

7. Tribunals of Inquiry and Investigations

The Appropriation Accounts of various government departments include expenditure in 1999 in respect of various tribunals or special inquiries. For ease of reference, the following table summarises expenditure in 1999 and cumulative expenditure to 31 August 2000 on each tribunal and inquiry.

Table 1

Tribunal/Inquiry	Year of Establish- ment	Vote of Charge	Expenditure in 1999 £m	Cumulative Expenditure to 31 August 2000 £m
Tribunal of Inquiry into Dunnes Payments	1997	Department of the Taoiseach	0.99	5.14
Tribunal of Inquiry into Payments to Messrs Haughey and Lowry	1997	Department of the Taoiseach	1.69	4.69
Investigations under Companies Acts				
National Irish Bank	1998	Courts Service	0.97	2.28 ¹
Ansbacher	1999		0.05	0.57 ¹
Tribunal of Inquiry into Certain Planning Matters	1997	Environment and Local Government	2.85	7.82
Commission to Inquire into Childhood Abuse	1999	Education and Science	0.26	0.59
Tribunal of Inquiry into the Beef Processing Industry	1991	Agriculture and Food	0.41	18.53
Tribunal of Inquiry into the Blood Transfusion Service Board	1996	Health and Children	0.71	3.45
Tribunal of Inquiry into the Infection with HIV and Hepatitis C of Persons with Haemophilia and Related Matters	1999	Health and Children	0.79	3.19
Total			£8.72m	£46.26m

¹ Charged to a suspense account pending completion of Investigations.