Circular 8/1958:—Attendance of Civil Servants in Court as Witnesses

A Dhuine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to Circular 5/52 regarding the attendance of Civil Servants in Court as witnesses and to say that where a Civil Servant is summoned to attend as a witness at any of the following

(a) a Court Martial;
(b) a Court of Inquiry assembled pursuant to the Defence Act, 1954;
(c) the investigation of a charge by a Commanding Officer or the trial of a charge by an authorised officer in accordance with the provisions of the Defence Act, 1954;
(d) the taking of a summary of evidence by a military officer in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure (Defence Forces) 1954.

The Civil Servant's attendance should be treated in the manner set out in paragraph 2 of Circular 5/52 as regards Civil Servants called as witnesses on behalf of the State.

Mise, le meas,

L.M. Fitzgerald