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**Re: The High Court – 2007 No. 2819 P Catherine Murphy and Finian
McGrath v The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
& Ors**

Dear Sir,

We refer to the above in which we act for the Plaintiffs. We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th April 2007 in reply to ours of 11th April 2007.

Please note that the time for entry and service of a Memorandum of Entry of Appearance has expired.

Our letter to you of 11th April 2007 was intended to try and ensure that no time would be lost or frittered away in addressing the very serious and urgent issues raised by the proceedings and the issues adverted to therein. They are:

- a) There is a constitutional obligation on the Government and Ireland to ensure that only democratic elections are resorted to for the formation of the Dail (and consequently, the Government);
- b) The minimum basis for such democratic elections is prescribed in Bunreacht na hEireann;
- c) That basis is the allocation of Dail seats to constituencies based on population numbers within constituencies and the distribution of population within the State. The census is the source of such information.