



## **Ráiteas ón gCoimisinéir Teanga – 20 Feabhra 2015**

I welcome today's court decision which confirms the findings of the investigation carried out by my Office in regard to this case. This decision clarifies the duties of public bodies when communicating with the general public or a class of the general public and that clarification is welcomed.

I would like to acknowledge that a good working relationship has been established between my Office and the Office of the Revenue Commissioners over the past decade. That good working relationship continues and I am confident that the Revenue Commissioners will continue with their good practice in regard to the services that they provide in Irish for citizens.

This case related to the distribution of an information booklet with other personal correspondence which was distributed to 1.7 million households countrywide. Today's decision sets a precedent in regard to the duties incumbent on public bodies when they engage in this type of communication.

What is of most importance for me as Commissioner is that a citizen's language rights are protected. I believe that today's decision protects those rights.

The Government has an opportunity to enhance those language rights when it publishes the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill in the near future.

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