

Mr. Costello

Happy to discuss + I agree you
are. We can't, however,
dispose of this Bill ASAP

21 March 00

To: J A Caravan

From: Ken Walker
cc Mr Madden

23/3

22 MAR 2000

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Mr Madden/Mr
Glass.

Please arrange
payment.

Ken Walker 22/3

Pl. arrange for
payment. A

FATHER SEAN MCMANUS V BBC AND OTHERS

I am writing to seek your approval to pay an outstanding bill of IR £7604 to
Arthur Cox solicitors, Dublin.

These fees are for work in relation to defamation proceedings begun by
Father McManus in 1989 against the Department of Economic Development
and others arising out of statements made by John Cushnahan, described as
a consultant for the then Department, during an interview with the BBC. Given
our involvement with MacBride the bill now falls to us for payment out of our
2000/2001 budget (Equality of Opportunity line).

The bill has been outstanding since 1997 and, as you will see from the
attached correspondence, [redacted] is anxious to settle this matter
speedily.

Mr. McCusker

Could we discuss the issue of how much
OFM/DAM should take on DED's old
responsibilities for McBride. In this case, just
to get rid of the Bill, I would recommend
paying but associating OFM/DAM with the
proportionate aspects of our MacBride campaign
generally would not be part of my vision for
the Equality Unit. A

Ken Walker

KEN WALKER

22/3

Ps. Namely I would be happy to clear this but I am
aware of your views regarding OFM/DAM dealing with
MacBride issues. Given that we are still involved with
MacBride payment falls to us.

To: Gerry Madden
Equality Unit
OFMDFM

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 8 March 2000

FATHER SEAN McMANUS v BBC AND OTHERS

I refer to our recent telephone conversation regarding the fees due to Arthur Cox Solicitors, Dublin.

These fees arise from defamation proceedings begun by Father McManus in 1989 against the Department of Economic Development and others arising out of statements made by John Cushnahan, described as consultant for the then Department, during an interview with the BBC.

The statement of claim is dated 4 August 1989 and, although there were some discussions a few years ago, there has not been any recent mention of reactivation of proceedings.

I enclose a copy of the fee note for IR £7,604.00 and should be obliged if you would arrange to have this paid, if possible, through Denis McCartney.

If there are any problems likely to delay payment please let me know.

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YOUR REFERENCE

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1st March 2000

Fr. Sean McManus V BBC and Others

Mr. Denis McCartney
Office of The Deputy
Northern Ireland Office, Castle Buildings
Stormont
Belfast BT4 35G
Northern Ireland

Re : Outstanding Fee Note From February 28th. 1997

Via Mail and Fax 080 1232 251235

Dear Mc Cartney,

I am writing to you regarding settlement of our fees in relation to the above matter.

Enclosed please find further copy of our outstanding fee note dated 28/2/97 for IR£7,604.00.

Despite my numerous reminders, phone calls to your office, and your verbal promise on October 6th. 1999 that this bill would be settled, we have still not received your payment or any indication why this fee note still remains unpaid.

As you can appreciate this invoice has been outstanding for 3 years, and we are not prepared to have our appeals for settlement ignored.

I would now be obliged of the professional courtesy of a phone call, or some form of correspondence to advise when we should receive payment.

I trust you can now ensure progress on this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you on receipt of this fax to advise when this fee note will be discharged.

JAMES O'DWYER PAUL McLAUGHLIN IAN A. SCOTT JOHN G. FISH DANIEL E. O'CONNOR PETER McLAUGHLIN ROBERT BOLTON JOHN V. O'DWYER RONAN WALSH EUGENE P. FANNING
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CONSULTANTS: VINCENT WALSH DENIS J. BERGIN CHETWODE HAMILTON NIAL McLAUGHLIN DR. YVONNE SCANNELL

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]
(Billing Controller)

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YOUR REF.

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Department of Finance & Personnel
Victoria Hall
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Father Sean McManus v. BBC and Others

Oct.89
to
date

Professional fee to include all works done for and on behalf of the Department of Economic Development, 3rd named Defendant in proceedings entitled "The High Court 1989 No. 3080 P : Sean McManus In Religion Plaintiff and British Broadcasting Corporation, John Cushnihan, Department of Economic Development and Seamus McKee Defendants."

IR £7,320.00

Outlays

Counsels fees:
Paul Gallagher SC

IR £ 163.00

Stamp Duties

IR £ 8.50

Consultation Room

IR £ 15.00

Photocopying Charges

IR £ 17.50

Miscellaneous Outlays to include postage and telephone charges and all incidentals items of outlay not specified.

IR £ 80.00

IR £ 7,604.00

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Dated this 28th day of February 1997

ARTHUR COX

ZERO RATED FOR VAT