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In *Russell on Arbitration*, 22nd Edn. the law is stated thus:

“5-057. *Managing the hearing.*—Similarly, **a Tribunal cannot be expected to sit through extended oral hearings listening to long-winded submissions on irrelevant matters.** The Tribunal is entitled, and under Section 33 is obliged and encouraged, to avoid the unnecessary delay and expense that would be caused by such an approach. **The Tribunal should take a grip on the proceedings and indicate to the parties those areas on which it particularly wishes to be addressed and those which it does not consider relevant to the real issues in dispute. If a party fails to heed such guidance, the Tribunal might seek to focus the proceedings by allocating the remaining hearing time between the parties.** This the Tribunal is entitled to do, provided it [will](#) allow a reasonable time for both parties to put forward their arguments and [evidence](#).”

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