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Submission to the Inquiry into the machinery of referendums.

Dear Committee,

I submit that no change is required in relation to the compilation and distribution of the pre-referendum Yes/No case booklet.

My experience prior to the 1999 referendum was that in the preceding fortnight there was a great deal of late interest in the measures proposed and the AEC information booklets provided an important source.

It is the Parliamentarians who are the proponents or opponents so it seems entirely logical that they should be the ones to endorse the arguments and not some anonymous 'impartial' body.

Yours faithfully,

Barbara Horkan (Mrs.).