

## Table Questions: Part Three

### COURTING POP CULTURE

CALLINAN J: Mr Ireland, I have never seen the program [...] Just tell me, what is it about?

KIRBY J: It is mostly about football, is it not?

MR IRELAND: No, your Honour is thinking of *The Footy Show*.

KIRBY J: I quickly leave it, once they start talking about that.

CALLINAN J: Just in a nutshell, what - - -

MR IRELAND: Your Honour, [the] program, which is the subject of this case, was a weekly program in which a number of permanent members of a cast, two or three, I think, usually, and guests - - -

CALLINAN J: Celebrity guests.

MR IRELAND: - - - who said they were celebrities - - -

KIRBY J: Or so-called celebrities.

MR IRELAND: - - - would be involved in what seemed to be generally a review of things that had happened on television. Sometimes it was satirical and sometimes - - -

GUMMOW J: In the preceding week?

MR IRELAND: Not always, your Honour, but usually ...

KIRBY J: This is like the way lawyers are obsessed with other lawyers. This is television obsessed with other television people.

MR IRELAND: Yes.

CALLINAN J: Like the navel-gazing media section of *The Australian* on Thursday.

**Name the television show the Court is discussing (4 marks)**

**Answer:      The Panel**