidentiality in relation to the publication of certain information concerning her salary and conditions of employment with Rehab.

In the course of the committee hearing which lasted some seven hours a number of questions were put to our client which sought information above and beyond the information she had consented to being released.

One such series of questions is reported on page 77 of the transcript. On review of the transcript, our client realised that in response to a question towards the end from Deputy Shane Ross – *"Was there a reduction in Ms Kerins salary this year?"* she inadvertently gave the answer – *"No"*. This was not correct and our client apologises for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

It was never then and is not now our client's intention to discuss her salary and conditions outside of the specific information which she had permitted the Rehab Group to put into the public domain at that time.

Yours faithfully

  
Eames Solicitors