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Re: Your Client: Frank Flannery

Dear Sirs,

Your client's letter of today's date refers.

Your client has made a number of very serious and utterly unmeritorious accusations against the Committee of Public Accounts and its Members thereof which are denied in full.

The Committee has a long and proven track record in the examination of accounts detailing the expenditure of public monies. The matters which fall to be examined by the Committee, being the use by Rehab of approximately €83 million of public monies annually, are matters in respect of which the taxpayer, through the Committee's examinations, is entitled to transparency and full accountability. Your client now appears, on the eve of the Committee's hearing, to have a "difficulty in attending" and the reasons given are nothing short of contemptible.

Despite your client's change in position, the Committee shall continue to take evidence on matters relating to the use by Rehab of public monies and, following the evidence that will be taken tomorrow, including evidence from the Remuneration Committee of the Rehab Group, it reserves the right to take further evidence from those persons relevant to its examination, including your client.

As regards the letter received by the Committee from John Kelly, the allegations contained therein were such that the Committee was lawfully obliged to disclose that correspondence to an Garda Síochána. The Committee, in answer to your client's specific request, shall not be disclosing the correspondence to your client or any other member of the public as to do so would be unlawful. Your suggestion that, in informing the public in an open and transparent manner, your client was prejudiced and/or slurred in any way is, quite simply, unstatable. To suggest that the Committee allowed a Member to copy and disseminate the letter is particularly outrageous, unfounded and, for the record, utterly denied.

Also for the record, there is no transcript of the private meeting of the Committee and all legal advice received by the Committee is privileged. Your request for these records is therefore rejected.

The Committee looks forward to continuing its examination of this entire matter and to the receipt of your client's evidence, should the Committee deem this necessary following the taking of further evidence tomorrow.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours faithfully



Ted Mc Enery
Clerk to the Committee