

Correspondence from Mr Robert Friel - 15th February 2011

I would be grateful for answers.

I have questions I would like to ask the Committee.

- 1) If any members have the illness or know anything about it?
- 2) Do they have any family member or relation with the illness? Hoping not
- 3) Do they know the worry we have if the toxic poison in our bodies take off? There is no cure for this illness. We die, money is not the issue it's the firms we work to getting away with murder and that's what it is. Have they asked anybody with the illness to address the Committee?

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Employers warned over 40 years ago. With working with deadly asbestos.

The admission has been made by Maria Eagle MP. The NIO Minister at the Department of Employment and Learning in Belfast at least from 1965 Employers were aware of the dangers of Asbestos, even in small quantities.

Even if your employer or employers were declared bankrupt they would have had employer liability insurance covering the period of your employment. The Government has agreed a solution with the insurance industry which may apply ask your solicitor to look into this solution which arose out of "the Chester Street Holdings Case" in England.

Cape Asbestos is the first most dangerous concerning asbestos states Dr Ken O Bryne, Consultant "All asbestos contact is toxic poisoning". Finally you may ask to consider your entitlement under the PNEUMOCONIOSIS etc. (Workers Compensation)(Northern Ireland Order 1979) This Scheme is now administered by the department of Social Development.

The British government knew since 1940 it took them 40 years to tell employers and unions and they never told the workers They are as much to blame as the government.

All types of asbestos in your body is toxic and all could become life threatening.

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To the Committee for Finance and Personnel

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All Asbestos is toxic no matter what name they call it. We need somebody to fight our case. We need to be given some conciliation. We need help please give it to us. I have been fighting my case

since 2002. I will be 70 on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011. I've worked as a Pipe Fitter with Monsanto, Coleraine and Du Ponts, Derry.

Thank you.