

Remit and details of independent group established by the Government to assist in the selection process

The independent group consists of:

- Mr Justice Nial Fennelly, former Supreme Court Judge and former Advocate General of the Court of Justice from 1995 to 2000, who will act as Chairperson to the Panel;
- Mr Richard Barrett, Deputy Director of the Office of the Attorney General and nominee of the Attorney General; and
- Ms Marie Cross, former Ambassador in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Ms Cross served as Irish Ambassador to the EU Political and Security Committee from 2006 to 2009.

The expert panel has been requested to:

- Invite expressions of interest by public advertisement for nomination by the Government as an Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union to take up office in October 2018
- Consider the written expressions of interest and
- Provide its recommendations on suitable candidates for nomination to the post of an Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union for decision of the Government.

The panel will be required to establish their own procedures for inviting and assessing the expressions of interest from interested applicants.

It should be noted that the nominee for appointment as an Advocate General will be interviewed by the EU's Article 255 panel to assess their suitability.