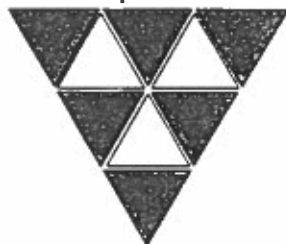


# GAY & LESBIAN EQUALITY NETWORK



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Delays, confusion and broken promises:- The government response to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

In October 1988, the ECHR ruled against Ireland's laws criminalising gay men. The government must introduce a gay law reform or repudiate the European Convention on Human Rights.

## When will a gay law reform be introduced?

"As early as we can within a year."

Ray Burke TD. Minister for Justice, Seanad, 12.12.'90

" in the next session."

Minister for State, Dail, 6.6.'91

"..still to be decided."

An Taoiseach, Charles Haughey TD 25.9.'91

"..as speedily as possible."

1992 Programme for Government, 18.10.'91

"..later this year."

Ray Burke TD. Minister for Justice, Dail 4.2.'92

"..no such legislation has been promised."

An Taoiseach Albert Reynolds TD., Dail, 19.2.'92

...next day...

"..yes, it is included in the Programme for Government."

An Taoiseach, Dail, 20.2.'92.

"..not in the immediate future."

Padraig Flynn TD. Minister for Justice, interview, Irish Times 20.4.'92

"..as soon as possible."

Dr. John O'Connell TD. Minister for Health, Irish Press 28.4.'92

"Before the end of the year."

Irish Ambassador to Council of Europe 15.5.92

"Before the end of this year."

Padraig Flynn Minister for Justice, Sunday Tribune 17 5 92

"Not before the end of this year."

An Taoiseach Dail 3.6.92

"Down the line in the queue."

An Taoiseach, Dail 22 5 92

"At the bottom of the list of priorities."

An Taoiseach, Irish Times, 11 9 92

"Not by the present Government."

An Taoiseach Irish Press 11.9.92

"Not....in this session,...in due course."

An Taoiseach, Dail 13 10 92

November 1992, Committee of Ministers' Deputies (Council of Europe) six months meeting to review 'progress'.

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