

SUB JUDICE PRINCIPLE

Draft Line to Take for use by the Independent Chairmen

1. Legal advice has now been obtained on the relevance, if any, of the principle of sub judice to that part of the Alliance Party's representation against the DUP which concerns the participation by Rev William McCrea MP in a public rally on 4 September 1996.
2. On the basis of the advice received, we are satisfied that there is no legal or other reason why we should not proceed with the determination of the Alliance Party's representation in its entirety.
3. [If pressed] we consider the legal advice we have received to be confidential. It is not, therefore, our intention to distribute the text of that advice. [The advice received is the property of HMG.]

[17 September 1996]