

# **RICHIE RYAN PAPERS**

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## **Biographical history**

Born in Dublin in 1929, Richie Ryan was educated at Synge Street CBS, University College Dublin (UCD), where he read economics, politics and law, and the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, subsequently qualifying as a solicitor. A formidable orator, at UCD he was auditor of the Literary and Historical Society (L&H) and subsequently the Solicitors Apprentice Debating Society (1950) and won both societies' gold medal for debating. He continues to serve as one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents of the L&H.

After qualifying, Ryan worked for a number of solicitors firms before establishing a private practice in Dame Street, Dublin, in which he remained an active partner until appointed to ministerial office in 1973. He first held political office when he was elected to Dáil Éireann as a Fine Gael Teachta Dála (TD) for Dublin South-West in a 1959 bye-election, and retained his seat until he retired at the February 1982 general election to concentrate on his European Parliament seat. In opposition Ryan served as Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Health and Social Welfare (1966–69) and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Spokesman on Northern Ireland (1970–3).

During this period he was involved in a number of important pro bono legal cases, including the 1963 challenge in the High Court, and then, on appeal, in the Supreme Court, by Gladys Ryan (no relation) on the constitutionality of the fluoridation of the water supply. While the court ruled against Gladys Ryan, the case remains a landmark as it established the right to privacy under the Irish Constitution; or perhaps more correctly, the right to bodily integrity under Article 40.3.1. The case also raised a legal controversy due to the introduction by Justice Kenny of the concept of unenumerated rights. Other notable cases involving Richie Ryan include a challenge to the rules governing the drafting of constituency boundaries and an unsuccessful attempt to randomise the order of candidates on ballot papers.

In 1973 Fine Gael came to power in the National Coalition with the Labour Party, and Ryan became Minister for Finance in an unexpected move which saw Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave appoint him and Garret FitzGerald to the portfolios which the other had exercised as Shadow Ministers; FitzGerald becoming Minister for Foreign Affairs. Ryan's tenure as Minister for Finance coincided with arguably the most economically challenging period since the 1930s. Ireland's foreign debt increased and the economy steadily worsened, mainly due to the very significant increase in the price of oil occasioned by the embargo imposed by the Arab oil-producing states in the wake of the Yom Kippur War of 1973. In a hostile economic environment, Ryan's approach was responsible and prudent, and even sought to be progressive in the introduction of capital gains and wealth taxes.

Following the National Coalition Government's defeat in the 1977 general election, Ryan once again became spokesperson on Foreign Affairs. He also served as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) in 1973 and from 1977 to 1979, being appointed to Ireland's first and third delegations. At the first direct elections to the European Parliament in 1979, he was elected for the Dublin constituency, and was re-elected in 1984, heading the poll on both occasions. On being appointed to the European Court of Auditors in 1986 he resigned his European Parliament seat. He retired from his position at the Court of Auditors in 1994.

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## **Archival history**

The papers were transferred from Mr Ryan's then residence in Templeogue, Dublin, to UCD Archives in August 1988.

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## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

### **Scope and Content**

Papers originating from Richie Ryan's position as Opposition spokesman/Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1969–73.

Memoranda, minutes, reports, correspondence and other papers originating from Richie Ryan's position as Minister for Finance, 1973–7 relating to the economy and economic planning; annual estimates and budgets; taxation including the taxation of farm incomes and of wealth; Government policy, including taxation policy, on mining and oil exploration; banking and exchange rates; national pay negotiations and incomes policy; the implementation of the obligation on equal pay; public service staffing and salary issues; and appointments to the boards of state-sponsored bodies.

Papers relating to policy areas such as Northern Ireland including the Sunningdale Agreement and the Council of Ireland; and to EEC regional development and agricultural programmes.

Copies of the texts of speeches, of statements and of interviews; and of budget broadcasts and speeches. Ministerial correspondence. Fine Gael papers including manifestos, policy documents and material relating to performance in government.

Papers relating to the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan *v* the Attorney General arising from the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960.

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## CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

### Access

Available by appointment to holders of a UCD Archives reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in digital format.

### Language

English

### Finding Aid

Descriptive catalogue

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## DESCRIPTION CONTROL

### Archivist's Note

This descriptive catalogue was completed by Seamus Helferty in July 2014.

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**1 FINE GAEL SHADOW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
1969-73**

**P272/1** January 1969–November 1971

300pp

**Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs: general papers**

Papers arising from RR's role as Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Includes:

- copies of Dáil questions tabled by RR, mainly for the Minister for Foreign Affairs and less frequently for the Taoiseach;
- texts of speeches by RR on foreign affairs subjects;
- occasional correspondence with constituents and Party supporters expressing views on foreign affairs policy or events, or seeking assistance;
- occasional Fine Gael foreign affairs policy documents;
- publicity material received from organisations such as the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement, the Irish Soviet Jewry Committee and Africa Concern.

**P272/2** September 1971–February 1973

100pp

**Foreign Affairs**

File of papers relating to general Foreign Affairs concerns (excluding Northern Ireland). Consists mainly of the texts of speeches by RR as Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs; copies of Dáil questions tabled by RR, mainly to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Taoiseach; correspondence with interested organisations such as the Irish Exporters Association; and correspondence concerning specific aspects of Fine Gael foreign policy.

**P272/3** December 1971–November 1972

35pp

**The European Economic Community**

Correspondence and other various papers relating to the EEC and Ireland's potential membership, including:

- copies of the texts of speeches by RR as Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs on the EEC;
- correspondence with animal rights representatives concerning issues with the transport and slaughter of animals in EEC countries;
- press-cutting of an article by Garret FitzGerald in the *Irish*

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- Times* (29 June 1972) on the Irish in the EEC Parliament;
- letter from Seán MacBride, Roebuck House, Clonskeagh, Dublin (2 December 1971, 1p) enclosing a copy of a letter he has sent to Fine Gael leader Liam Cosgrave (1p) appreciative of the initiative Fine Gael had taken in consulting him and other lawyers on the constitutional changes proposed to permit Ireland's entry to the EEC, an initiative MacBride attributes to RR.

## **2 MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE, 1973-7**

### **2.1 The Economy and Economic and Social Planning**

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27 July 1973

4pp

#### **Report of a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy**

Copy of a report from an unidentified source [an officer of the Department of Finance] to the Minister for Finance, of a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee which the Minister was unable to attend, particularly concerned with the problem of inflation.

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August 1973

10pp

#### **Fourth Programme for Economic and Social Development; draft memorandum for the Government**

Copy of a draft Finance memorandum for the Government on the fourth programme for economic and social development, with handwritten amendments.

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October–November 1973

8pp

#### **Cabinet Sub-Committee on Public Service Estimates: timetable of meetings**

Copies of circulars from the Office of the Minister for Finance to the Private Secretaries to individual Ministers concerning scheduling of meetings; together with lists of meetings. Includes points to be mentioned at the first meeting (16 October 1973, 2pp).

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October 1973–February 1974

90pp

**Fourth Programme for Economic and Social Development: brief for the Minister**

Copy of a brief for the Minister for Finance on the memorandum for the Government on the Fourth Programme for Economic and Social Development, mainly relating to the quantitative assessment of the medium-term economic outlook (not dated, 29pp); together with related papers including:

- copy of a draft Finance memorandum for the Government on the fourth programme for economic and social development (October 1973, 14pp);
- letter from Michael O’Leary TD, Minister for Labour, to the Minister for Finance commenting on the draft memorandum and emphasising the necessity to move from ‘programming’ to ‘planning’, with the main issue being employment (12 October 1973, 2pp);
- copy of a revised draft memorandum for the Government on the fourth programme (February 1974, 8pp);
- various papers containing analyses of short and medium term economic projections (37pp) upon which the fourth programme is based.

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1973–5

6 items

**Inflation**

Papers relating to inflation, its causes, effects and possible counter-measures. Includes:

- copy of a Finance memorandum on inflation for the information of the Government (21 March 1973, 19pp);
- text of comments by Fergus O’Brien TD at a meeting of the Business and Economic Society, Trinity College Dublin, on ‘Inflation – do we stand idly by?’ (29 January 1974, 15pp);
- copy of a communiqué issued after a Conference of Heads of State or Government, convened by the Club of Rome and hosted by Chancellor Kreisky of Austria at Salzburg, and attended by the Minister for Finance on behalf of the Taoiseach, dealing *inter alia* with the problem of inflation (5 February 1974, 6pp); and copy of a press release containing the statement of the Minister for Finance at the Conference, issued by the Government Service on behalf of the Department of Finance (February 1974, 7pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on ‘Inflation and public policy’ (19 May 1975, 15pp);
- copy of a submission to the Government by the Confederation of Irish Industry, based on a paper prepared at the request of the President of the Confederation, entitled ‘A strategy for tackling inflation’ (21 May 1975, 13pp);

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- copy of an undated paper entitled 'Inflation – possible counter-measures' and annotated 'Confidential – private note of Dr Whitaker' (c1975, 9pp).

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June–October 1973; December 1976

150pp

**Building Societies and house purchase finance**

Memoranda, minutes, correspondence and other papers relating to building societies and the availability of house purchase finance.

Includes:

- letter from Jim Tully TD, Minister for Local Government, to the Minister for Finance (22 June 1973, 1p), enclosing a copy of a draft memorandum for the Government on the subsidy for building societies approved by the Government on 22 May, to enable them to pay a preferential rate on deposits (22 June 1973, 4pp);
- letter from Jim Tully TD, Minister for Local Government, to the Minister for Finance (2 August 1973, 1p), enclosing a copy of a draft memorandum for the Government on the availability of house purchase finance (August 1973, 4pp);
- copy of a Local Government memorandum for the Government on the buildings societies' subsidy (8 August 1973, 3pp);
- copy of a note of a meeting in the Department of Local Government with representatives of the Irish Building Societies' Association, mainly concerning the subsidy and the mortgage and investment rates (12 September 1973, 3pp);
- copies of two Local Government memoranda for the Government or for the information of the Government on buildings societies' interest rates (10 September 1973, 3pp; 12 September 1973, 3pp);
- copy of a letter from D.F. Stephenson, Chairman, The Provident Building Society, Dame Street, Dublin, to the Secretary of the Department of Local Government, confirming what he understood to be the decisions taken at the recent meeting in the Department on mortgage rates, subventions and loans and the implications for his society (14 September 1973, 3pp);
- copy of a Local Government memorandum for the Government on buildings societies' interest rates (5 September 1973, 4pp);
- material relating to associated banks' interest rates with a letter from C.H.M.[urray], Secretary, Department of Finance to the Minister (6 September 1973, 3pp) concerning a Central Bank decision to allow increases in associated banks' interest rates and the likely effect of this on building society rates; together with a copy of a draft Central Bank memorandum on associated banks' interest rates (5 September 1973, 4pp);
- statistical matter on housing completions, both in the private and local authority sector; on loan approvals and applications, from building societies, assurance companies and local authorities; and on unemployment in the building industry for 1972–3 and 1973–4 (5pp);

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- Finance minute for the Minister on Department of Local Government proposals for Exchequer provision for a new scheme to provide mortgages, and to finance the local authority house purchase loan scheme (12 September 1973, 3pp); together with copies of relevant Local Government memoranda and Finance notes and counter-memorandum (August–September 1973, 20pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government containing the Minister for Finance’s observations on the Minister for Local Government’s memorandum of 10 September concerning building society interest rates (12 September 1973, 5pp); and a copy of building societies’ comments on the Minister for Finance’s observations (5pp);
- note from C.H.M.[urray] for the Minister on a meeting in the Department of Finance with representatives of the Departments of Local Government and Industry and Commerce and of the Central Bank, to discuss the financing of building societies. at which the possibility of the associated banks providing housing finance was considered (17 October 1973, 3pp);
- copy of a Local Government memorandum for the information of the Government on the effects on the building industry of the decision of the building societies to restrict loan approvals (18 October 1973, 3pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on control of building societies’ interest rates (3 December 1976, 6pp); and copy of a Local Government counter-memorandum on the subject, marked ‘withdrawn’ (7 December 1976, 7pp).

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January 1974

2 items

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy: memorandum from the Minister for Foreign Affairs**

Papers relating to the memorandum prepared by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the work of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy in relation to capital taxation.

Includes:

- letter from Garret FitzGerald, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Minister for Finance (2 January 1974, 1p) enclosing a draft of a report (13pp) requested by the Cabinet on the progress of the Cabinet Sub-committee in relation to work on capital taxation;
- copy of a personal and confidential reply from RR to the Minister for Foreign Affairs questioning the Minister’s actions in circulating the report. ‘I consider it discourteous and disingenuous of any Minister to draft a report on the workings of a Committee which is the primary responsibility of another Minister. The intolerableness of such conduct is aggravated when it is done without authority and when it culminates in the circulation of a tendentious memorandum which contains misstatements of fact and unfair imputations’ (3 January 1974, 2pp);

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- copy of a secret memorandum from the Minister for Finance commenting critically on the Foreign Affairs memorandum. The Finance memorandum includes the text of the letter sent by RR to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Annotated by RR with reference to a conversation with the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the subject in advance of a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee (7 January 1974, 9pp);
- letter from Garret FitzGerald, Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Minister for Finance (3 January 1974, 1p) replying to the original letter from the Minister for Finance (3 January 1974, 1p);
- letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Minister for Finance (5 February 1974, 1p) referring to RR's letter of 31 January [not present] and expressing his own dissatisfaction with the memorandum [on capital taxation]. He suggests the memo be looked at again. Annotated by RR 'No further action required'.

Please note that many of the documents are mis-dated January 1973.

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January 1974–April 1976

9 items

**Department of Finance Economic Policy Division: Ireland – current economic trends**

Minister for Finance's occasional copies of the Department of Finance Economic Policy Division series of papers on Ireland – current economic trends. The papers present data under more than forty headings in nine categories. The core of the paper remains constant with updated and additional data included in successive issues.

- January 1974 45pp
- July 1974 44pp
- September 1974 44pp
- October 1974 44pp
- November 1974 44pp
- February 1975 44pp
- April 1975 44pp
- July 1975 44pp
- April 1976 44pp

**P272/12** March 1974, January 1975

23pp

**Medium-term economic and social policy**

Papers relating to the consideration by the Government of proposals from the Minister for Finance in relation to medium-term economic and social policy.

Includes:

- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on medium-term economic and social policy (22 March 1974, 10pp); together with a letter from the Secretary to the Government to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance (26 March 1974, 1p) relaying the Government's approval of the Minister for Finance's proposals for the postponement for six months of the publication of a programme for economic expansion;
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on reassessment of medium-term economic and social policies for the period 1974-8 (17 December 1974, 11pp); together with a letter from the Secretary to the Government to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance (24 January 1975, 1p) relaying the Government's approval of the Minister for Finance's proposals for the preparation of a five-year forecast of public policy and related expenditure programmes.

**P272/13** June 1974

6 items

**National Debt Statistics**

File of this title, marked 'Retain in Minister's filing cabinet' containing papers on national debt statistics, with additional material on local and exchequer loans. Includes:

- memorandum containing historical tables relating Ireland's national debt and servicing costs to various other national statistics such as national income, working population, and productive assets (June 1974, 12pp);
- paper on debt service costs to 1980 (June 1974, 6pp);
- paper entitled 'Proposal to reduce payment period in respect of loans from the Local Loans Fund' (October 1974, 3pp);
- papers on the Exchequer Lending Rate, mainly relating to revenue and a proposed increase in the rate (October 1974, 6pp).

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1974

21pp

**Brief for the Dáil debate on the economic situation**

Typescript brief with handwritten amendments of the brief for the Minister for Finance for the Dáil debate on the economic situation; in nine sections:

- review of 1973
- the difficult international situation
- international monetary difficulties
- interest rates – high and volatile
- causes of inflation
- inflation – the international perspective
- outlook for 1974
- rejection of the national pay agreement
- taxation.

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October–November 1974

300pp

**Report on the economic situation, 1974**

Marked 'Copy No 1'. Various successive drafts of sections of the White Paper on the economic situation comprising three parts: Part I, The International Economic Scene; Part II, The Effects of International Developments on the Irish Economy; and Part III, Policy Considerations; together with some related correspondence and source documents.

Includes:

- copy of a draft of the White Paper with handwritten and typescript annotations and amendments (30pp);
- notes from the Department of the Taoiseach on Part III of the draft White Paper, on the current economic situation (November 1974, 3pp);
- typescript draft of Part III (18pp);
- copy of the financial statement of the Minister for Finance, 3 April 1974 (7pp);
- further revision of Part III from the Department of the Taoiseach (19pp). Marked 'Not yet cleared by the Minister for Finance';
- minute of a meeting of the Cabinet Economic Sub-Committee drafting group (29 October 1974, 1p) together with a revised draft of the introductory section of the White Paper prepared at the meeting (4pp);
- strictly confidential draft of the White Paper (23 October 1973, 68pp) for discussion at a meeting of the National Economic and Social Council, 24 October 1974.

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March–April 1975

60pp

**Employment and unemployment**

Various memoranda and statistical matter relating to the unemployment situation and the live register including:

- copy of a Department of Labour draft memorandum for the Government on measures to deal with unemployment (March 1975, 3pp);
- copy of a Department of Labour memorandum for the Government on the unemployment situation (5 December 1974, 2pp); together with copies of Finance comments on the memorandum (not dated, 6pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on import restrictions (13 November 1974, 16pp);
- note from M.N. Ó Murchú for the Minister for Finance on the scope for increasing employment (25 February 1976, 6pp);
- brief for the Minister for a Dáil debate on the unemployment situation (29 April 1975, 25pp).

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April–May 1975

75pp

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy**

Memoranda, discussion papers, minutes, and correspondence for the attention of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy, relating to aspects of the economic situation.

Includes:

- copy of a minute of a meeting of the committee, 16 April 1975 (1p);
- copy of a discussion paper on unemployment, inflation and investment circulated to members of the committee by the Department of the Taoiseach for consideration at their next meeting (30 April 1975, 16pp);
- Department of Finance comments on the memorandum (1 May 1975, 3pp);
- copy of a Department of the Public Service note for the committee on anomaly pay claims in 1975 and 1976 and the possibility of not paying these (23 April 1975, 9pp);
- copy of an undated note on incomes policy, 1975 (8pp);
- copy of a Finance note on employment prospects in 1975 (April 1975, 4pp);
- letter from S. Ó Conaill to the Minister for Finance reporting on a meeting with the Federated Union of Employers and the views expressed on aspects of the National Pay Agreement (16 April 1975, 2pp);
- copies of correspondence between Finance and the Department of the Taoiseach on the possible effects on revenue and the consumer price index of reducing certain duties and taxes (April 1975, 2pp);

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- copy of a draft Finance memorandum for the Government on the 1976 expenditure forecasts (April 1975, 10pp);
  - statement of Exchequer receipts, January–April 1975 (3pp);
  - copy of a Department of the Taoiseach note on the cost of unemployment (23 April 1975, 5pp);
  - papers on aspects of pay-related benefits and social welfare payments (April 1975, 11pp).

**P272/18** April–June 1975

9pp

**Exchequer receipts, January–June 1975**

Copies of pages from *Iris Oifigiúil* containing statements of Exchequer receipts for the periods January–April and January–June 1975 together with comment and analysis by Finance officials.

**P272/19** 16 May 1975

7pp

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy discussion paper on unemployment, inflation and investment**

Copy of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy discussion paper No 2, on unemployment, inflation and investment.

**P272/20** May–June 1975

35pp

**Working Group on the Economy, 1975**

Papers relating to the proposal for a working group composed of all the social partners; together with papers submitted for consideration at meetings. Includes:

- Department of Finance discussion paper for consideration by the Government on the proposal to establish a working group on the economy (22 May 1975, 8pp);
- copy of a Finance note on counter-inflationary policies in selected European countries for consideration at a meeting of the working group (4 June 1975, 11pp);
- copy of confidential papers tabled for a meeting of the Council of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on 'Economic and financial prospects and policies of OECD countries' (14 May 1975, 13pp);
- copy of a [Finance?] memorandum on 'Economic situation: suggested strategy' (22 May 1975, 3pp).

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May 1975

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**Memorandum on the economic situation from the Minister for Foreign Affairs**

Copy of a memorandum by Garret FitzGerald TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the economic situation (19 May 1975, 6pp), together with copies of three Finance notes commenting on aspects of the memorandum:

- Finance note for the Minister commenting on the Foreign Affairs memorandum (May 1976, 6pp);
- notes on the memorandum and discussion papers dated 30 April and 16 May 1976 (4pp);
- comments on the taxation aspects of the memorandum (2pp).

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September–October 1975

2 items

**Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy**

Letter from Walter P. Kirwan, Department of the Taoiseach (7 October 1975, 1p) to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance enclosing revised minutes of the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting of 19 September incorporating changes suggested by ministers present.

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1975-6

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**Exchequer borrowing**

Papers relating to the Exchequer borrowing requirement including:

- copy of a Finance memorandum for the information of the Government on foreign borrowing, the implications of the rapid growth in Government expenditure for borrowing and the cost of servicing that borrowing (21 March 1975, 9pp);
- copy of an unidentified and undated confidential [Finance] memorandum on the phenomenal growth in the Exchequer borrowing requirement in recent years (c1975, 3pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on 'Exchequer financial resources and foreign borrowing, 1976-9' (22 May 1975, 8pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the information of the Government on foreign borrowing (8 November 1976, 4pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the information of the Government concerning the terms of a new loan the Minister for Finance has negotiated with the European Investment Bank to support the modernisation and expansion of the telephone

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- system (13 December 1976, 3pp);
- undated confidential Finance memorandum on budgetary options for 1977 (1976, 23pp).

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[1975]

6pp

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy: views of various parties on the economy**

Handwritten tables recording the differing views of various Government departments and bodies, and employer and trade union representative groups, on aspects of the economic situation. Includes the views of the Department of Finance; the Central Bank; Dermot Nally, Department of the Taoiseach; the Minister for Foreign Affairs; Confederation of Irish Industry; and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. Views referred to are often taken from papers presented to the Cabinet Sub-Committee.

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March–April 1976

75pp

**Study on the growth of the economy to 1980: Department of Finance memorandum**

Copy of a Department of Finance memorandum circulated to members of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy, setting out the preparatory work carried out in compliance with the Government decision of 16 January 1976 on the preparation of an economic and social plan.

Includes a report for the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the results of various studies on employment and macro-economic projections; growth rate projections; projections of output, exports and employment in the manufacturing sector, growth in the agricultural sector; and public authorities expenditure and resources.

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March 1976–May 1977

8 items

**Department of Finance Economic Policy Division: monthly economic assessment**

Minister for Finance's occasional copies of the Department of Finance Economic Policy Division monthly economic assessment containing a narrative analysis of economic performance with supplementary graphic and tabular material. With infrequent underlining.

- March 1976 21pp
- April 1976 23pp
- May 1976 21pp
- May 1976 23pp [with a different analytic section]
- July 1976 23pp
- December 1976 25pp
- March 1977 28pp
- May 1977 23pp

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April 1976

57pp

**Meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy: growth of the economy to 1980**

Papers circulated for the meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy, 7 April 1976 to consider the results of studies on the growth of the economy to 1980. Includes:

- list of main issues for decision (1p) and action plan (1p);
- copy of Finance memorandum for the Government on the management of the economy to 1980 (5 January 1976, 25pp);
- copy of a Foreign Affairs memorandum for the Government on the management of the economy to 1980 (12 January 1976, 5pp);
- copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Department of the Taoiseach to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance, referring to the two memoranda submitted by Finance and Foreign Affairs and relaying the decision of the Government approving the preparation of an economic and social plan (16 January 1976, 2pp);
- copy of the Department of Finance interim report for the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the work in progress on the preparation of the economic and social plan (18 February 1976, 12pp);
- copy of a report of a meeting between ministers' economic and social advisers (5 March 1976, 5pp);
- copy of a note for the Minister for Finance (30 March 1976, 3pp) on the contents of a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (29 March 1976, 3pp) concerning the preparation of the national plan.

**P272/28** 29 April 1976

57pp

**Second memorandum for the Government on management of the economy up to 1980 with addendum**

Copy of a second memorandum for the Government from the Department of Finance on the management of the economy up to 1980, based on studies carried out since the Government decision of 16 January 1976 on the preparation of an economic and social plan. (29 April 1976, 57pp). copy of an addendum from the Department of Finance to the second memorandum (4 May 1976, 12pp). copy of a summary of both documents (5 May 2014, 3pp).

**P272/29** April–May 1976

130pp

**Meeting with the main economic organisations**

Papers relating to a meeting between the Taoiseach and other Ministers and representatives of the main economic organisations. Includes:

- copy of a joint submission to the Government on the current state of the economy from the Confederation of Irish Industry and the Federated Union of Employers (not dated, 24pp);
- copy of the opening statement by the Taoiseach at the meeting with a joint delegation from the Confederation of Irish Industry and the Federated Union of Employers to discuss the current state of industry (2 May 1975, 6pp);
- brief prepared by the Department of the Taoiseach for the meetings, consisting mainly of relevant socio-economic material supplied by various departments as well as comment by them on the CII/FUE submission (May 1976, 104pp);
- handwritten notes by RR taken at the meeting (15pp).

**P272/30** June 1976

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**Documents circulated to the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy for its meeting on 18 June 1976**

Copies of seven documents circulated to members of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy in advance of their meeting of 18 June 1976.

Includes:

- Department of Finance memorandum on the mobilisation of capital resources (2 June 1976, 21pp);
- memorandum for the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy from the Office of the Minister for Finance on the amendment of the tax system to encourage growth (11 June 1976, 13pp);

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- undated memorandum from an unidentified source on planning in Sweden (16pp);
- undated memorandum from an unidentified source on current French planning (40pp);
- copies of documents from the Department of the Public Service and the Department of Finance on arrangements for planning in Ireland (11 June 1976, 25pp);
- copy of a memorandum [from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs] bemoaning the lack of progress in the work of the Economic Sub-Committee and the formulation of an economic plan (18 June 1976, 4pp);
- draft of an undated memorandum on State Holding Companies (15pp);
- possible outline of the contents of the Green Paper on Economic and Social Development (15pp).

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17 June 1976

51pp

**Green Paper on Economic and Social Development, 1976–80**

Copy of a preliminary and partial draft of the Green Paper, marked 'D.K.', with a handwritten note from D.K.: 'Minister, This is a copy of original Green Paper with glosses of suggested changes for consideration'.

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June–July 1976

70pp

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy: location of the planning function**

Draft brief for the Minister for Finance on institutional planning arrangements and the consideration by the Cabinet Sub-Committee of the optimum location of responsibility for the planning function. Includes:

- copies of documents supplied by the Departments of the Public Service and Finance for transmission to members of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on institutional options for the location of the planning function within the public service; and the development of the planning function in Ireland (June 1976, 26pp);
- copy of a Department of the Public Service memorandum on 'The public service and national economic and social development' as a preliminary to a proposed green paper on the subject (14 July 1976, 9pp);
- copy of a letter from Justin Keating TD, Minister for Industry and Commerce, to Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave containing a detailed consideration of measures for economic development (16 July 1976, 19pp);

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- copy of an Industry and Commerce memorandum on 'Industrial policy and the economic plan' (July 1976, 43pp);
- copy of a memorandum containing the views of the Department of Finance on the policy changes recommended by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in his letter to the Taoiseach (not dated, 13pp);
- copy of observations from the Department of the Public Service on the submission from the Minister for Industry and Commerce on structural and organisational proposals affecting the public service (12 August 1976, 4pp).

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12 July 1976

16pp

**Social Welfare proposals for inclusion in the Green Paper on the economic and social plan**

Letter from Brendan Corish TD, Minister for Social Welfare, to the Minister for Finance (12 July 1976, 1p) enclosing a preliminary note (15pp) on social welfare proposals for inclusion in the Green Paper on the economic and social plan.

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October–November 1976

5 items

**National Economic and Social Council report: *Prelude to Planning***

Copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the report *Prelude to Planning* submitted to the Minister for Finance by the National Economic and Social Council, which the Minister recommends should be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas (4 October 1976, 6pp).

copy of the report (75pp).

Letter of acknowledgement from D. Ó Súilleabhain, Secretary to the Government (5 October 1976, 1p).

copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the future of the National Economic and Social Council, reviewing the history and operations of the Council and making some suggestions for reform in the number and composition of its membership and its *modus operandi* (10 November 1976, 19pp).

Letter from the Secretary to the Government to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance, referring to the memorandum and relaying a decision taken at a Government meeting that day, that the NESC should continue in existence as at present constituted, for a further year (23 November 1976, 1p).

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November 1976

100pp

**Brief for the Minister for Finance for the Dáil debate on the economic situation**

Copies of various memoranda and reports provided for the Minister for Finance as briefing material for the Dáil debate on the economic situation. Many of the documents are heavily annotated.

Includes:

- copy of the Fianna Fáil policy document on *The economic emergency. The Fianna Fáil proposals* (September 1976, 38pp);
- copy of a memoranda from an unidentified source on the Irish economic situation (19 November 1976, 5pp);
- text of an address by the Minister for Finance at the opening of the Dublin Junior Chamber conference on 'Financial aspects of corporate growth' at Jury's Hotel (27 October 1976, 8pp);
- copy of the concluding remarks at the International Monetary Fund Article VIII consultation discussions on the economic situation in Ireland (1 November 1976, 6pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for the Public Service on the Government position in the current national pay negotiations (2 November 1976, 8pp);
- copy of a note on the McKinsey Report (2 November 1976, 6pp);
- copy of a brief on the background to the present economic situation (2pp); the recovery in the economy in 1976 (5pp); the dangers of unjustified pessimism about economic trends and prospects (1p); the economic outlook for 1977 (1p); priorities of economic policy for 1977 (4pp); discipline in the economic plan (2pp); and the Fianna Fáil economic proposals (6pp).

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11 February 1977

93pp

**Economic and social plan: discussion draft of a White Paper**

Minister for Finance's copy of a discussion draft of a White Paper outlining the proposed economic and social plan to 1980.

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March 1977

160pp

**Economic and social plan:**

Copy of a Finance revised draft memorandum for the Government on the economic and social plan (March 1977, 14pp) together with a revised discussion draft 2 of the plan (March 1977, 145pp) presented as appendices to the memorandum..

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March–June 1977

100pp

**Economic assessment, 1977**

File of this title containing memoranda, notes and correspondence on aspects of the economy, mainly with reference to the general election campaign.

Includes:

- copy of a memorandum on price control circulated by John Bruton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce (March 1977, 6pp);
- copies of notes from the Government Information Service on employment, budget incentives, new legislation and the economy (4pp);
- draft of a speech by the Minister for Finance for delivery to the UCD Branch of Fine Gael on planning (April 1977, 6pp);
- statement of Exchequer receipts for the first six months of 1977 (June 1977, 4pp);
- copy of the text of the address by the Taoiseach to the annual lunch of the Confederation of Irish Industry, Jury's Hotel, Dublin (11 May 1977, 13pp);
- copy of a memorandum from an unidentified source on a National Development Corporation (6pp);
- detailed dossier containing a comparative analysis of National Coalition and Fianna Fáil election programmes (June 1977, 47pp).

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29 April 1977

152pp

**Memorandum for the Government on the economic and social plan**

Copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance on the economic and social plan, drawn up after the consultative process following the publication of the Green Paper. Covers the background, external environment, development objectives, measures for development, financial resources, and the implementation of the programme.

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April–May 1977

120pp

**Memoranda on social expenditure**

Copies of various memoranda on aspects of financing social expenditure programmes including social welfare and public housing.

Includes:

- copy of a memorandum for the information of the Government from the office of the Minister for Local Government on a review of the system of local taxation (April 1977, 13pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the office of the Minister for Social Welfare on equality of treatment for men and women in matters of social security (April 1977, 7pp) with excerpts from relevant EEC directives (11pp);
- copy of a draft memorandum for the Government from the office of the Minister for Local Government on privately-owned rented dwelling accommodation (April 1977, 44pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the office of the Minister for Local Government on the revision of sales terms for certain local authority houses (May 1977, 8pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the office of the Minister for Social Welfare containing an interim report from the working party set up to examine the financing of the social welfare and health services (March 1977, 24pp).

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April–June 1977

75pp

**The economic situation, 1977**

Memoranda and other papers relating to the economic situation leading up to the general election, the achievements of the National Coalition Government, and Opposition proposals.

Includes:

- paper on the achievements of the National Coalition Government, 1973–7 (9pp);
- minute on the comparative additional costs of the Government and Fianna Fáil programmes for the year 1978 (2pp);
- paper outlining the Government's performance on the basis of the 14-point programme outlined in 1973 (11pp);
- section of the Government manifesto *The National Coalition. 4 years at work. The Taoiseach* (8pp);
- section of the Government manifesto *The National Coalition. 4 years at work. Finance* (4pp);
- paper on the cost of the National Coalition programme (3pp);
- pages from the *Official Journal of the European Communities* containing the Council decision on the adjustment of economic policy guidelines for 1977 with the sections relating to Ireland highlighted (April 1977, 10pp).

**P272/42** May-June 1977

15pp

**Notes for the Minister**

Various notes supplied by Department of Finance officials in response to requests from the Minister for data and projections on economic matters such as numbers on the live register; increases in VAT necessary to counteract a decrease in direct taxation; costs of provision of public services; examples of capital assets, financed wholly or partly by Government borrowings, which have been created since 1973; and the costs of financing new and existing policies in 1978.

**P272/43** May-June 1977

75pp

**Memoranda and reports on housing completions**

Various memoranda and reports on housing completions and the operation of the local authority house purchase loan scheme.

Includes:

- copy of a counter-memorandum for the Government from the office of the Minister for Finance containing observations on the memorandum from the Minister for Local Government on prospects for new house completions in 1977 (16 May 1977, 9pp);
- letter from James Tully TD, Minister for Local Government, to the Minister for Finance, concerning the interest rate applicable to loans advanced for local authority house purchase (9 May 1977, 1p) together with a copy reply from the Minister for Finance (May 1977, 1p);
- copy of the Minister for Local Government's memorandum for the Government on the prospects for new house completions in 1977 (13 May 1977, 13pp); together with a further memorandum from the Minister for Local Government on the Minister for Finance's counter-memorandum (23 May 1977, 9pp);
- Department of Finance memorandum containing point-by-point comments on the second Local Government memorandum (23 May 1977, 4pp);
- copy of the Department of Local Government review of the building and construction industry for 1976 and the prospects for the industry in 1977 (June 1977, 41pp).

**P272/44** June 1977

59pp

**Economic Review and Outlook, June 1977**

Copy of the report prepared in the Department of Finance and published by the Stationery Office, containing a detailed review of economic trends in 1976 and early 1977 and assessing the outlook for the Irish economy in the light of developments since the Budget.

**P272/45** 1977

60pp

**Public Capital Programme, 1977**

Brief for the Minister for Finance for a press conference on the public capital programme for 1977, covering all aspects of capital expenditure under twenty one headings.

## **2.2 Budgets**

**P272/46** March–October 1973

50pp

**General Budget material, 1973**

File of dissociated documents on various specific aspects of budgetary policy including death duties; tax exemption in respect of profits made by Irish inventors; taxation of derelict sites and buildings; the financing of social insurance; increases in tax on 'old reliables'; income tax relief for Government ministers; civil service staff numbers; and credit unions.

Includes;

- letter from N. Whelan to the Minister giving 'a broad idea of the growth that is taking place in the Civil Service in the current financial year (1973/4) and also of the growth that has already been projected for the coming financial year (1974/5)' (4 September 1973, 2pp);
- Finance minute on the tax allowance position of the Attorney-General in comparison with other Ministers (14 September 1973, 1p);
- list of questions posed by the Minister in relation to Ministerial tax allowances (11 July 1973, 1p) together with a Finance minute addressing the questions (14 August 1973, 2pp);
- minute of a meeting between officials of Finance, Local Government and the Valuation Office, to discuss the question of the taxation of derelict sites and buildings in urban areas to discourage the hoarding of property which has planning

- P272/46** permission and to encourage the development of sites (30 April 1973, 5pp); and draft of a statement by the Minister on the question, to be included in his Budget speech (8 May 1973, 1p);
- note from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners on the question of providing tax relief on income from patents (May 1973, 3pp), together with a Finance minute further elaborating the question (7 May 1973, 3pp);
  - copy of a Finance memorandum on various proposals relating to death duties (March 1973, 4pp).

**P272/47** 1973

27pp

**Improvements in social welfare in the Budget, 1973**

[Department of Finance?] draft memorandum on improvements in social welfare provision introduced in the 1973 Budget, including old age pensions, children's allowances, social welfare rates and social insurance payments with a summary of the annual cost; together with a note on the abolition of the means test for old age non-contributory pensions and the reduction of the qualifying age from seventy to sixty five years.

**P272/48** March 1974

5 items

**Public Service Estimates, April–December 1974**

Papers relating to the public service estimates including:

- copy of the abridged version of *Estimates for Public Services for the period 1 April 1974–31 December 1974* (50pp) together with an explanatory note on general and specific aspects of the estimates (8pp);
- brief for the Minister for Finance on the estimates (49pp);
- list of 'Questions which could be asked at Press Conference' with suggested answers (8pp);
- letter from Garret FitzGerald TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Minister for Finance, written 'in the last 15 minutes before leaving for Luxembourg!', commenting on specific aspects of the estimates (31 March 1974, 1p).

**P272/49** March–October 1974

25pp

**Budget 1974**

Dissociated documents relating to the timing and content of the 1974 budget and related policy matters.

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Includes:

- Finance memorandum on the timing of the 1974 budget, with a consideration of the historical position and of present exigencies such as the time necessary for the preparation of the Book of Estimates. Includes a detailed timetable based on two possible dates (January 1974, 7pp).
- copy of a letter from D. Ó Súilleabhain, Secretary to the Government, to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance (21 June 1974, 2pp) elaborating the Government decision on the general approach to the expenditure estimates for the public service for the coming year.
- copy of an Industry and Commerce memorandum for the Government on proposed amendments to the Prices Acts, 1958–72, together with the heads of a bill (23 October 1974, 10pp).
- copy of a note from an unidentified source on the economic effects on the Republic of the troubles in Northern Ireland (1974, 2pp).

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May–August 1974

8 items

**Memoranda for the Government: Estimates**

Minister for Finance's file copies of memoranda for the Government on Departmental Estimates. Marked 'Secret'.

Includes:

- copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on budgets for 1975 and later years (29 May 1974, 25pp);
- copy of a letter from D. Ó Súilleabháin, Secretary to the Government, to the Private secretary to the Minister for Finance, relaying the decision of the Government concerning 'the general approach to the expenditure estimates for the public services for 1975' (21 June 1974, 2pp);
- copy of a secret Finance memorandum on capital and non-capital estimates for 1975 (22 July 1974, 17pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the current economic situation and short-term prospects (22 July 1974, 10pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the office of the Minister for the Public Services relating to developments on foot of Government decisions on public service numbers and pay (25 July 1974, 11pp);
- copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on public expenditure in 1974 in excess of budgetary allocations (8 August 1974, 7pp);
- copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on capital and non-capital estimates for 1975 – supplementary information (25 August 1974, 70pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the current economic situation and short-term prospects (29 August 1974, 7pp).

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January–March 1975

20pp

**Budget 1975**

Dissociated documents relating to specific aspects of economic and budgetary policy for 1975.

- copy of a Finance memorandum for the information of the Government on the contract for the supply of office furniture for the Irish Life Centre, Abbey Street, Dublin, setting out the sequence of events in which the Minister for Finance was involved prior to the placing of the order for the furniture (15 January 1976, 5pp);
- copy of a Public Service draft memorandum for the Government on institutional arrangements for administrative justice, ‘considering whether new institutions or procedures are required to ensure that the system of public administration is responsive to the needs of the citizens, to protect individual citizens from unfair or improper treatment by public officials, or simply to secure a relatively inexpensive and effective means of redress for the aggrieved citizen’ (March 1975, 2pp);
- copy of a summary of an Industry and Commerce memorandum for the Government on a state loan guarantee for the Dublin Gas Company (March 1975, 11pp);
- copy of an unidentified note on the history of the Currency Commission (1p).

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January–March 1975

7 items

**The need to control public expenditure and Department of Education Estimates**

Correspondence and memoranda concerning the Department of Education’s views on the inadequacy of the Education Vote for 1975, particularly in relation to funding for voluntary secondary schools; and the contrary view taken by Finance. Includes:

- copy of a minute from [L. Ó Laidhin] Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, to the Secretary General, Department of Finance, referring to previous correspondence concerning provision in the relevant Vote for educational services in 1975, and in particular the question of new posts in the public service with reference to the case of teachers in first and second level schools; and making an extensive case for the provision of additional resources (29 January 1975, 13pp). Marked ‘Appendix A’;
- copy of a further minute from Ó Laidhin to the Secretary General, Finance, amending the minute of 29 January 1975 with particular reference to the amount which might be required by way of a Supplementary Estimate (10 February 1975, 2pp). Marked ‘Appendix B’;
- photocopy of a Memorandum for the Government from the

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Minister for Education on the Estimates for 1975 and his view of insufficiency of provision for educational services (13 February 1975, 2pp). With handwritten annotations;

- copy of a Memorandum for the Government from the Minister for Finance containing his observations on the Education memorandum of 13 February, pointing out that the provision for non-capital expenditure on education in 1975 represents an increase of 30% on the previous year (17 February 1975, 3pp);
- copy of a Memorandum for the Government from the Minister for Finance on the need for strengthening control over public expenditure (3 March 1975, 12pp);
- copy of a letter from L. Ó Laidhin, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, to the Secretary General, Finance, at the direction of his Minister, mainly concerning the 'persistent and pressing representations which are being made in relation to the necessity to improve the financial support available to secondary schools'; analysing the position of voluntary secondary schools within the educational system; and outlining proposals from the Minister (7 March 1975, 13pp);
- copy of a draft note from M.N. Ó Murchú for the Minister for Finance on the Education memorandum of 13 February and the Finance counter-memorandum of 17 February which he understands will be on the agenda for the meeting of Government on 14 March (12 March 1975, 2pp).

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January–June 1975

20 items

**Budgetary matters and policy measures to counter inflation**

Reports, minutes and memoranda concerning the general budget situation. Includes:

- note of a meeting in the Department of Finance, 28 January 1975, to discuss the financing of the 1975 residual borrowing requirement (6pp);
- copy of a Department of Industry and Commerce position paper on proposed measures to counter recession (13 February 1975, 7pp) together with a summary of the views of various Department of Finance sections on the Industry and Commerce position (March 1975, 11pp);
- copy of a [Department of Finance] note on the causes, consequences and possibilities of reducing inflation in 1975 and 1976 (April 1975, 6pp);
- copy of the Minister for Finance's memorandum for the Government on the Budgetary Outlook for 1975 (1 April 1975, 11pp);
- Department of Finance note for the Minister and Secretary General on revenue receipts for the first quarter of 1975 (4 April 1975, 3pp);
- Department of Finance note for the Minister containing a budgetary table for 1975 based on the end-March returns of expenditure from Departments and on up-to-date estimates of

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- resources (30 April 1975, 3pp);
- copies of documents circulated by the Minister for Finance for the information of the Government, in connection with the quarterly review of expenditure (30 April 1975, 19pp);
  - Department of Finance note on the current economic position mainly relating to anti-inflation and reflation (April 1975, 2pp);
  - Department of Finance note for the Minister on revisions in the quarterly review of expenditure (29 May 1975, 5pp);
  - heavily annotated copy of the Minister for Finance's memorandum for the Government on the quarterly review of expenditure, end-March 1975 (29 May 1975, 12pp);
  - copy of a Central Bank of Ireland discussion document on the exchange rate of the Irish pound, annotated by a Finance official sending it to his Minister as 'a most useful paper' (May 1975, 24pp);
  - Department of Finance memorandum for the Minister setting out the supplementary amounts required in the areas of agriculture, health and the public service (4 June 1975, 6pp);
  - note on the Government's development aid commitment with a tabular breakdown of the Foreign Affairs vote, 1975-9 (not dated, 2pp).

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February-April 1975

50pp

**Department of Education estimates, 1975**

Papers relating to the Department of Education estimates for 1975 including:

- copy of an Education memorandum for the Government on the estimates for educational services for 1975 (13 February 1975, 15pp);
- draft and copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government reacting to the Education memorandum (17 February 1975, 3pp each);
- note for the Minister from M.N. Ó Murchú on the Education estimates memorandum (13 March 1975, 2pp);
- copy of an undated Education memorandum for the information of the Government on an increase in financial aid to voluntary secondary schools (6pp); together with a copy of a letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, to the Secretary, Department of Finance (7 March 1975, 15pp) on the necessity of improving the financial support available to secondary schools;
- copy of a minute from the Department of the Taoiseach of a meeting with representatives of Irish universities to discuss their financial position (17 February 1975, 3pp);
- letter from Richard Burke TD, Minister for Education, to the Minister for Finance (9 April 1975, 3pp) outlining areas which will require additional spending in the Education Vote; with a note from Maurice Horgan for the Minister for Finance commenting in detail on the proposals (17 April 1975, 3pp).

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April 1975

75pp

**Quarterly review of potential excesses on 1975 Budget Provision**

Letter from J. Harley, Department of the Public Service to J. Smith, Department of Finance (23 April 1975, 1p) enclosing material on likely expenditure excesses by individual departments for inclusion in the Memorandum for the Government on the Quarterly Review.

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May–June 1975

100pp

**Economic Package / Budget, June 1975**

Correspondence, minutes, memoranda, notes, reports and drafts of the Minister's financial statement for the supplementary Budget introduced in June 1975.

Includes:

- copy of Draft III of the Minister's statement with much handwritten revision (June 1975, 35pp);
- letter from Muirius Mac Conghail, Department of the Taoiseach, to RR, offering some suggestions on aspects of the presentation of the proposed financial package in the Dáil.  
'Unlike the budget presentation with its traditional documentary apparatus which has been considerably developed over the last few years, this package in itself may not have been approached with a view to generating information documents. This lack of documentation could in itself lead to some controversy as the very aim of the package is "to reduce inflation and protect employment" by presenting a series of schemes necessary for this purpose. The package will also rely for its success on the acceptance by the community as a whole and the business and trade union communities in particular, of its contents. It therefore follows that we must have a particular eye to the information needs of the business community on the one hand and the trade union movement on the other'. He proposes the production of a range of information and fact sheets and 'a very hard presentation of the facts in relation to the package for at least a week' (24 June 1975, 2pp);
- note from an unidentified Finance official concerning contact with Professor Basil Chubb on the prospects for a very early meeting of the Employer-Labour Conference to consider the Minister's request for a revision of the National Pay Agreement (24 June 1975, 1p);
- Finance note on changes in the Budget proposals and some outstanding items with handwritten amendments and annotations (23 June 1975, 2pp);
- copy of a Finance note on Total Residual Borrowing (23 June 1975, 2pp);

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- table explanatory of the Revised Current Budget and summary of the Revised Capital Budget (1p each);
- copy of Financial Resolution No 2 on the application of zero rated VAT to clothing (3pp);
- letter from Conor Cruise O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to RR concerning those aspects of the Budget statement relating to the medium and long term (24 June 1975, 1p). Arising from Cabinet discussion of this area, he attaches some 'revised suggestions of a less concrete character for consideration in connection with this area of the speech' drawn up by [Justin Keating] the Minister for Industry and Commerce who is at present out of the country (2pp);
- copy of the report of the Special Working Party on Employment Premia established by the Department of Labour (June 1975, 11pp);
- note for the Minister on queries raised by him mainly relating to subsidies (2pp) and further note on the proposed abolition of road tax and an increase in duty on motor fuel to replace it (13 June 1975, 1p);
- memorandum for the Minister from the Secretary General, Department of the Public Service, on Inflation and Public Policy (28 May 1975, 3pp);
- copy of the report of the working party appointed by the Government to report on ways in which social welfare benefits could be worked back into industry or other employment-giving projects (27 May 1975, 13pp);
- copy of Department of Finance Discussion Paper No 2, 'Summary of Comments on Tax Suggestion' (May 1975, 3pp);
- copy of Department of Finance Memorandum for the Government on 'Exchequer financial resources and foreign borrowing, 1976-9' (May 1975, 7pp).

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56pp

**Economic Package: documentation submitted to Government for meeting of 10 June 1975**

Minister for Finance's copies of:

- Department of Finance comments on Discussion paper No 2 on unemployment, inflation and investment circulated by the Department of the Taoiseach (20 May 1975, 13pp);
- Department of Finance notes on various headings in the economic package including a reduction in the Consumer Price Index; an income tax surcharge; the abolition of motor vehicle duties; a scheme of employment premia; additional finance for the construction industry and incentives to construction; and support for Building Societies (9 June 1975, 43pp).

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13pp

**Economic Package: supplementary documentation submitted to Government for meeting of 10 June 1975**

Minister for Finance's copies of notes and memoranda on:

- tax exemptions for agricultural and fishery co-operatives;
- fiscal incentives for business investment;
- public expenditure, 1975 and 1976;
- effects on the exchequer of various measures in the proposed package.

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June 1975

110pp

**Budget debate: notes for the Minister for Finance's reply**

Includes notes prepared for the Minister on specific points raised in the Budget debate (40pp) as well as background and reference material including:

- copy of the Minister for Finance's financial statement (26 June 1975, 38pp);
- copy of a European Economic Community working paper on 'Economic situation and problems in the community in mid-1975' presented to a meeting of the European Council (16 June 1975, 8pp);
- copy of confidential papers tabled for a meeting of the Council of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on 'Economic and financial prospects and policies of OECD countries' (14 May 1975, 13pp).

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17 September 1975

20 copies

**Letter from Minister for Finance to members of the Cabinet**

Copy of a letter from the Minister for Finance to each member of the Cabinet bringing their attention to specific aspects of his memorandum of 28 July, even though 'it makes unpleasant reading', in advance of the forthcoming Government meeting which will consider the current budgetary position and public expenditure policy for 1976 (17 September 1975, 1p).

Copy of a letter from the M/F to each member of the Cabinet Economic Committee, arranging a meeting to consider the 1976 estimates and budget in advance of the Government meeting (17 September 1975, 1p).

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October–November 1975

12pp

**Public expenditure and resources, 1976**

Papers relating to preparation of the departmental estimates for 1976, and the need for individual ministers to find economies in their departments. Includes:

- copy of a draft Government decision on the public capital programme and current expenditure for 1976 (October 1975, 6pp);
- copy of a draft ‘urgent and personal’ letter from Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave to each minister, reviewing the position with regard to the current budget deficit and the public capital programme for 1976 and requesting further cuts in departmental spending forecasts (31 October 1975, 2pp); with a list of ‘reductions tentatively agreed’ (1p);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on public expenditure and resources, 1976 (14 November 1975, 2pp).

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February–October 1976

75pp

**Excesses on Departmental votes, 1976**

Correspondence and memoranda relating to potential excesses on 1976 budget provisions, many provided for the Minister for Finance as briefing material for the Government meeting which will consider the matter on 27 October 1976.

Includes:

- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance on control of public expenditure (6 February 1976, 14pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance on the elimination of the deficit on Post Office services (15 October 1976, 20pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance on potential excesses on 1976 budget provisions (27 October 1976, 12pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance on unapproved non-capital excess of £7 million on the 1976 Health Vote (22 October 1976, 9pp) together with a letter from the Secretary to the Government to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance (27 October 1976, 1p) referring to the memorandum and relaying the Government’s approval for an additional allocation and borrowing on health expenditure;
- copy of a memorandum on the Irish economic situation, marked ‘author unknown’ (22 November 1976, 4pp).

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38pp

**Medium-term policy options for public expenditure**

Departmental note for the Minister for Finance (5 May 1976, 1p) concerning guidelines for departments on policy re-orientations in preparing their multi-annual forecasts of public expenditure for the period up to 1980, together with a set of draft guidelines (3pp); a note on the timetable envisaged for the preparation and publication of the Green Paper which will precede the drawing up of the economic and social plan (5 May 1976, 2pp); and a copy of a dossier containing possible policy options for individual departments (32pp).

**P272/64** June–July 1976

40pp

**Reduction in public expenditure: proposals from Ministers**

Departmental note for the Minister for Finance on the replies received to the Taoiseach's letter of 14 May 1976 calling on Ministers to formulate specific and immediate proposals for reductions in public expenditure (25 June 1976, 4pp); together with photocopies of the replies from individual Ministers. Departmental note for the Minister on progress in the preparation of the Green Paper on Economic and Social Development (6 July 1976, 2pp) with reference to the 'disappointing' replies to the Taoiseach's letter.

**P272/65** July 1976

23pp

**Reduction in public expenditure: proposals from Ministers**

Copy of a draft memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance, on specific proposals from individual Ministers for reductions in public expenditure, in response to a letter from the Taoiseach (14 May 1976, 7pp), a copy of which is included as an appendix to this memorandum, urging the formulation of specific and immediate proposals for such reduction.

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136pp

**Medium-term policy options for public expenditure**

Minister's copy of a Department of Finance dossier on options for reductions in public expenditure. The dossier examines the potential for achieving reductions under each department and each vote.

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August 1976–January 1977

12 items

**Social Welfare estimates, 1977**

Material relating to expenditure on social welfare, mainly communications between the Departments of Finance and Social Welfare concerning the effects on public expenditure of proposals from the Department of Social Welfare. Includes:

- Finance minute on new taxes or alternative taxes of similar magnitude necessary to finance the Exchequer cost of the Minister for Social Welfare's proposals (10 August 1976, 1p);
- tables indicating improvements in social welfare payments in the form of increases in the maximum rate of social insurance payments by 5% (October 1976, 3pp);
- copy of Social Welfare's draft memorandum for the Government on 'Measures to achieve savings in Social Welfare services and to increase the Contribution Income of the Social Insurance Fund' in response to a Government decision that the Minister for Social Welfare and the Minister for the Public Service should submit proposals to achieve savings in disability benefit or compensatory savings elsewhere (November 1976, 15pp);
- copy of a letter from the Department of the Public Service to the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare (8 December 1976, 4pp) setting out the Minister's views on Social Welfare's proposals contained in the draft memorandum;
- copy of a letter from the Department of Finance to the Department of Social Welfare (9 December 1976, 5pp) setting out the Ministers views on Social Welfare's proposals contained in the draft memorandum;
- copy of a letter from the Minister for Finance to John Bruton TD, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce (16 November 1976, 2pp) commenting on a memorandum from Industry and Commerce on means of preventing abuse of unemployment benefit and assistance;
- copy of a summary of a Social Welfare memorandum for the Government containing proposals for increases in the rates of social welfare payments from April 1977 (January 1977, 10pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government containing counter proposals to those of the Minister for Social Welfare for increases in rates of social welfare payments (12 January 1977, 14pp).

**P272/68** September 1976–January 1977

30pp

**Estimates 1977**

Memoranda and notes relating to the submission, consideration and revision of Departmental non-capital estimates for 1977. Includes:

- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the present position of the 1977 estimates (15 September 1976, 3pp);
- tables showing major increases or decreases by office and department between the 1976 provision and the 1977 estimate (not dated, 6pp);
- note for the Minister from M. Neville outlining savings of £7 million to be made in the Education Vote by the refusal of Finance to sanction increased rates of grant provided for in the Education estimates (1 November 1976, 3pp);
- note for the Minister from P. Carty mainly concerning revenue buoyancy in 1976 and including the latest assessment of out-turn for the 1976 current and capital budgets (not dated, 4pp);
- copy of a secret note for the Taoiseach only, containing preliminary estimates of the out-turn on current and capital budgets (1 October 1976, 3pp).

**P272/69** October 1976–January 1977

3 items

**Budget 1977**

Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance, referring to two memoranda submitted by the Minister for Finance relating to public expenditure estimates for 1977, and relaying decisions taken by the Government on the continuation of the embargo on public service recruitment and on non-capital budget allocations (10 January 1977, 4pp). Includes copies of the two memoranda:

- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the 1977 estimates (1 October 1977, 10pp);
- copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on public expenditure estimates for 1977 (8 December 1977, 69pp).

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October 1976–January 1977

55pp

**Budget 1977**

Various dissociated Finance memoranda, notes and tables relating to aspects of planning for the 1977 budget. Includes:

- copy of a Revenue Commissioners minute for the Secretary, Department of Finance, enclosing revised estimates of revenue gain and loss arising from various tax changes in 1977 (27 October 1976, 5pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum entitled 'Matters for decision before progress can be made on finalising the 1977 budget' (31 December 1976, 3pp);
- copy of a letter from the Minister for Finance to James Tully TD, Minister for Local Government (20 December 1976, 1p), enclosing a note on reductions in the provision for the public capital programme (17 December 1976, 3pp);
- tables comparing prices and the duty content of 'old reliables' in Ireland and the United Kingdom (31 December 1976, 2pp);
- copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the information of the Government on additional job creation by increasing public expenditure allocations (13 January 1977, 5pp);
- unidentified annotated memorandum on 'The Irish economic situation' (not dated, 5pp);
- note on the recent devaluation of the Green Pound and its effects on the Consumer Price Index (11 January 1977, 2pp);
- handwritten tables on comparisons between the budget estimate and actual expenditure for each year 1956–76, and between the budget estimate and out-turn on the public capital programme for the same period (8 January 1977, 2pp);
- handwritten note on the effects of the 1976 interim pay agreement on 1977 tax revenue (7 January 1977, 2pp);
- copy of a secret minute for the Minister on the current and capital budgets; the differences between the budget estimate and the provisional out-turn for 1976, and the estimate for 1977 based on reductions achieved to date (5 January 1977, 5pp).

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12 November 1976

15pp

**Economic strategy and budgetary policy for 1977**

Copy of a secret Memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on economic strategy and budgetary policy for 1977. Marked 'Keep in Minister's Office'.

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November 1976

20pp

**Budget outlook 1977**

File consisting mainly of tabular documents, secret and for the Minister only, often annotated and amended, containing projections on the 1977 budget based on varying estimates of Exchequer borrowing and size of the current deficit; and on the estimated out-turn for 1976 and target expenditure cuts proposed by the Minister. Includes estimates of Exchequer costs and of the macro-economic effect of ICTU proposals for a new National Wage Agreement (9 November 1976, 3pp).

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November 1976

30pp

**Budget 1977**

Unregistered file of this title marked 'For Minister only'. Content outlines the budgetary options for 1977 mainly with reference to Exchequer borrowing; and agreed and proposed further reductions in individual departmental estimates. The proposed further reductions are separated into those involving and not involving policy change.

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January–March 1977

25pp

**Borrowing 1977**

Papers relating to the borrowing requirement for the year including extracts from European Commission publications.

Includes:

- unidentified minute entitled 'Points which might be considered', setting out the main considerations in relation to the borrowing requirement (not dated, 2pp);
- various tables on public sector capital resources, the national debt, and foreign debt service requirements in the period 1970–7 (6pp);
- copy of the European Communities Monetary Committee report on the economic situation in Ireland and economic policy conditions in 1976 (January 1977, 9pp);
- extract from the European Commission communication to the Council of the EC on the adjustment of economic policy guidelines for 1977 insofar as the outlook in Ireland is concerned (March 1977, 2pp);
- extracts from the European Commission report on progress on economic policy convergence in the member states in 1976, with particular reference to Ireland (March 1977, 2pp).

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44pp

**Brief for the Minister on the Estimates volume 1977**

Brief for the Minister on the estimates volume 1977, mainly consisting of statistical and tabular matter relating to the increases in the estimates as compared with 1976, and the sources and underlying reasons for the increases.

**P272/76** February 1977

10 items

**Budget 1977: press cuttings from provincial newspapers**

Note from R.A. Hinchy, Department of the Taoiseach (7 February 1977, 1p), enclosing for the information of the Minister for Finance cuttings from provincial newspapers concerning the Budget, mainly relating to the taxation elements and the effects on farming.

**P272/77** February 1977

35pp

**Brief for the Minister for reply to the Budget debate, 1977**

File of this title containing an annotated and amended typescript text of the Minister's speech replying to the debate on the Budget 1977. Includes handwritten notes by the Minister recording the time spent on the Budget debate in each of the four years, 1973-7.

## **2.3 Taxation**

### **2.3.1 General Taxation System**

**P272/78** April-June 1973

35pp

**VAT on food: problems of operating a three rate system**

Papers relating to proposals for a change from a two rate to a three rate system of VAT as it applies to food. Includes:

- copy of a letter from J.C. Duignan, Office of the Revenue Commissioners, to C.H. Murray, Secretary, Department of Finance attaching an *aide-mémoire* on the adoption of a three-rate system of VAT on food (16 April 1973, 6pp). copy of the *aide-mémoire* (5pp);

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- copy of a Finance memorandum setting out the points for decision in relation to VAT and food to facilitate the drafting of the Finance Bill (6 June 1973, 15pp);
  - correspondence between the Ministers for Finance and Industry and Commerce concerning the need to exercise stringent control machinery in the implementation of a zero rate of VAT on food (May–June 1973, 6pp).

**P272/79** 3 May 1973

3pp

**Tax Revenue Buoyancy, 1973–4**

Note by C.H. Murray, Secretary General, Department of Finance on tax revenue buoyancy for the year 1973–4.

**P272/80** 25 September 1973

45pp

**The Irish tax system: memorandum for the information of the Government**

copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the information of the Government on the Irish tax system, outlining the main features of the system and highlighting certain key aspects.

**P272/81** October 1973–January 1974

40pp

**Measures to counteract tax avoidance**

copies of correspondence, memoranda and press releases relating to proposed restrictions on tax relief in respect of interest paid on borrowings. Includes:

- copies of two letters from J.C. Duignan, Office of the Revenue Commissioners, to C.H. Murray, Secretary, Department of Finance (10 October 1973, 6pp; 11 December 1973, 2pp) concerning ‘the desirability of imposing some restriction on the amount of relief in respect of bank interest which may be claimed by individual taxpayers in respect of non-business activities’, citing the practice of borrowing large sums to acquire tax-free capital gains while claiming tax relief in respect of interest on the sums borrowed;
- memorandum from Murray for the Minister on the Revenue concerns and possible moda for combatting evasion (3 January 1974, 6pp);
- copy of a set of notes prepared by the Revenue Commissioners in relation to questions likely to arise in respect of proposals in

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the Finance Bill, 1974 to restrict tax relief on interest paid on loans (January 1974, 4pp);

- text of a speech by the Minister for Finance opening new offices for the Northern Bank Finance Corporation during which he makes reference to tax-dodges and the introduction of restrictions on interest relief (9 January 1974, 6pp).

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February–April 1974

110pp

**Reform of the personal income tax structure**

Memoranda, briefing notes and correspondence concerning the introduction of fundamental changes to the system of personal taxation. Includes:

- copy of a secret draft Finance memorandum for the Government on reform of the personal income tax structure (February 1974, 34pp);
- copy of a revised secret draft Finance memorandum for the Government on reform of the personal income tax structure (8 February 1974, 38pp);
- copy of a briefing document on the treatment of interest and other deductible expenses under old and new personal income tax systems (not dated, 13pp);
- copy of a briefing document giving an overview of the proposed scheme, details of the costs of various reliefs, and a comparison between the British and the proposed Irish tax structures (28 February 1974, 6pp);
- letter from Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to the Minister for Finance concerning 'the proposed amendment to the Haughey tax exemption for writers and artists ... As you know I have been a beneficiary under this exemption, and would be likely to be one again if we were to return to opposition'. He advises strongly against the proposed removal of the exemption in relation to regularly recurrent feature articles as this would provoke an adverse reaction 'among a very vocal section of the community' (25 March 1974, 2pp).

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1974

54pp

**The Irish tax system: Department of Finance memorandum**

copy of a Department of Finance memorandum presenting a comprehensive overview of the taxation system; the background to EEC harmonisation; constraints on change in the system; and some prospective taxation developments.

**P272/84** October–November 1976

75pp

**Report of the Interdepartmental Working Group on replacement of road tax by increased taxation on fuel**

Draft of the report of the Interdepartmental Working Group on replacement of road tax by increased taxation on fuel (52pp) together with a copy of Finance amendments to the draft (7 October 1976, 20pp).

**P272/85** 31 December 1976

21pp

**Personal taxation: memorandum for the Government**

Minister's copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on personal taxation, outlining four possible arrangements for giving personal tax reliefs at a cost of the order of £50 million in 1977; with a summary of the present system of personal tax and social insurance payments. Marked 'Withdrawn 20/1/77'.

### **2.3.2 Taxation of Farming Incomes**

**P272/86** February 1973–August 1974, October 1976

30pp

**Irish Farmers' Association: death and estate duties**

Papers relating to communication between the Irish Farmers' Association and the Government on the question of death and estate duties on agricultural land; and alleged undertakings given, initially during the 1973 general election campaign, to replace estate duties with a wealth tax. Includes:

- copy of a letter from T.J. Maher, President, IFA, to Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave concerning 'commitments made by official representatives of the Coalition parties to IFA in the pre-election period and also to decisions adverse to agriculture taken since election, which seem to be contrary to stated Government policy and which are causing considerable concern to farmers' (24 May 1973, 2pp);
- letter from T.J. Maher to the Minister for Finance, referring to comments by the Minister in the Dáil on the release to the press of Maher's letter to the Taoiseach, denying any manipulative intent, and reiterating the IFA view on the Coalition's commitment to replace estate duties with a wealth tax (20 June 1973, 3pp); with a copy of the Minister's reply (17 July 1973, 2pp);
- copy of a supplementary submission by the IFA to the Minister

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for Finance on the taxation of farming incomes and the White Paper on capital taxation (June 1974, 6pp).

- communications between the IFA and Government concerning statements by the Minister for Finance on the distribution of income accruing from Green Pound adjustments, made in a speech in Luxembourg (October 1976, 7pp).

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**Taxation of farmers: draft memorandum for the Government**

Note from C.H. Murray to the Minister for Finance (5 April 1973, 2pp) submitting for approval a draft memorandum for the Government on the taxation of farmers. Copy of the draft memorandum (April 1973, 5pp). Further note from Murray to the Minister, referring to the draft memorandum and agreement with the Department of Agriculture that the matter should be referred to an expert group.

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**Interdepartmental Study Group on Taxation of Farming Profits: memoranda and reports**

Copies of the agreed reports of the fourth (8 October 1973, 3pp) and sixth (22 October 1973, 1p) meetings of the Interdepartmental Group. Copy of the Interdepartmental Study Group's report (February 1974, 86pp).

Minister's copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on the taxation of farming profits consisting of comment and analysis of the report of the Interdepartmental Study Group (8 March 1974, 16pp).

Copy of a secret Department of Agriculture and Fisheries memorandum for the Government commenting on the Finance memorandum (15 March 1974, 4pp).

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70pp

**Report of the Interdepartmental Study Group on Taxation of Farming profits**

Copy of the published report of the Interdepartmental Study Group on Taxation of Farming Profits (Stationery Office, Dublin, 1974). With some few annotations by RR.

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March–October 1974

45pp

**Finance Bill, 1974: taxation of farmers**

Memoranda, minutes, correspondence and handwritten notes relating to the provisions of the Finance Bill, 1974 as they relate to taxation of farm incomes. Includes:

- Finance minute for the Minister on the possibility of the introduction of an accounts basis for farmers of £100 valuation and over from 1974–5 (27 March 1974, 2pp);
- copy of the *Allied Irish Banks Review* (Summer Issue 1974, 4pp) with an article on ‘Agriculture in the Irish economy’;
- copy of a press release by the IFA containing detailed comment on the provisions of the Finance Bill affecting farmers (10 July 1974, 3pp);
- notes of a meeting between the Irish Farmers’ Association and Finance officials mainly concerned with the provisions of the Finance Bill (11 July 1974, 5pp);
- copy of an Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers’ Association press release on the Finance Bill and the taxation of farmers (13 July 1974, 2pp); together with a Finance note for the Minister on the content of the press release (23 July 1974, 2pp);
- Revenue Commissioners’ minute containing a brief outline of the system of taxation of farming profits (October 1974, 12pp).

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September 1974

25pp

**Meeting with the Irish Farmers’ Association: brief for the Minister**

Papers supplied in advance of a meeting requested by the Irish Farmers’ Association. Includes:

- copy of a letter from T.J. Maher, President, IFA, to Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave, requesting a meeting ‘to discuss the agricultural crisis which exists in this country’ (23 August 1974, 1p);
- Finance minute outlining the major issues likely to be discussed at the meeting (not dated, 2pp);
- note on the beef cattle incentive scheme (not dated, 2pp);
- copy of an amendment to the Finance Bill, 1974 tabled at Committee Stage by George Colley TD and Gerry Collins TD allowing farmers to use rates paid on farm land as a credit against income tax liability; together with an extract from the Minister’s reply refusing the amendment (July 1974, 5pp);
- note on possible Government action to deal with the fall in farm incomes (not dated, 2pp);
- notes on the current economic situation in agriculture (3pp) and on the Green Pound (3pp).

**P272/92** September, November 1976

21pp

**Agricultural Development Advisory Group Report on the Taxation of Farming Profits**

Copy of the report from the Agricultural Development Advisory Group chaired by Dr T. Walsh, on the taxation of farming profits, submitted to Mark Clinton TD, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries (September 1976, 13pp). Copy of minutes of a meeting between officials of the Department of Finance and of the Revenue Commissioners and members of the Agricultural Development Advisory Board, to discuss farmer taxation (29 November 1976, 6pp); together with a note from Pat Duffin for the Minister commenting upon the meeting (2 December 1976, 2pp).

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70pp

**Taxation of farmers' incomes: Minister's file**

File of papers marked 'Farming Taxation' and 'Retain Minister's Office' containing reference material on the question of taxation of farming profits. Includes:

- extract from the Minister's Budget speech (6pp);
- extract on the taxation of farm income (2pp) from a briefing document on the principal features of the Budget;
- note on the main changes in the Budget 1977 affecting the taxation of farm incomes (3pp);
- note on the changes in Budget 1977 affecting the income taxation of part-time farmers (1p);
- copy of that part of the brief for the Minister for Finance's reply to the Budget Debate dealing with changes to farming taxation (6pp);
- copy of an extract from the Minister's reply to the Budget Debate dealing with changes to farming taxation (2pp);
- text of a statement by Seamus Sheehy, agricultural economist, UCD, during a debate at University College Cork on farmer taxation (2pp);
- copy of a general submission on taxation of farm incomes from Pat Duffin, Department of Finance, with related papers (25pp);
- copy of a submission from Pat Duffin, Department of Finance, on the due date for the payment of farm tax (5pp);
- copy of a letter from Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave to the Minister for Finance (11 February 1977, 1p) dealing with the changes in the taxation of farm income introduced in Budget 1977;
- copies of various letters and submissions relating to farm taxation received by the Minister for Finance since the Budget (15pp).

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October 1976–March 1977

75pp

**Taxation of farmers' incomes: notes for the Minister for Finance**

Series of notes from Finance officials, mainly from Mr P.B. [Pat] Duffin on aspects of taxation of farming income. Includes:

- note from Mr Duffin for the Minister for Finance in advance of a meeting with farming organisations on 28 October 1976 to discuss means of spreading gains from the devaluation of the Green Pound, and the National Economic and Social Council report on the taxation of farm incomes (27 October 1976, 3pp); with a copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the NESC report (October 1976, 21pp).
- note from Mr Duffin for the Secretary, Department of Finance, commenting upon proposals from the Department of Agriculture for a scheme of farm taxation at variance with 'the type of income tax scheme recommended by NESC and favoured by this Department' (8 December 1976, 5pp); together with a copy of the Department of Agriculture proposals (6 December 1976, 2pp);
- note from Mr Duffin for the Minister on progress on the drafting of a memorandum for the Government proposing the adoption of a phasing-in scheme for taxation of farm incomes (21 December 1976, 3pp) with a further note responding to queries from the Minister (6 January 1977, 2pp);
- note from Mr Duffin for the Minister seeking clarification of issues raised by the Revenue Commissioners in relation to provisions of the Finance Bill, 1977 affecting farming profits (2 March 1977, 2pp); together with an internal Finance note on the issues (25 February 1977, 7pp) and a copy of the Revenue queries (11 February 1977, 5pp);
- note from Mr Duffin for the Minister (7 March 1977, 1p) attaching copies of notes and correspondence relating mainly to farmers' objections to the proposed scheme of taxation (20pp).

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28 October 1976

3pp

**Recent developments in agricultural incomes**

Copy of a Department of Finance note on recent trends in incomes, both agricultural and non-agricultural, and medium-term projections to 1980.

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November–December 1976

20pp

**Farm incomes: monetary compensation amounts**

Finance note for the Minister on discussion with EEC officials on the subject of payment of monetary compensation amounts to Irish farmers (10 December 1976, 1p); with a report of a meeting on the subject between EEC Commission representatives and officials of the Departments of Finance, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Industry and Commerce, in Government Buildings on 9 November 1976 (3pp); and a copy of a letter and enclosures from the Minister for Finance to the Taoiseach on the possibility of a revaluation of the Green Pound and its effect on monetary compensation charges on Irish agricultural exports (25 November 1976, 4pp). Includes a series of undated notes on aspects of monetary compensation amounts:

- monetary compensation amounts and the representative exchange rate for Common Agriculture Policy purposes (4pp);
- origin and financing of the EEC system of monetary compensation amounts (3pp);
- impact of monetary compensation amounts for Ireland (3pp);
- options for Ireland in putting a case to the Community for dealing with the MCA problem (5pp).

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**Farmers and personal taxation: memoranda and reports**

File containing reference copies of core documents relating to the question of taxation of farm incomes. Includes a list of the documents (1p), though not all on the list are present on the file; and a handwritten list of Department of Finance officials (1p) with responsibilities in the farming sector.

Includes:

- note on the rates and tax burden on farmers as a percentage of total income for the years 1970–5 in comparison to other businesses (1p);
- report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group arising from the Government decision of 1 October 1976 on changes in the Green Pound. Consists of notes on a land tax, on levies on agricultural products, and on VAT and farmers' purchases (10pp); together with a draft Finance memorandum for the Government on the report (21 October 1976, 2pp); and a summary of the report (13pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the review of the agricultural grant (23 November 1976, 2pp);
- copy of a draft of a secret Finance memorandum for the information of the Government on the report of the National Economic and Social Council on the taxation of farming profits. Marked 'Withdrawn' (7 December 1976, 26pp);

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- copy of secret notes prepared by the Minister for Finance on the options affecting farmers' incomes and taxation. Marked 'Withdrawn' (7 December 1976, 26pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the information of the Government on personal taxation, outlining possible arrangements for giving personal tax reliefs (31 December 1976, 20pp);
- note for the Minister from Pat Duffin on land tax (23 December 1976, 4pp);
- progress report from Pat Duffin on the work of the Interdepartmental Working Party examining the feasibility of a tax on agricultural produce (24 December 1976, 12pp);
- copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on taxation of the agricultural sector (5 January 1977, 6pp) with a secret note on projected yields arising from the proposed scheme (11 January 1977, 3pp);
- copy of supplementary notes on the secret Finance memorandum for the Government on taxation of the agricultural sector (6 January 1977, 4pp).

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7 January 1977

3pp

**Taxation of farming incomes: note from the Secretary of the Department of Finance**

Copy of a note from C.H. Murray, Secretary, Department of Finance considering the various mechanisms available to levy £50 million from the farming community in 1977, through the elimination of services and grants, a land tax, a levy on agricultural produce, and income tax; the levy occasioned by the devaluation of the Green Pound to take effect from 17 January 1977.

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7 March 1977

4pp

**Taxation of farming profits: note for the Minister for Finance**

Copy of a Finance note for the Minister on the taxation of farming profits, examining the scheme announced for 1977-8 and how the objections of the farming organisations to aspects of the scheme might be met.

**P272/100** March 1977

25pp

**Meeting with the Irish Farmers' Association and the Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers' Association, 7 March 1977: related papers**

Papers consisting mainly of a brief prepared for the Minister for Finance in advance of his meeting with representatives of the Irish Farmers' Association and the Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers' Association on 7 March 1977, consisting mainly of notes prepared in the Department of Finance on changes in farming tax outlined in the Financial Statement, the tax position of part-time farmers, as well as various questions raised by farming interests and representatives (15pp); together with a copy of a memorandum on farmers' taxation (10pp) received from both organisations in advance of the meeting. Also includes a report of a previous pre-Budget meeting between the Ministers for Finance and Agriculture and Fisheries and representatives of the two organisations on 19 January 1977 (8pp) and a copy of a Finance note on the taxation policy of the farming organisations (March 1977, 5pp).

### **2.3.3 Wealth and Capital Taxation**

**P272/101** [October 1972], October 1973

2 items

**Capital Taxation: notes and memoranda**

Copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the question of introducing a gift tax (October 1972, 7pp) annotated by C.H. Murray: 'Minister, You may wish to see this document (which was NOT circulated to the previous Govt.) in the context of the present Govt's proposals in regard to capital taxes'.

Copy of a Finance memorandum on reform of the capital taxation system (17 October 1973, 5pp).

**P272/102** [November 1972], January 1974

28pp

**Capital Taxation: views of the Central Bank**

Note from C.H. Murray to the Minister for Finance (23 January 1974, 1p) enclosing a letter from T.K. Whitaker, Governor of the Central Bank, expressing his views on the impetus a combination of a wealth tax, a capital gains tax and gifts duty would give to the export of capital and savings (21 January 1974, 2pp); together with copies of an earlier letter from Whitaker (17 November 1972, 2pp) and a 'comprehensive' memorandum enclosed with it,

**P272/102** 'Central Bank of Ireland: taxation of wealth with particular reference to the question of introducing a gift duty in Ireland' (23pp) containing the Bank's views on the further taxation of capital.

**P272/103** February–December 1973

275pp

**Capital Taxation: briefing documents and records of meetings**

File of briefing documents prepared mostly for meetings of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation; together with minutes of meetings of the Sub-Committee. Includes:

- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on options in the field of capital taxation (27 April 1973, 21pp);
- note of a meeting on capital taxation held to consider the options outlined in the Finance memorandum, attended by the Ministers for Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Transport and Power, and officials of the Revenue Commissioners, the Valuation Office and the Department of Finance (18 June 1973, 2pp);
- copy of a memorandum from the Minister for Foreign Affairs on estate duties, submitted by the Minister at the meeting on 18 June 1973 (6pp);
- brief for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation on 17 July 1973 (15pp); together with a note of the meeting (3pp);
- brief for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation on 17 September 1973 (23pp); together with a note of the meeting (6pp);
- brief for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation on 1 November 1973 (37pp); together with a note of the meeting (5pp);
- brief for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation on 12 November 1973 (52pp); together with a note of the meeting (7pp);
- copy of a note on comparisons between yields of estate duty and capital tax circulated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs at the meeting on 12 November 1973 (5pp);
- brief for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation on 22 November 1973 (30pp); together with a note of the meeting (4pp);
- brief for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation on 30 November 1973 (14pp); together with a note of the meeting (6pp);
- brief for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Wealth Taxation on 20 December 1973 (26pp); together with a note of the meeting (5pp).

**P272/104** 23 January 1974

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**White Paper on Capital Taxation: draft**

Letter from C.H. Murray, Secretary, Department of Finance, to the Minister (23 January 1973, 2pp) with specific questions in relation to the draft White Paper on capital taxation and enclosing a list of amendments following the meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Capital Taxation on 21 January 1974 (3pp) and a further draft of the White Paper (71pp).

**P272/105** 15 January 1974

68pp

**White Paper on Capital Taxation: draft**

Note from C. Murphy for the Minister for Finance (15 January 1974, 1p) enclosing a draft of the White Paper on capital taxation incorporating the Minister's amendments, issued to the members of the Cabinet Sub-Committee and the Taoiseach (67pp).

**P272/106** January–May 1974

75pp

**White Paper on Capital Taxation: representations received**

Papers relating to representations received on capital taxation proposals and the White Paper. Includes:

- copy of a report of a meeting in the Department of Finance, 19 April 1974, between officials of the Department and the Revenue Commissioners, to consider representations received (6pp);
- copy of a Department of Finance survey of representations received on the White Paper (30 April 1974, 11pp);
- copy of a Confederation of Irish Industry *Newsletter* dealing exclusively with the White Paper on Capital Taxation (7 May 1974, 8pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the representations received on the White Paper and the main issues thrown up for consideration (10 May 1974, 9pp);
- copy of the submission by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce on the White paper (not dated, 18pp);
- copies of three personal letters from John Grattan Esmond SC TD to An Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave concerning the views within the Fine Gael Party and in his constituency on the wealth tax proposals (January–May 1974, 11pp).

**P272/107** 7 February 1974

6pp

**White Paper on Capital Taxation: Department of the Taoiseach memorandum**

Copy of a Department of the Taoiseach memorandum [by Dermot Nally] for the Taoiseach, commenting in detail on the Minister for Finance's memorandum on the White Paper of 4 February 1974, dealing with the introduction of three additional taxes, a capital gains tax, an annual wealth tax and a capital acquisitions tax; and containing an unfavourable analysis of each.

**P272/108** February 1974

34pp

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on Capital Taxation: notes and minutes**

Copy of a Finance memorandum on capital acquisitions tax (8 February 1974, 9pp) with an extract from the Draft White Paper on Capital Taxation containing the outline scheme of the tax (11pp).

Copy of a Finance memorandum for the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the implementation of the proposed changes in capital taxation, annotated by C.H. Murray that he would like to discuss this with the Minister (8 February 1974, 7pp).

Copy of a record of points agreed at a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee, 13 February 1974 (20 February 1974, 3pp).

Note of a meeting between the Minister and two Finance officials to discuss comments on the White Paper at the Cabinet meeting the previous evening (14 February 1974, 4pp).

**P272/109** February 1974

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**White Paper on Capital Taxation**

Copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government, 'White Paper on Capital Taxation – the main issues' (4 February 1974, 28pp).

Typescript text of the White Paper on Capital Taxation (February 1974, 84pp).

*White Paper on Capital Taxation.* Laid by the Minister for Finance before each House of the Oireachtas, 28 February 1974 (66pp).

Text of a press release on the White Paper on Capital Taxation (27 February 1974, 6pp).

**P272/110** April 1974

60pp

**Wealth and Capital Gains Tax: Revenue Commissioners' memoranda and notes**

Copy for the Minister for Finance of a Revenue Commissioners' memorandum to the Secretary of the Department of Finance, on various matters on wealth and capital gains tax, arising out of discussions at Government Buildings (29 April 1974, 17pp); together with a series of notes prepared in the Estate Duty Office on related subjects such as the value of furniture and other chattels, the valuation of non-quoted securities, the acceptance of property in payment of tax, quick succession relief, and gifts and legacies (43pp).

**P272/111** April 1974

7pp

**White Paper on Capital Taxation: adjustments in higher rates of income tax**

Note from C.H. Murray for the Minister (24 April 1974, 1p) enclosing a note on envisaged adjustments in the higher rate of income tax subsequent to the introduction of an annual wealth tax (not dated, 6pp).

**P272/112** June 1974

18pp

**Capital Taxation: notes for the Minister**

Letter from C.H. Murray, Secretary, Department of Finance, to the Minister (10 June 1974, 1p) attaching notes dealing with three of the outstanding issues in relation to capital taxation: the treatment of productive assets, the imposition of a ceiling on the total tax liability, and issues arising from some specific exemptions (13pp).

Letter from M.J. Forbes, Office of the Revenue Commissioners, to T. Stacey, Department of Finance (4 June 1974, 1p) attaching notes on the proposed ceiling on the combined rates of income tax and wealth tax and on the treatment of productive assets (3pp)

**P272/113** June–July 1974

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**Cabinet Sub-Committee on Capital Taxation**

Briefing documents circulated by the Minister for Finance to members of the Cabinet Sub-Committee for consideration at their meeting on 24 July 1974. Also includes a copy of the submission by the Industrial Development Authority on the proposed system of capital taxation (10 June 1974, 16pp).

**P272/114** June–September 1974

50pp

**Wealth and Capital Gains and Acquisitions Taxes, 1974: memoranda and notes**

Minister for Finance's copies of memoranda and notes on aspects of the proposed wealth and capital gains and acquisitions taxes. Includes:

- notes on the treatment of productive assets in the context of an annual wealth tax (June, September 1974 1974, 18pp);
- note on the difficulty of dealing with trusts and settlements in relation to a capital acquisitions tax and an annual wealth tax (June 1974, 7pp);
- note on the treatment of timber for capital acquisition and wealth tax purposes (June 1974, 2pp);
- note on the extension of 'most favoured donee' category in the context of capital acquisitions tax (June 1974, 9pp);
- note on the treatment of foreign companies holding Irish assets (June 1974, 4pp);
- note on allowance for inflation in computing capital gains tax (June 1974, 2pp);
- note on the treatment of foreign companies for wealth tax purposes (July 1974, 2pp).

**P272/115** May 1975

210pp

**Capital Acquisitions Tax Bill, 1975: Committee Stage**

Minister for Finance's copy of revised Committee Stage notes of the Capital Acquisitions Tax Bill, 1975.

- P272/116** June 1975  
125pp  
**Wealth Tax Bill, 1975: briefs on Committee Stage amendments**  
File of briefs for the Minister for Finance on amendments to be taken at Committee Stage of the Wealth Tax Bill, 1975. File cover variously marked 'original' and 'spare copy'.
- P272/117** June 1975  
118pp  
**Wealth Tax Bill, 1975: notes**  
Minister for Finance's copy of notes for the Committee Stage of the Wealth Tax Bill, 1975 with some handwritten amendments and marginalia. Marked 'office copy'.
- P272/118** July 1975  
5pp  
**Capital Gains Tax Bill, 1974: recommendations made by the Seanad**  
Papers relating to recommendation on the Bill coming from the Seanad, including notes for the Minister for Finance on the two recommendations.
- P272/119** 1975  
250pp  
**Capital Gains Tax Bill, 1974: Committee Stage notes**  
Minister for Finance set of notes for the Committee Stage of the Capital Gains Tax Bill, 1974, as amended by Dáil Éireann.

## 2.4 Natural Resources

### 2.4.1 Mining

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#### **Tax relief for mining activity**

Memoranda and other papers relating to proposals to withdraw the twenty year tax exemption applicable to the mining of non-bedded materials including:

- page from Dáil Debates containing that section of the Financial Statement by Minister for Finance Charles J. Haughey TD in April 1967 dealing with reliefs on mining activity and extending by ten years the period within which the working of the mine must have commenced;
- copy of a secret Department of Industry and Commerce note on the Navan lead/zinc ore body lease application by Tara Exploration and Development Company (13 April 1973, 4pp);
- copy of a draft Industry and Commerce memorandum for the Government on the proposed withdrawal of the mining tax exemption (July 1973, 15pp);
- Department of Finance minute for the Minister (14 September 1973, 1p) setting out the Minister for Industry and Commerce's proposals to replace the present scheme of incentives for mining activity with one comparable to schemes in operation in other countries;
- note by C.H. M[urray] for the Minister, commenting on the Industry and Commerce memorandum for the Government (September 1973, 2pp);
- copy of a Finance note on mining companies with interests in Ireland (11 October 1973, 5pp);
- unidentified memorandum on the proposed scheme of tax allowances for capital expenditure incurred in relation to the mining of non-bedded minerals (19 October 1973, 4pp).

**P272/121** October 1973

7pp

#### **Directors of mining companies**

Notes for the attention of the Minister for Finance of the directors of various mining companies, together with an indication of other directorships held by them.

**P272/122** October 1973–January 1974

40pp

**Representations from the mining industry: briefing notes**

Briefing notes consist mainly of a summary of the main points raised in the submissions received from mining interests in relation to Government proposals for legislation on mining (25pp); together with a statement of the proposed scheme of tax allowances (19 October 1973, 5pp)

**P272/123** 16 November 1973

55pp

**Taxation of the mining industry: submission by the Confederation of Irish Industry**

copy of the submission from the Confederation of Irish Industry and the Irish Mining Industry Association to the Minister for Finance on Government proposals on the taxation of the mining industry.

**P272/124** January 1974

35pp

**Taxation of the mining industry: briefing material for the Minister for Finance**

Briefing materials prepared in the Department of Finance in advance of a meeting between the Minister and representatives of certain mining companies. Consists of notes on the question of a contractual obligation existing with Avoca Mines Ltd. (9pp); commencement of the income tax charge on mining companies (1p); and the number of prospecting licences issued before and after the introduction of the twenty year exemption (2pp).

Includes copies of correspondence with and submissions from the mining industry interests and their legal representatives, principally D.J. Fay, Fay McMahon & Company, Chartered Accountants, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2; Richard W. Schultz, Consulting Mining Geologist, Zion Road, Glenageary, County Dublin; and Glencar Explorations Ltd., Exchequer Street, Dublin 2 (October–December 1973, 30pp).

**P272/125** March 1974

47pp

**Finance (Taxation of Profits of Certain Mines) Bill, 1974**

Copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on the Finance (Taxation of Profits of Certain Mines) Bill, 1974 (27 March 1974, 8pp); together with a copy of the text of the Bill as approved by the Government at its meeting on 27 March 1974.

**P272/126** 4 April 1975

17pp

**Development of Navan Minerals: memorandum for the Government**

copy of an Industry and Commerce memorandum for the information of the Government on the development of the State-owned mineral deposits at Navan, County Meath.

## **2.4.2 Oil Exploration**

**P272/127** December 1973–April 1974

75pp

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on Energy: minutes, memoranda and related papers**

File of papers labelled 'For Minister's cabinet', mainly relating to the work of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Energy. Includes:

- list of questions from the Minister relating to the cost of oil imports, with answers supplied by Finance officials (December 1973, 5pp);
- copy of confidential minutes of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Energy meeting on 10 January 1974 (5pp);
- copy of the minutes of the first meeting of the Consultative Committee on Energy and the Economy on 16 January 1974 (4pp) together with a note by the Operations Research Unit of the Department of the Public Service on an ORU study related to the formulation of a national energy policy (23 January 1974, 2pp);
- copy of a report from the Consultative Committee on Energy and the Economy to the Cabinet Sub-committee on Energy on oil supplies and prices in 1974 (8 March 1974, 18pp);
- copy of the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Consultative Committee on Energy and the Economy on 4 March 1974 (2pp);
- agenda for a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Energy on 17 April 1974 (1p) with a copy of an EEC report for consideration at the meeting, 'Towards a new energy policy

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strategy for the European Community' (April 1974, 28pp).

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**Offshore petroleum development: memoranda and other papers**

Memoranda and related papers mainly concerning the terms under which licences for offshore petroleum development might be granted. Includes:

- Finance note entitled 'Outline of financial model prepared in the Department of Finance for analysing the financial effects of licencing provisions for offshore petroleum exploration and development, and taxation' (January 1975, 5pp);
- memorandum for the Minister for Finance on the regime to apply to offshore petroleum development with particular reference to taxation and State participation (February 1975, 25pp). Copy of a letter from the Minister for Finance to Justin Keating TD, Minister for Industry and Commerce (26 February 1975, 1p), enclosing a summary (4pp) and a copy of the Finance memorandum;
- text of the opening remarks by Dr T.K. Whitaker, Governor of the Central Bank, at an Institution of Engineers of Ireland seminar on 'Irish offshore oil and gas – from discovery to development' (20 March 1975, 8pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum, 'Views of the Minister for Finance on the regime (including taxation) to apply to first round of exclusive offshore petroleum licences' (April 1975, 20pp).

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**Offshore petroleum exploration**

Papers relating to the consideration by the Government of the question of the granting of licences for offshore petroleum exploration. Includes:

- copy of a Department of Finance memorandum for the Government on the regime (including taxation) to apply to the first round of exclusive offshore petroleum exploration licences (8 April 1975, 21pp);
- copy of a Department of Industry and Commerce memorandum for the Government on the granting of exclusive licences for offshore petroleum exploration, covering both the exploration phase and any subsequent commercial development phase (9 April 1975, 117pp);
- note from N. Whelan, Department of the Public Service concerning any implications for his Department in the Industry

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and Commerce memorandum (8 April 1975, 1p) and enclosing copies of earlier related papers concerning the organisational arrangements that should exist for state participation in offshore petroleum exploration (8pp);

- Finance notes for the Minister in advance of a meeting of the Government on petroleum exploration and development in the Irish continental shelf area and legal questions relating to the issue of exclusive petroleum exploration licences (21 April 1975, 5pp).

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90pp

**Non-tax aspects of offshore oil exploration: brief for the Minister for Finance**

Brief compiled for the convenience of the Minister for Finance concerning all non-taxation aspects of offshore oil exploration.

Includes:

- copies of Department of Finance notes on draft licencing terms and on the provisions of the agreement on State participation (2 April 1975, 9pp);
- copy of the Industry and Commerce draft conditions to apply to the granting of licences (March 1975, 75pp);
- copy of the Industry and Commerce summary of the principal provisions of the agreement on State participation (March 1975, 5pp).

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February, May 1977

12pp

**Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Ireland and Britain – dispute settlement procedure**

Papers relating to attempts to agree procedures for the settlement of the dispute between Ireland and Britain on the location of the boundary line between their respective parts of the Continental Shelf. Includes:

- note for the Minister for Finance concerning moves by the British to allocate blocks of the Continental Shelf under exclusive licences for offshore exploration for oil, two of the blocks falling within the disputed area (1 February 1977, 2pp);
- copy of an Industry and Commerce memorandum for the Government on the dispute with Britain in regard to the delimitation of Continental Shelf areas (1 February 1977, 4pp);
- copy of a Foreign Affairs memorandum for the Government on possible settlement procedures in the dispute between Ireland and Britain on the Continental Shelf (9 May 1977, 3pp); together with a note marked urgent for the Minister for Finance from Mr Curran on the Foreign Affairs memorandum which has

been withdrawn (9 May 1977, 2pp).

## **2.5 Banking and Exchange Rates**

### **2.5.1 The Central Bank and Lending Rates**

February 1969–November 1973

45pp

#### **The Central Bank**

Documents relating to the relationship between the Central Bank and the Government; and to the Central Bank's decisions in March and November 1973 to increase interest rates. Some documents predate RR's appointment as Minister and are presumably included for information. Includes:

- copy of a letter from T.K. Whitaker, outgoing Secretary to the Department of Finance, to [C.J. Haughey] Minister for Finance (12 February 1969, 3pp), written immediately before taking up the position of Director of the Central Bank and positing a new relationship between the Bank, the Department of Finance and the Government involving greater communication and policy integration;
- copy of a confidential minute by T.K. Whitaker, Governor of the Central Bank, on responsibility for credit policy, consisting of a report of a meeting on the subject between himself, C.J. Haughey, Minister for Finance, and C.H. Murray, Secretary of the Department of Finance (22 January 1970, 4pp);
- copy of a report from the Governor, circulated to Directors of the Central Bank, on an interview with George Colley TD, Minister for Finance, on bank interest rates (15 September 1972, 5pp);
- copy of a confidential letter from the Governor to George Colley TD, Minister for Finance, conveying his thoughts on economic, fiscal and monetary policy for the following year (22 January 1973, 5pp) mainly relating to the high rate of incomes and prices inflation in Ireland;
- copy of a Central Bank note on interest rate developments and proposed changes in associated banks' interest rates, circulated to Directors of the Central Bank (14 March 1973, 9pp);
- copies of letters from the Director of the Central Bank to C.H. Murray, Secretary, Department of Finance (15 March 1973, 1p), and the Chairman of the Irish Banks' Standing Committee (15 March 1973, 1p) concerning the Central Bank's decision to raise interest rates;
- copy of the Central Bank *Autumn Bulletin* consisting of a review of monetary policy (11 October 1973, 10pp);
- letter from the Director of the Central Bank to the Secretary of the Department of Finance (27 November 1973, 2pp) concerning associated banks' interest rates and elaborating the Central Bank's thinking on the recent application of the

- P272/132** associated banks for a rate rise. Marked 'Minister to see';
- copy of a Central Bank press release on increases in associated banks' interest rates (29 November 1973, 3pp).

**P272/133** [November 1974], February 1975

20pp

**Increase in the Exchequer lending rate**

Press release and copies of departmental correspondence concerning the decision to raise the rate on loans from the Exchequer to 10¾%; together with papers relating to possible effects on lending for house purchase.

**2.5.2 The Exchange Rate System**

**P272/134** March–April 1975

35pp

**Exchange rate regime: relationship with sterling**

Papers relating to the one-to-one relationship between the Irish pound and sterling. Includes:

- 'Summary note for Minister for radio interview' recommending the Minister avoid giving any impression that an early change of the one-to-one relationship with sterling is envisaged (not dated, 1p);
- copy of a Seanad Éireann notice of motion calling for the appointment of a Select Committee of the Seanad to examine the implications of varying the parity exchange rate between the Irish pound and sterling (24 March 1975, 1p);
- copy of the text of the address by the Minister for Finance to Tuairim, Cork on 'The Sterling Link', 8 March 1974 (10pp);
- copies of pages from the *Report of the Banking Commission 1938* mainly dealing with the link with sterling. Annotated. (20pp).

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**Monetary integration: the Irish experience**

Letter from T.K. Whitaker, Central Bank of Ireland to C.H. Murray, Department of Finance (19 September 1973, 1p) enclosing copies of his paper on 'Monetary integration: reflections on Irish experience' (21pp) marked by Murray for the Minister's attention.

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October–November 1976

100pp

**Irish exchange rate system: notes, briefs and memoranda**

Various memoranda, reports, notes and briefs on the Irish exchange rate system and the link with sterling. Includes:

- notes for a brief requested by the Taoiseach on the deterioration of the pound sterling; its effect on trade with the United Kingdom; the impact of any change on growth and employment; the choice of a break-off point beyond which the Irish pound would no longer be permitted to float; the comparative position of the British and Irish economies; and other relevant issues (October 1976, 40pp);
- copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on the Irish exchange rate system (November 1976, 13pp);
- copy of a secret *aide-mémoire* on the exchange rate of the Irish pound, circulated by the Minister for Finance at a meeting of Government (12 November 1976, 3pp);
- copy of a secret Foreign Affairs memorandum for the Government on economic strategy and budgetary policy for 1977 (12 November 1976, 13pp);
- copy of a Central Bank of Ireland outline of a paper on the exchange rate (November 1976, 9pp); a synopsis of some papers in course of preparation in the Central Bank (November 1976, 9pp); and a copy of a paper on 'The choice of an exchange-rate regime for Ireland' (21 October 1976, 30pp).

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November–December 1976

175pp

**The Irish exchange rate system**

Memoranda and correspondence concerning possible changes in the present exchange rate regime operating in Ireland.

Includes:

- letter from C.H. Murray, Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland, to the Minister for Finance (25 November 1976, 2pp) referring to previous correspondence and discussions and enclosing a Central Bank memorandum on 'The Irish exchange rate system: a statement of options' (November 1976, 58pp);
- Minister for Finance's copy of a secret Finance memorandum for the Government on the Irish exchange rate system, examining the exchange rate options available, particularly in light of a substantial depreciation of sterling in 1976 (26 November 1976, 11pp); together with a copy of an earlier Finance memorandum on the same subject (21 January 1976, 14pp);
- notes for the Minister for Finance of meetings with senior officers of the Department of Finance, and subsequently with the Governor and Secretary of the Central Bank, to discuss budgetary economic conditions and the exchange rate regime (2

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December 1976, 10pp);

- copy of a Central Bank paper entitled 'The choice of an exchange rate regime for Ireland' (30 November 1976, 45pp);
- copy of a Central Bank provisional contingency plan to deal with a changeover to a zero effective exchange rate system (December 1976, 24pp).

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3pp

**Exchange rate regime: parity with sterling**

Copy of a note from the Secretary, Department of Finance, for the Minister, arising from an article in the *Irish Times* by Paul Tansey, economics correspondent, that the Fianna Fáil election package could jeopardise Ireland's ability to sever the link with sterling. The Secretary's note indicates that the article conveys 'an unduly strong impression of intention to alter the parity with sterling this autumn' and considers factors constraining Ireland's ability to sustain a change in parity.

**2.5.3 Bank Disputes, 1973, 76**

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[1971]; April–July 1973

120pp

**Bank dispute, 1973**

Correspondence, reports, memoranda and other papers relating to the dispute with members of the Irish Bank Officials' Association arising from salary claims in breach of the National Agreement of the Employer-Labour Conference; with some earlier reference material. Includes:

- extract from the report by Professor Michael P. Fogarty, *Report of the Banking Enquiry* (May 1971, 3pp);
- copy of the Central Bank of Ireland *Survey of economic effects of bank dispute 1970* (not dated, 54pp);
- copy of a Labour Court report to the Minister for Labour, under section 24 of the Industrial Relations Act 1946, concerning a proposed agreement covering employees of the commercial banks (16 April 1973, 15pp);
- copies of reports prepared in the Department of Labour on meetings between the Minister for Labour, officials of the Departments of Labour and the Public Service, and representatives of management of the commercial banks (23 May 1973, 5pp), and of the IBOA (1 June 1973, 4pp);
- report of a meeting between officials of the Departments of Finance and Posts and Telegraphs, and of the Central Bank to review steps taken during the 1970 bank strike to ensure

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adequate supplies of currency and provide facilities for cash transfers and payments, and to consider how these could be re-activated at short notice (20 June 1973, 7pp);

- minute from C.H. Murray, Secretary, department of Finance to the Minister on whether legislation should be enacted to deal with a possible conflict between a pay settlement for bank employees and National Pay Agreements (8 June 1973, 4pp);
- copy of a Department of Labour memorandum for the Government on 'Breaches of the National Pay Agreements in the Banks: Legislation' (29 June 1973, 13pp);
- copy of the Regulation of Banks (Remuneration and Conditions of Employment) (Temporary Provisions) Bill, 1973 (10pp);
- copy of a Department of Finance memorandum for the Government on a 'Draft Scheme of a Bill to control Bank Charges' (2 July 1973, 7pp);
- copy of a letter from Noel P. Henry, a bank official in Drumshanbo, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim to Joseph McLaughlin, TD for the area: 'As Bank Officials, we have never entered Public Politics, but should this dreadful decision by the Government go through, of interfering into a private wage agreement, make no mistake that many Bank Officials will have a big say in dethroning the present Government' (9 July 1973, 1p).

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250pp

### **Bank dispute, 1976**

Correspondence, reports, memoranda and other papers relating to the dispute with members of the Irish Bank Officials' Association arising from salary claims in breach of the National Agreement of the Employer-Labour Conference.

Includes:

- text of an address by the Minister for Finance to the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency Executive on the Government's decision to introduce legislation regulating the remuneration of bank employees (17 June 1976, 3pp);
- text of the Regulation of Banks (Remuneration and Conditions of Employment) (Temporary Provisions) Bill, 1976 (6pp);
- Department of Finance minute on 'The problem of security in bank strike situation' (21 June 1976, 2pp);
- copy of the Banks' Joint Industrial Council proposed settlement terms (26 June 1976, 6pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Minister for Labour on the proposed settlement terms (29 June 1976, 3pp);
- copy of a minute from W.P. Smith, Department of the Public Service, to the Minister enclosing a questionnaire to be sent to the management of the banks on the proposed settlement terms (30 June 1976, 5pp);
- Department of Finance and Department of the Public Service

- joint minute on points for discussion arising from the reply by the Irish Banks' Staff Relations Committee (July 1976, 4pp);
- copies of minutes of meetings between the Minister for Labour and the Irish Bank Officials' Association (20 July 1976, 4pp; 21 July 1976, 2pp);
  - copy of a letter from Michael O'Leary, Minister for Labour to J.M. Stott, General Secretary, IBOA, putting forward proposals as the basis for a return to work and initiating discussions on procedures within which future negotiations between the banks and the IBOA would take place (21 July 1976, 1p);
  - copy of a letter from Maurice A. Cosgrave [commissioned by the Government to conduct an enquiry into the bank dispute], Dollymount Grove, Dublin 3, to Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave (3 August 1976, 2pp) attaching a file of documents 'which are the Banks' response to searching and extensive questioning by me [which] are submitted for the confidential consideration of the Government'. The file consists mainly of statistical, tabular and financial material relating to the operation of the banks and the cost of implementing the proposed settlement terms (90pp);
  - copy of a letter from Maurice A. Cosgrave to Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave (3 August 1976, 2pp) attaching his report entitled 'Assessment of the settlement terms proposed by the banks' Joint Industrial Council: Assessor's report to Government (3 August 1976, 110pp);
  - Department of the Public Service minute for the Minister on the pay offer put to the IBOA by the Minister for Labour (9 August 1976, 1p);
  - copy of a letter from the Minister for Finance to the Minister for Labour, recording his 'emphatic protest at the unethical breach by you of your undertaking to require the Banks and the Bank Officials to set up machinery to ensure that real improvements in productivity would be achieved ... That you should have acted as you did without obtaining my consent although you knew I was available for further consultation is to say the least, deplorable' (10 August 1976, 1p).

## **2.6 National Wage Issues**

### **2.6.1 National Pay Negotiations**

**P272/141** March–December 1973

32pp

#### **National Pay Negotiations, 1973**

Correspondence, minutes and memoranda relating to negotiations towards a National Pay Agreement. Includes:

- Department of Finance *aide-mémoire* for the Ministers for Finance, Labour, and Industry and Commerce on future incomes policy prepared by C.H. Murray and annotated by Murray: Minister. This was prepared by me months ago.

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- C.H.M. 16/3' (9pp);
- 2 copies with different annotations of a Department of the Public Service note on the cost of and the terminal date for implementation of equal pay (2 November 1973, 2pp each);
  - Department of Finance *aide-mémoire* on future possible incomes policy measures (16 November 1973, 9pp);
  - Letter from T.K. Whitaker, Governor, Central Bank, to C.H. Murray proposing statutory regulation of incomes, in light of severe economic conditions 'of the same kind (though, hopefully, not of the same severity or duration) as that of the 1940's' (5 December 1973, 2pp);
  - copy of a Finance memorandum on 'National Pay Negotiations. Position as at 6 December 1973' (4pp);
  - Finance minute for the Minister on the implications of the equal pay element of any new national pay agreement (12 December 1973, 2pp);
  - Finance note of the terms of a new national agreement reached by the Working Party for recommendation to their respective executives (13 December 1973, 2pp);
  - letter from Donal McAleese, Irish Intercontinental Bank, Merrion Square, Dublin to RR concerning the equal pay element of the draft national pay agreement and the E.E.C deadline of 1975 for the implementation of the equal pay obligation (13 December 1973, 1p);
  - letter from T.K. Whitaker, Central Bank, to RR describing the reported wage increases under the new agreement as 'a prescription for galloping inflation' (15 December 1973, 2pp).

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**National Pay Negotiations, 1975**

Correspondence between the Minister for Finance and employers' and workers' representative groups; and between the Minister and the Employer-Labour Conference; and minutes and memoranda relating to negotiations towards a re-negotiation of the National Pay Agreement with particular reference to special claims. Includes:

- copy of a memorandum from the Tánaiste, Brendan Corish TD, Minister for Health and Minister for Social Welfare on 'Policy proposals to deal with inflation and unemployment' (12 June 1975, 41pp);
- copy of a draft Finance memorandum for the Government on contingency measures to restrain prices and incomes (July 1975, 8pp);
- copy of a Department of Finance note on options in relation to incomes policy (July 1975, 4pp);
- copy of Adjudication Report No 8, an investigation by the Adjudication Committee of the Employer-Labour Conference of a complaint by the Public Services Committee of ICTU that a statement by the Minister for Finance to the Dáil and

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subsequent actions were in breach of the Employer-Trade Union National Agreement, 1975 (28 July 1975, 8pp);

- copy of a Department of Labour memorandum for the Government on reaction to the Government's economic package among trade unions and employers (1 August 1975, 2pp);
- copy of a private and confidential report to the Minister for Finance from the employer side of the Employer-Labour Conference on the plenary session of the Conference on 6 August 1975 (7 August 1975, 4pp);
- copy of an Irish Conference of Trade Unions statement to the meeting of the Employer-Labour Conference (6 August 1975, 2pp);
- 2 handwritten minutes from Séamus Ó Conaill, Secretary, Department of the Public Service for the Minister on the meeting: 'The Employer-Labour Conference meeting ended in disagreement. ICTU stuck rigidly to their mandate & refused to have a working party to explore areas of difference. The employers' side took the line that the ICTU approach was defective under 2 heads' (6 August 1975, 1p each);
- minute from Ó Conaill for the Minister on 'Amendment of the National Agreement - assessment of the present position' (8 August 1975, 3pp);
- copy of a draft Government statement on renegotiation of the National Pay Agreement (August 1975, 4pp);
- copy of a Department of Labour memorandum for the Government on the present position regarding the renegotiation of the National Agreement (12 August 1975, 8pp);
- copies of notes and reports of meetings between the Ministers for Finance and Labour and representatives of the employers and trade union sides (14-15 August 1975, 8pp);
- copy of a Department of Labour memorandum for the Government on the present position regarding the renegotiation of the National Agreement (22 September 1975, 3pp);
- copies of various drafts of an agreed statement on a new agreement (September 1975, 12pp);
- copy of a Department of the Public Service confidential *aide-mémoire* for the Government on the present position in relation to claims for special pay increases (18 September 1975, 13pp);
- copy of a Department of Finance memorandum for the Government on incomes policy in 1976 (14 November 1975, 14pp).

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### **National Pay Negotiations, 1976**

Department of the Public Service confidential minutes, notes and memoranda relating to meetings of the Working Party of the Employer-Labour Conference and of the Conference itself, on negotiations to conclude a new national pay agreement.

## Includes:

- copy of a Department of Finance and Department of the Public Service memorandum for the Government on Government participation in national wage bargaining (27 February 1976, 15pp);
- copy of a letter from Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave to Matthew Griffin, President, Irish Congress of Trade Unions concerning the forthcoming discussions on arrangements to follow the expiry of the current national wage agreement, and elaborating at some length Government policy, including the necessity for a pay pause (5 March 1976, 2pp);
- copy of a statement by Matthew Griffin to the Working Committee, Employer-Labour Conference (8 March 1976, 3pp);
- Department of the Public Service minute of the first meeting of the Working Party (8 March 1976, 2pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential note on the first meeting of the Working Party (8 March 1976, 2pp);
- Department of Finance note on non-agricultural employee incomes in 1977 (15 March 1976, 1p);
- summary of the trade union position as stated on the afternoon of Friday, 12 March 1976 (2pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential minute of the second meeting of the Working Party (12 March 1976, 4pp);
- handwritten note from RR to the Taoiseach on conflicting demands from the employer and union sides at that day's Employer-Union Conference (12 March 1976, 1p);
- Department of the Public Service confidential note for the Minister on the progress of Working Party negotiations for a national pay agreement (15 March 1976, 3pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential minute of the third meeting of the Working Party (16 March 1976, 4pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential note for the Minister on the Working Party third meeting (18 March 1976, 2pp);
- copy of a draft confidential Department of the Public Service position paper on the Employer-Labour Conference pay negotiations, to serve as a discussion document for the meeting between the Minister for the Public Service and the Minister for Labour on the following day (22 March 1976, 7pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential minute of the fourth meeting of the Working Party (24 March 1976, 4pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential note for the Minister on the Working Party fourth meeting (25 March 1976, 1p);
- Department of the Public Service memorandum assessing 'what type of national pay agreement would be acceptable from the economic point of view and at what point does the balance of advantage tilt away from a new agreement in favour of allowing wages to find their own level in a free-for-all' (6 April 1976, 4pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential minute of a meeting of the employers' side (23 April 1976, 3pp);
- Department of the Public Service confidential minute of meetings of the Working Party (26, 27 April 1976, 3pp; 4, 5 May

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- 1976, 3pp);
- copy of a proposal from the Minister for Labour for modification of the 1976 national pay agreement (10 May 1976, 3pp);
  - copy draft of a statement by the Taoiseach at a meeting with officers of ICTU (11 May 1976, 4pp); together with a copy of a Department of the Taoiseach minute of the meeting (5pp);
  - copy of a summary note of a meeting of the Working Party (13 May 1976, 2pp) and report of a meeting between the Minister for Labour and representatives of ICTU (14 May 1976, 5pp);
  - copy of a letter from the Taoiseach to all Ministers concerning the major changes in policy necessary to achieve significant reductions in public expenditure (14 May 1976, 7pp);
  - brief for the Minister (16 May 1976, 3 items) containing a note on the current position on the national pay negotiations (3pp), tables of costs to the Exchequer of paying standard increases to public servants (2pp); and notes on a free-for-all (3pp);
  - copy of a third draft of a national pay agreement submitted to the Employer-Labour Conference by the employers' side (17 May 1976, 25pp);
  - copy of the Employer-Labour Conference draft proposals for a national pay agreement (June 1976, 16pp);

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**Brief for Minister for meetings on incomes policy options**

Brief for the Minister for meetings on income policy options. Consists of six copy memoranda and a table of contents.

- Government options on pay in 1976 – note for meeting of Ministers on Tuesday 6 April 1976 (4pp);
- reasons why incomes policy is necessary (3pp);
- penalties for employers who breach wage guidelines (3pp);
- developments in PAYE taxation measures (6pp);
- table of trends in incomes and prices, 1972–5 (1p);
- points likely to be raised at the Taoiseach's meeting with representatives of the employers' organisations (8pp).

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**National Pay Negotiations, 1976–7**

Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, press statements, copies of draft and revised proposals and tabular material relating to negotiations at the Employer-Labour Conference and of meetings of the Working Party, towards a new national wage agreement and to the preparation of legislation to control incomes.

Includes:

- Employer-Labour Conference proposals for an employer-trade

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- union national agreement, 1976 (June 1976, 16pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Labour on a national wage agreement 1976 (6 July 1976, 4pp);
- note of a clarification meeting between ICTU and employers' representatives (20 July 1976, 3pp);
- copy of an Employer-Labour Conference draft interim national agreement, 1976 (July 1976, 8pp);
- copy of a strictly private and confidential submission by the Confederation of Irish Industry for discussion at the tripartite conference on 22 October 1976 (18pp) and of a note on pay/tax alternatives for discussion at the same meeting (5pp);
- minute of the first meeting of the Employer-Labour Conference Working Party to negotiate a new national pay agreement (28 October 1976, 4pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance and the Minister for the Public Service on the Government position in the current national pay negotiations (2 November 1976, 8pp);
- copy of a secret memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for the Public Service on claims for special increases and for equal pay increases in the public sector (26 November 1976, 6pp);
- copy of a discussion document containing employer proposals for an integrated policy embracing changes in pay, taxation and social welfare (1 December 1976, 14pp);
- copy of the summary findings from an Irish Marketing Surveys report of an opinion poll carried out on 1-2 December 1976 to evaluate the general public's reaction to a proposal for pay restraint which emerged from discussions on the Government's Green Paper on the Economy (December 1976, 15pp);
- note on the proposed meetings between the Taoiseach, Minister for Finance and Minister for Labour and the ICTU and Irish Employers' Confederation, 17 January 1977 (5pp); with notes on matters which might be raised (6pp) and notes used by the Taoiseach (3pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the information of the Government from the Office of the Minister for the Public Service, on increases in rates of pay and earnings in the public service in recent years (20 January 1977, 10pp);
- note by the Minister for Labour for the Minister for Finance on the present position in relation to the negotiations (21 January 1976, 2pp).

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**Tripartite Conference: background material**

copies of briefing documents mainly concerning economic trends and prospects and the budget outlook for 1977, prepared in advance of tripartite discussions on economic and social strategy

**P272/146** for 1977–8 between Government, employers and trade unions.

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32pp

**Tripartite Conference: brief for the Minister**

Briefing material for the Minister for Finance on items on the agenda for the tripartite conference on economic and social strategy between Government, employers and trade unions.

Includes:

- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Government on Government involvement in the proposed tripartite conference on economic and social strategy, 1977–8 (7 September 1976, 4pp);
- copy of the Employer-Labour Conference proposals for an interim employer-trade union national agreement, 1976 (July 1976, 8pp);
- copy of the agenda for the conference (1p);
- speaking notes for the Minister on agenda item 1, economic prospects (12pp); item 2, public revenue and expenditure (1p) and item 3, incomes strategy (6pp).

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45pp

**Tripartite Conference proceedings**

Copies of papers relating to plenary sessions of the Tripartite Conference and to meetings of the Working Party of the Conference. Includes:

- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Labour on the necessity to organise talks with the social partners, beginning with a tripartite conference, on a short-term incomes settlement and a long-term agreement on economic and social policy (not dated, 3pp);
- copy of the text of a statement by Michael O'Leary TD, Minister for Labour at the second plenary session of the Conference (8 October 1976, 3pp);
- Department of Labour memorandum for the Government proposing a framework for discussion at the Conference on the relation between wage increases, tax cuts, and job creation expenditure in 1977 (14 October 1976, 1p);
- copy of minutes of the second plenary session of the Tripartite Conference (8 October 1976, 9pp);
- Department of Finance minute of the first meeting of the Working Party of the Conference (12 October 1976, 7pp); and Department of Labour minute of the same meeting (4pp);
- Department of Labour minute of the second meeting of the Working Party of the Conference (14 October 1976, 4pp);

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- Department of Finance minute of the third meeting of the Working Party of the Conference (16 October 1976, 6pp);
  - copy of an undated memorandum from an unidentified source on 'The economy: major issues' (5pp).

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**Incomes policy: trade union and employer viewpoints**

Material relating to the views of trade union leaders and prominent employers and employers' organisations on pay policy and the need to curb inflation and stimulate employment. Includes:

- extracts from public statements of trade union leaders at seminars and courses, particularly Donal Nevin and Brendan Harkin (November 1976, 2pp);
- copy of a letter from Mark Hely Hutchinson, Managing Director, Guinness, to the Minister for Finance (18 November 1976, 2pp) on the inclination of the trade union leadership to opt for pay increases at the expense of jobs;
- copy of a letter from D.J. McAuley, Irish Employers' Confederation to the Minister for Finance (19 November 1976, 1p) enclosing a copy of a letter to Michael O'Leary TD, Minister for Labour (19 November 1976, 2pp) setting out their view on a need for an integrated policy on taxation, social welfare and pay.

## **2.6.2 Implementation of the Obligation on Equal Pay, 1976**

**P272/150** February 1976

70pp

**Implementation of the equal pay directive: application for a derogation**

copies of papers given to members of the EEC delegation who met with Irish officials on 19 February 1976 to discuss the implementation of the obligation on equal pay; and the request for a derogation. Includes:

- copy of a memorandum from the Minister for Labour on the meeting between the EEC fact-finding team of officials on equal pay and an Irish Inter-departmental working group (February 1976, 2pp);
- copy of a memorandum suggesting the approach to be taken by Irish officials in meeting with EEC officials on 19 February 1976 to discuss the implementation of the equal pay obligation (February 1976, 3pp);
- note on equal pay in the public service (2pp);
- memorandum prepared by the Department of Foreign Affairs

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consisting of some data relevant to the economic impact of equal pay legislation on the manufacturing sector of Irish industry (19 February 1976, 7pp);

- other statistical and tabular data relating to the possible effects of the implementation of equal pay on the footwear, biscuit, electrical, textiles and clothing, and paper and printing industries (February 1976, 50pp).

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**Implementation of the equal pay directive: possibility of European aid**

Department of the Public Service and Department of Labour minutes, notes and memoranda relating to proposals to approach the EEC for aid for Irish firms pleading inability to implement the obligation to introduce equal pay.

Includes:

- copy of a memorandum suggesting the approach to be taken by Irish officials in meeting with EEC officials on 19 February 1976 to discuss the implementation of the equal pay obligation (February 1976, 3pp);
- copy of a Department of Labour note on possible means of obtaining financial assistance to meet the difficulties caused by the introduction of equal pay including possible use of the European Social Fund and the European Investment Bank (March 1976, 18pp);
- copy of a draft application by the Irish Government to the European Commission for assistance under Community instruments (March 1976, 10pp);
- Department of the Public Service memorandum on developments in light of the European Commission's decision to grant Ireland a derogation in respect of equal pay (12 March 1976, 5pp);

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28pp

**Implementation of the obligation to introduce equal pay**

Copy of a memorandum for the Government from the office of the Minister for Labour on possible means of obtaining EEC financial assistance towards measures to alleviate the impact on employment of the implementation of the obligation to introduce equal pay (26 March 1976, 24pp). Department of the Public Service minutes (29–30 March 1976, 3pp) commenting on the implications of specific aspects of the memorandum, particularly the request for Government agreement to pay 50% of the costs of implementation if requested.

**P272/153** November 1976

43pp

**Claims for special increases and equal pay increases in the public sector**

Copy of a Department of the Public Service memorandum for the Government on claims for special increases and for equal pay increases in the public sector (26 November 1976, 41pp) with a covering note that in view of the deteriorating industrial relations climate in the public sector, the Government should consider the matters raised in the memorandum as soon as possible (26 November 1976, 1p).

**2.7 The Public Service and State-Sponsored Bodies**

**2.7.1 Public Service Staffing and Salary Issues**

**P272/154** January 1975

6pp

**Staffing and organisation of the Economic Policy Division of the Department of Finance**

Confidential Department of Finance memorandum prepared by C.H. Murray containing proposals for changes in the staffing and organisation of the Economic Policy Division of the Department of Finance (January 1975, 5pp). Marked by Murray as being for discussion with the Minister. Covering letter from Murray sending the memorandum to Seamus [O Conaill, Secretary, Department of the Public Service (28 January 1975, 1p).

**P272/155** April-May 1975

2 items

**Grading of the Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs**

Letter from Garret FitzGerald, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Minister for the Public Service (22 April 1975, 3pp) concerning the appointment to the MFA's private office of an economist from the Economic and Social Research Institute; and of the necessity to have as his Private Secretary an experienced official of Third or First Secretary rank. Letter from RR to Seamus O Conaill, Secretary, Department of the Public Service (14 May 1976, 1p) enclosing a copy of MFA's letter and requesting a discussion.

**P272/156** July 1975

30pp

**Remuneration of the Secretary of the Department of the Public Service**

Copy of the report to the Minister for the Public Service from the Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector chaired by Liam St John Devlin, on the level of remuneration appropriate to the post of Secretary of the Department of the Public Service

**P272/157** January 1976

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**Meetings on special increases**

Papers relating to meetings between the Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service and various civil service groups on the subject of special claims and increases. Consists mainly of a brief for the Minister containing copies of relevant correspondence, memoranda, notes and existing agreements (40pp).

**P272/158** May–June 1976

3 items

**Pay of the Chief Executive of Gaeltarra Éireann**

Material relating to historic difficulties between the Government and Gaeltarra Éireann concerning the pay of their Chief Executive. Minute for the Minister from S. Gaffney, Department of the Public Service (2 June 1976, 1p) outlining the present position and enclosing a copy of a memorandum setting down the main facts of the case and dealing with more recent correspondence with Gaeltarra Éireann on the subject (26 May 1976, 5pp); and a draft letter from the Minister to Tom O'Donnell TD, Minister for the Gaeltacht, proposing to take the salary of the Chief Executive under statutory control.

**P272/159** February–May 1977

25pp

**Gaeltarra Éireann**

Papers relating to the proposal from Gaeltarra Éireann to merge Ríomhaire Teoranta, Furbo, County Galway, a computer bureau grant-aided by Gaeltarra Éireann, with the Irish subsidiary of the University Computing Company, USA, due to serious trading difficulties; the amount of additional state aid that the proposal

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would require; and questions arising from Gaeltarra's initial assessment of the project.

Includes material relating to proposals to establish Údaras na Gaeltachta and likely powers in relation to industrial development in Gaeltacht areas to be given to it.

### 2.7.2 Appointments to the Boards of State-Sponsored Bodies

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#### **Appointments to the Boards of State-Sponsored Bodies**

Correspondence, Department of Finance minutes, lists of names and other papers concerning appointments by the Minister for Finance to vacancies arising on state boards under his statutory control. Bodies include Ceimici Teoranta, Irish Life Assurance Company Ltd., Aer Lingus, the Agricultural Credit Corporation, Irish Shipping Ltd., the Central Bank, and the Irish Sugar Company.

Includes:

- a 'List of competent and qualified women who would be prepared to serve on commissions, committees or advisory boards' supplied by Dr Blanche Weekes, Secretary of the Talent Bank, National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs of Ireland (23 July 1973, 3pp);
- letter from Paddy [Donegan, Minister for Defence?], on Dáil Éireann headed paper, concerning appointments to the ACC board. 'What I wanted to say to you about [the] ACC board is that all are FF ... One Donegal man was sacked because of Blaney affiliations, and if a fellow called Tom Finegan, Ardee is still on the board, he is sound, and not so bad, as he attended recently a function in honour of my being made a Minister ...' (27 July 1973, 3pp);
- list of vacancies on the boards of state-sponsored bodies at 1 January 1974 (1p);
- letters from Brendan L. Brophy, Kellistown, Carlow, recently appointed to the board of the Irish Sugar Company, to the Minister for Finance (29 March 1974, 1p; 16 April 1974, 3pp; 27 May 1974, 2pp) giving his opinion on the future viability of the company and the background to recent decisions on developmental matters;

**P272/161** May 1973–March 1977

300pp

**Appointments to Boards of State Companies**

File of representations to the Minister for Finance for appointment to the boards of state companies under his control. Representations are overwhelmingly from Fine Gael members of the Oireachtas, with representations on behalf of one individual often coming from more than one Minister or TD. Representations are usually on behalf of individuals seeking appointment to a specific body in an area in which the applicant claims some experience or expertise, but representations on behalf of applicants anxious to be appointed to any state board are not uncommon. Direct applications to the Minister from private individuals are rare. Applicants are often aware of existing or forthcoming vacancies on specific boards. The Agricultural Credit Corporation is overwhelmingly the most popular body to which appointment is sought; but the full gamut of state bodies under the control of the Minister for Finance is represented, including the Abbey Theatre, Ceimici Teo, the Central Bank, Comhlucht Siuicre Éireann, the Industrial Credit Corporation, the National Stud, Nitrigin Éireann Teo, Trustees of Kilmainham Jail, and the Racing Board among others. Includes a partial list (8pp) of people on whose behalf representations have been made, to which board appointment is sought, and by whom the representation has been made.

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98pp

**Members of the Boards of State-Sponsored Bodies**

Comprehensive list of members of the boards of seventy three state-sponsored bodies, listed alphabetically. Gives a list of directors and fees paid. Marked 'Updated 15/9/75'.

## 2.8 Non-Financial Policy Areas

**P272/163** November 1972–October 1973

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### **Implementation of Irish language policy**

Documents relating to the three organisations operating under the aegis of the Department of Finance in regard to the implementation of official policy for the Irish language, and to Gaeltacht and Irish language matters generally. Includes:

- copy of a memorandum submitted to the previous Government by the Departments of Finance and the Gaeltacht on the implementation of Gaeltacht and Irish language policy (November 1972, 14pp);
- notes for the Minister for Finance on the three bodies operating under the aegis of the Department of Finance: Comhairle na Gaeilge, the Committee on Language Attitudes Research, and Gaeleagras na Seirbhíse Poiblí (May 1973, 11pp);
- copy of an unidentified and undated memorandum on proposals in relation to the Gaeltacht and the Irish language generally (9pp);
- copy of a note on a meeting between Cathaoirleach Comhairle na Gaeilge and the Minister for Finance mainly relating to organisational change and the possibility of setting up a Roinn na Gaeilge (5 July 1973, 2pp);
- notes on membership of the Committee on Language Attitudes Research (October 1973, 7pp).

**P272/164** April–June 1973

50pp

### **Funding of education**

Papers relating to a meeting between the Taoiseach and the Ministers for Finance and Education on the one hand, and a deputation from the Catholic hierarchy consisting of Cardinal Conway, Archbishop Dermot Ryan, and Cecil McGarry sj, chairman of the Conference of Major Religious Superiors, arranged at the hierarchy's request, to discuss the present state and possible development of post-primary education in Ireland. Includes preliminary correspondence; briefing notes on matters of financial interest which may be raised at the meeting (May 1973, 4pp); and a copy of a Department of the Taoiseach minute of the meeting (June 1973, 7pp).

Material relating to allegations that the World Bank, through its loans to Ireland for educational development purposes, was dictating the form of the country's educational system. Includes a copy of a note on the subject for RR's predecessor, George Colley TD (2pp); copy of an undated and unidentified memorandum on 'Education – organisation, problems and possible solutions (7pp);

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and a copy of the relevant loan agreement between Ireland and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (9 August 1971, 24pp).

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June 1973–April 1986

125pp

**Listing of election candidates in alphabetical order**

Correspondence, tables and other papers relating to the case that the alphabetical listing of candidates' names on election ballot papers conferred an unfair advantage on those candidates listed in higher positions on the ballot.

Includes:

- copy of the Economic and Social Research Institute Paper no. 71 *Alphabetical voting: a study of the 1973 general election in the Republic of Ireland* by Christopher Robson and Brendan M. Walsh (June 1973, 46pp); with a letter from Robson to RR: 'I don't suppose alphabetical voting is of the most profound importance, but it does produce a most lopsided distribution of votes in the otherwise excellent P.R. system; it is very unfair to a great number of candidates' (20 July 1973, 2pp);
- copy letter from RR to James Tully, Minister for Local Government, 'a Minister with the initial "T" '. He asks whether Tully would consider proposing legislation to provide that the position of candidates on the ballot paper should be determined by lots (24 January 1974, 1p). Reply from Tully who feels he has not suffered 'as a result of being towards the bottom of the ballot paper' (30 January 1974, 1p);
- transcript from the *Irish Times* of an analysis by Robson and Walsh of voting patterns in the 1977 general election with reference to alphabetical voting (30 June 1977, 3pp);
- text of a speech by RR addressing the Fine Gael Dublin South County Constituency Executive in Dún Laoghaire on the first direct elections to the European Parliament, referring to the malign effect of alphabetical voting (2 November 1978, 2pp);
- correspondence between RR and Maurice O'Callaghan & Company, solicitors, Lower Kilmacud Road, Dublin and E.M. Nagle, solicitor, Sandymount, Dublin, legal representatives of Patrick O'Reilly, a retired policeman challenging those sections of the Electoral Acts requiring the listing of candidates' names in alphabetical order on ballot papers, an action in which RR appeared as witness for the plaintiff (September 1983–April 1986, 75pp); with copies of legal opinion and the judgement of Mr Justice Murphy.

**P272/166** November 1973–February 1975

60pp

**Security of State buildings**

Correspondence, minutes, notes and memoranda relating to the enquiry conducted by Mr Justice Thomas Finlay into State security (January 1974), and to the work of the Inter-departmental Group on National Security, with specific reference to the security of State buildings and the appointment of a co-ordinator of security for all Departments and offices, based in the Office of Public Works. Includes observations by the Minister for the Public Service on parts of Judge Finlay's report submitted for comment (22 May 1974, 2pp); and a copy of a report of a special meeting of the Organisation and Personnel Conference held to discuss questions of security (4 July 1975, 7pp).

**P272/167** April–October 1974

25pp

**Educational proposals and funding**

Papers relating to proposals for the development and financial maintenance of second and third level educational facilities including:

- handwritten confidential letter to the Minister for Finance from Dick Burke, Minister for Education (28 April 1974, 3pp) referring to a meeting on 2 June 1973 attended by the Taoiseach, the Ministers for Finance and Education, Cardinal Conway, Archbishop Ryan and Fr McGarry sj, concerning the future of second-level education and the place of voluntary church schools. He attaches a copy of 'Some heads for an education bill' (4pp) which he says 'represents the position which the clerical authorities state should be enshrined in legislation'. He asks the Minister for Finance to have the proposals evaluated for their financial implications. 'I would specifically request that you instruct your advisors not to make contact with my Department officials whose views I have already received on the matters in question and which incidentally differ fundamentally from my own. The Community School – World Bank atmosphere is strong in Education and I should like you to have the opportunity of assessing the said atmosphere in your own Department if it exists and is influential'. The heads relate in the main to state financial support for voluntary schools; the Minister for Finance's copy contains handwritten comment and annotations. copy letter from the Minister for Finance to the Taoiseach (May 1974, 1p) enclosing an amendment to one of the heads (1p);
- copy of typescript notes by Dr Garret FitzGerald on the problems facing third-level education (16 April 1974, 5pp) and on the history of proposals to merge the universities in Dublin (May 1974, 4pp);

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- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Minister for Education on the management of school-based sports centres (October 1974, 3pp).

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April–May 1974; September 1981

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**Location of the National Concert Hall in Earlsfort Terrace**

Memorandum, press releases, statements and press cuttings relating to the Government decision to convert the Aula Maxima in the former UCD premises at Earlsfort Terrace into a National Concert Hall, rather than develop a John F. Kennedy Memorial Concert Hall as had been previously planned. Includes a letter from Liam Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, to RR (21 September 1981, 2pp) on the occasion of the eventual opening of the Concert Hall in Earlsfort Terrace recalling the circumstances in which the decision had been taken by his Government and attributing the initiative to RR.

I write this note to suggest that you get someone to write to the papers recalling a few simple facts. The All Party Dáil Committee to commemorate the late John F. Kennedy was established I think in 1964 & was still in existence but not meeting in 1974. In the intervening decade F.F. Ministers of Finance had come & gone without a Concert Hall except a model which was displayed I think at one time in the Museum! In 1974 my recollection is that on one of your numerous and welcome visits to my office you suggested the reconstruction of the Great Hall in Earlsfort terrace which appeared a splendid idea and we agreed to bring it informally before the Government who approved the idea ... Now we have a Concert Hall which has won widespread acclaim due to your initiative. It is the most significant cultural event since the Harp was played in Tara's Halls'.

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January 1976

130pp

**Irish Life Assurance Company: supply of furniture for the Irish Life Centre**

Copy of a strictly confidential Irish Life Assurance Company Ltd memorandum on the background to the issuing of a contract by the company for the supply of specialised items of furniture for its new head offices in the Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, in light of public criticism of the company for not using Irish manufacturers. The memorandum includes a summary of the position as at 15 January 1976 and includes copies of documents relating to the appointment of office planning and design consultants, specification, examination of the furniture industry, the tendering process, the decision process and the contract; with

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copies of correspondence between Irish Life, the Departments of Finance and Industry and Commerce, the Industrial Development Authority, and other interested parties.

## 2.9 Northern Ireland

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August 1970–December 1971

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### **Northern Ireland: correspondence and related papers, 1970–1**

Correspondence, notes, press cuttings and other papers concerning events in Northern Ireland, and Fine Gael policy on Northern Ireland.

Includes:

- correspondence, including correspondence with residents of Northern Ireland, mainly concerning his stated views as Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- texts of parliamentary questions tabled by RR on Northern Ireland matters, mainly directed at the Minister for Foreign Affairs, together with replies;
- copies of texts of those of his speeches dealing with Northern Ireland including the annotated text of remarks to the Cambridge Union on 19 November 1971 (4pp);
- copies of statements and press releases on Northern Ireland issued by RR;
- communications concerning Northern Ireland with organisations such as the New Ulster Movement, the Northern Relief Committee, the Association for Legal Justice, the Irish Young Friends' Committee of the Religious Society of Friends, the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace, and the United Ireland Association (Britain);
- some papers relating to motions concerning Northern Ireland presented to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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October 1970–April 1971

250pp

### **Important public statements on Northern Ireland**

File of texts of thirty-two significant public statements made concerning Northern Ireland by the Taoiseach, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Northern Ireland Prime Ministers, British Prime Minister and Home Secretary. Includes speeches, statements and television, radio and print media interviews. Also includes transcripts of Dáil questions and answers on Northern Ireland. With a list of contents (3pp).

**P272/172** January 1972–January 1973

400pp

**Northern Ireland: correspondence and related papers, 1972–3**

Correspondence, notes, press cuttings, telegrams and other papers concerning events in Northern Ireland, and Fine Gael policy on Northern Ireland.

Includes:

- correspondence, including correspondence with residents of Northern Ireland, mainly concerning his stated views as Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- correspondence with Westminster Members of Parliament concerning Northern Ireland affairs;
- copies of statements and press releases on Northern Ireland issued by RR and Fine Gael;
- copies of *Éire/Ireland Bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs* containing material on Northern Ireland;
- communications concerning Northern Ireland with political and religious groups and organisation including the Alliance Party, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Ulster Vanguard Alliance, the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association, the Association for Legal Justice, the New Ulster Movement, and the Ulster Liberal Party;
- letter from Seán MacBride SC, Roebuck House, Clonskeagh, Dublin to RR (18 February 1972, 1p) enclosing a copy of a letter he has sent to Taoiseach Jack Lynch concerning the Widgery Tribunal (16 February 1972, 5pp). MacBride asks RR to raise in the Dáil the question of the establishment of another enquiry into the killings in Derry;
- copies of texts of those of his speeches dealing with Northern Ireland;
- papers relating to meetings of the Council of Europe Special Sub-Committee on Northern Ireland;
- texts of parliamentary questions tabled by RR on Northern Ireland matters, together with replies;
- correspondence with members of the Fine Gael Front Bench, including Senator John Kelly, concerning disagreements on Party policy on Northern Ireland.

**P272/173** May–December 1972

30pp

**Meetings of the Inter-Party Committee on the Implications of Irish Unity**

RR's copies of agendas and minutes of the Inter-Party Committee on the Implications of Irish Unity, concerned mainly with a detailed consideration of those aspects of the Irish constitution which would require to be amended to facilitate unification.

**P272/174** 6 March 1973

86pp

**Briefing document on Northern Ireland for the Minister for Finance**

Copies of various documents relating mainly to previous discussions between Irish and British officials, November 1972–January 1973, compiled as a briefing document for the Minister for Finance.

**P272/175** June 1973

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**Attorney General's Legal Committee**

copy of a strictly confidential report from the Attorney General's Legal Committee consisting of four memoranda dealing with Constitutional and legislative changes which would be required by the establishment of a Council of Ireland.

Includes:

- general introductory memorandum dealing with the membership, establishment and terms of reference of the Committee (9pp);
- introductory memorandum to draft amendments of the Constitution (9pp);
- introductory memorandum to the agreement and provisions necessary to constitute a Council of Ireland (37pp);
- memorandum on law enforcement and security problems (9pp).

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80pp

**Memorandum for the Government: report of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the possible functions and structure of a Council of Ireland**

copies of the final approved draft (July 1973, 46pp) of a secret memorandum for the Government consisting of a report from the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the possible functions and structure of a Council of Ireland; together with related papers including:

- a Finance note on the function and structure of the Interdepartmental Unit on Northern Ireland (August 1973, 3pp);
- a copy of Finance comments on the FA memorandum (5 September 1973, 7pp);
- a copy of a confidential Northern Ireland Office preliminary draft on an Irish dimension (not dated, 9pp).

250pp

**Possible functions and structures of a Council of Ireland**

Various memoranda, drafts and notes on the possible functions and structures and financing of a Council of Ireland. Includes preliminary departmental documents pre-dating the Tripartite Conference and papers arising from negotiations with British and Northern Ireland officials after the Sunningdale Agreement on the transfer of functions.

Includes:

- minutes of a meeting between the Taoiseach and Prime Minister in London consisting of a review of all matters affecting Northern Ireland (2 July 1973, 10pp);
- copy of a report of a meeting between the Taoiseach and Ministers for Finance, Foreign Affairs and Posts and Telegraphs with a delegation from the SDLP (12 July 1973, 4pp);
- copy of a note dictated by the Taoiseach of a meeting between himself, the Tánaiste and Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Posts and Telegraphs with a delegation from the SDLP (20 July 1973, 2pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government consisting of a report from the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the possible functions and structures of a Council of Ireland (31 July 1973, 38pp);
- outline of the possible functions and structures of a Council of Ireland as agreed by Government (11 September 1973, 5pp) and revised (26 October 1973, 2pp);
- copy of a memorandum from the Inter-Departmental Unit on Northern Ireland on financing the Council of Ireland (October 1973, 10pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance on financing the Council of Ireland (1 November 1973, 6pp) with another copy annotated by RR;
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on financing the Council of Ireland (2 November 1973, 14pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the Tripartite Conference with specific reference to the Council of Ireland institutions and the status of Northern Ireland (9 November 1973, 17pp);
- letter from Conor Cruise O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to RR (30 November 1973, 1p) enclosing a copy of his memorandum containing 'some considerations on the Tripartite Talks, their character and possible consequences' (not dated, 4pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Taoiseach on the Anglo-Irish Conference at Sunningdale (10 December 1973, 12pp);
- copy of a memorandum from the Minister for Finance for the Taoiseach on arrangements and procedures for post-Sunningdale meetings of officials (15 December 1973, 4pp);
- copy of a confidential memorandum from Dr Noel Whelan,

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Department of the Public Service, on administrative aspects of transferring functions to a Council of Ireland and a meeting between officials of the Government of the Republic of Ireland and officials of the secretary of State for Northern Ireland (21 December 1973, 6pp);

- copy of an internal Department of Finance paper setting out the points arising with regard to financing the Council of Ireland to form the subject of forthcoming talks with officials of the Treasury, the Northern Ireland Office and the Northern Ireland Ministry of Finance (December 1973, 12pp);
- copy of a report on preliminary discussions by officials on financing the Council of Ireland (20 December 1973, 28pp);
- original letter from Conor Cruise O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to the Taoiseach (4 January 1974, 2pp) on the difficulties surrounding the question of post-Sunningdale constitutional change, and the likelihood of succeeding in changing Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution in the face of Fianna Fáil opposition, with suggestions on how progress might be made;
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Department of the Taoiseach on the Council of Ireland (22 January 1974, 20pp);
- details of the organisation and staffing of the Northern Ireland administration after post-Sunningdale re-organisation (15pp);
- draft of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for the Public Service on the distribution of the functions of Government between Ministers of State (January 1974, 3pp).

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133pp

**Anglo-Irish talks, December 1973: briefing document**

Copy of a Department of the Taoiseach confidential brief for the Anglo-Irish talks, on a Council of Ireland, a common law enforcement area, policing and human rights, and the status of Northern Ireland, with material supplied by the Departments of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Justice, the Public Service, the Taoiseach and the Attorney General.

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200pp

**Council of Ireland Tripartite Conference**

Portfolio of three files comprising a briefing document for the Tripartite Conference to be held at Sunningdale, 6-9 December 1973. The files relate to:

1. Tripartite Conference Preparations

- P272/179** 2. Council of Ireland: Financing  
3. Council of Ireland: Policing and Law Enforcement.  
Content consists of copies of sixteen reports, memoranda and proposal documents (October–November 1973) mainly from the Departments of the Taoiseach, Foreign Affairs, Finance, and the Public Service. Includes lists of the content of each file.
- P272/180** December 1973  
12pp  
**Tripartite Conference, Sunningdale Park**  
Minister for Finance's copies of Department of Foreign Affairs information for delegates on travel arrangements to the conference; a list of members of the Irish delegation; and notes on the facilities available to them at the Civil Service College, Sunningdale Park.
- P272/181** December 1973  
84pp  
**Important notes and drafts from the Sunningdale Conference**  
Contents of an envelope with this title containing the Minister for Finance's handwritten minutes and notes (32pp) taken throughout the negotiations. Typescript drafts and fragments (52pp), many annotated by the Minister for Finance, of proposals, mostly from the Irish delegation, on all matters under consideration including heads of an agreement and specific points such as proposed executive functions of a Council of Ireland, policing and financing.
- P272/182** December 1973  
12 items  
**Sunningdale Conference agreed *communiqué***  
Copies of various drafts and of the *communiqué* as issued (10pp) at the end of the tripartite conference. The various drafts are occasionally annotated as to time.
- P272/183** 15 December 1973  
2 items  
**Post-Sunningdale Agreement meetings of officials**  
Handwritten draft (7pp) and typescript copy (4pp) of a letter from RR as Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service,

**P272/183** concerning the significance of meetings of officials from his departments with their counterparts from Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom; to discuss the administrative steps necessary to implement the decisions of the Sunningdale Conference relating to executive and harmonising functions of the Council of Ireland. As Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service he has a duty to ensure that his Departments are ready to implement decisions of the Government, of the Oireachtas and of the Council of Ireland, with maximum speed and efficiency.

**P272/184** January 1974

50pp

**Basic statistics on Northern Ireland, 1963-73**

Copy of a compendium of economic and financial statistics compiled by the Northern Ireland Economic Section of the Department of Finance on the basis that no other single source contains series sufficiently long for economic and financial analysis; and that many pre-1970 publications, the only sources for some of the earlier statistics, are now out of print.

**P272/185** January 1974

95pp

**Report on the transfer of functions to the proposed Council of Ireland**

Copy of a confidential report by a study group of the Department of the Public Service on the transfer of functions to the proposed Council of Ireland. The study group included representatives of the Departments of the Public Service, Finance and Foreign Affairs and was concerned to identify those functions the transfer of which was technically feasible.

**P272/186** February 1974

125pp

**Report on the transfer of functions to the Council of Ireland**

Copy of a secret joint report by officials of the Irish Government and the Northern Ireland Executive on the transfer of functions to the Council of Ireland. Consists mainly of reports from working groups assigned specific areas for transfer.

**P272/187** February 1974

71pp

**Briefing document for the Inter-Ministerial Conference, February 1974**

Minister for Finance's copy of the secret Department of the Taoiseach brief for the Inter-Ministerial Conference to deal primarily with matters agreed at Sunningdale: the functions of the Council of Ireland; the work of the Law Reform Commission and the timing of its report; and the status of Northern Ireland and other relevant matters including security. Two listed enclosures, the report on the transfer of functions to the proposed Council of Ireland (January 1974) and the Sunningdale communique (December 1973) are wanting but are present elsewhere.

**P272/188** February–November 1974

400pp

**Northern Ireland papers, 1974**

Notes, memoranda, correspondence, reports of discussions with Northern Ireland and British officials, reports of visits to Northern Ireland by Department of Foreign Affairs officials, mainly concerning formal ratification of the Sunningdale agreement, proposed transfer of functions to the Council of Ireland, and general political developments particularly in the wake of the March 1974 Westminster election. Includes:

- copy of the text of the Taoiseach's briefing of political correspondents after the meeting between Irish Ministers and members of the Northern Ireland Executive at Hillsborough to review progress towards formal ratification of the Sunningdale agreement (1 February 1974, 13pp);
- copy of Northern Ireland Executive documents on matters for further study on possible Executive functions (February 1974, 3pp);
- draft of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for the Public Service on the proposed transfer of executive functions to the Council of Ireland (February 1974, 10pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Department of the Taoiseach on the text of the agreement between the British and Irish Governments on the Council of Ireland (28 February 1974, 6pp);
- copy of confidential reports by Seán Donlon, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, on visits to Northern Ireland, 28 February–1 March 1974 during polling for the Westminster election (8pp), on 6 March 1974 in the aftermath of the election (6pp) and on 21–22 March 1974 (10pp);
- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Department of the Taoiseach on the text of the agreement between the British and Irish Governments on the Council of

- Ireland (7 March 1974, 7pp);
- copy of reports circulated to Irish Government Sunningdale Ministers in advance of a meeting with the Taoiseach of discussions with Ken Bloomfield, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Executive, on implementation of the Sunningdale Agreement and the draft statute of the Council of Ireland (8-9 April 1974, 22pp);
  - copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Taoiseach on a meeting between British and Irish officials, 1-2 May 1974 on the implementation of the Sunningdale Agreement (4 May 1974, 16pp);
  - copy of a report of a meeting of Sunningdale Ministers (10 May 1974, 6pp);
  - copy of a confidential memorandum from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on a re-assessment of the Irish Government attitude to the Council of Ireland (20 May 1974, 3pp);
  - copy of a report of a meeting between the Ministers for Finance, Posts and Telegraphs, Education and the Attorney General, with a delegation from the SDLP (10 June 1974, 4pp);
  - copy of a secret Discussion Paper No. 1 on policy on Northern Ireland drawn up by the representatives of the Departments of the Taoiseach, Finance and Foreign Affairs on the Inter-Departmental Unit on Northern Ireland (June 1974, 30pp);
  - copy of a memorandum of unidentified origin on the financial effects and economic implications of the withdrawal of the Northern Ireland subsidy to Northern Ireland (June 1974, 20pp);
  - copy of a secret Discussion Paper No. 2 on policy on Northern Ireland prepared by the representatives on the Inter-Departmental Unit on Northern Ireland of the Departments of the Taoiseach, Finance, Foreign Affairs, and the Public Service (July 1974, 55pp);
  - copy of Discussion Paper No. 3 on policy on Northern Ireland containing the report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the implications of substantially increasing the numbers in the Defence Forces (July 1974, 23pp);
  - copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on policy options with regard to Northern Ireland (15 July 1974, 11pp);
  - copy of a secret memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Taoiseach on the Northern Ireland situation (3 September 1974, 41pp);
  - copy of a secret memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Taoiseach on Northern Diocesan Relief Advisory Services (14 October 1974, 7pp);
  - copy of a secret memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Taoiseach on the Northern Ireland situation (15 November 1974, 34pp) circulated as a briefing document in advance of a meeting with a delegation from the SDLP;
  - copy of a secret memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the Northern Ireland situation (19 November 1974, 11pp) together with comments from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the content of the memorandum (4pp).

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125pp

**Northern Ireland papers, 1975**

Memoranda, reports and correspondence relating mainly to the Provisional IRA ceasefire, continuing contact between Irish and British ministers, and Government policy on Northern Ireland.

- copy of a secret memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Taoiseach on the cessation of violence in Northern Ireland (13 January 1975, 14pp);
- copy of a letter from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on likely developments in Northern Ireland with particular reference to the forthcoming Convention (22 January 1975, 3pp);
- copy of a confidential report of a meeting between the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs and the secretary of State for Northern Ireland on 9 May 1975 (13pp);
- copy of the secret Discussion Paper No. 5 from the Inter-Departmental Unit on Northern Ireland on negotiated re-partition of Northern Ireland (June 1975, 45pp);
- copy of comments by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the Minister for Foreign Affairs' memorandum of 11 June on the Northern Ireland situation (17 June 1975, 6pp);
- copy of a confidential report by Seán Donlon of a visit to Northern Ireland, 10–11 August 1975 (6pp);
- copy of confidential notes by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of discussions with the British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan on holiday in County Cork, August 1975 (11pp);
- copy of a confidential memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Taoiseach on relief of distress in Northern Ireland (17 September 1975, 6pp);
- copy of a secret memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the Northern Ireland situation (17 September 1975, 6pp);
- copy of a secret note [from the Minister for Foreign Affairs?] on the position to be taken in forthcoming discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (November 1975, 4pp).

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107pp

**Foreign Affairs memorandum for the Government on the Northern Ireland situation**

Minister for Finance's copy of the Department of Foreign Affairs secret memorandum for the Government on the Northern Ireland situation (11 June 1975, 104pp) with a covering note from N. Whelan, Department of the Public Service, commenting on the 'explosive' content of the memorandum and the manner of its circulation. The core memorandum consists of eight pages, the remainder consisting of appendices:

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- DFA assessment of the current situation (8 June 1975, 12pp);
- copy of the Inter-Departmental Unit on Northern Ireland Discussion Paper 4 on negotiated independence for Northern Ireland (not dated, 16pp);
- copy of the Inter-Departmental Unit on Northern Ireland Discussion Paper 6 on the possibilities of military intervention in Northern Ireland, likely flashpoint areas and the possibility of an IRA takeover of certain areas (10 June 1975, 11pp);
- numbered copy of a secret report by the Study Group, Chief of Staff's Branch on problems raised in the Inter-Departmental Unit on Northern Ireland Discussion Paper 2 concerning an abrupt British withdrawal (February 1975, 54pp).

## 2.10 EEC Programmes

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100pp

### **Operation and review of regional development policy in Ireland**

Memoranda, minutes and reports relating to the operation and review of regional development policy in Ireland.

Includes:

- copy of a memorandum for the information of the Government from the office of the Minister for Finance on the present state of Irish regional policy, set in the EEC context (24 July 1973, 26pp);
- copy of a Foreign Affairs telexed report of a meeting between Commissioner Thomson and COREPER [Committee of Permanent Representatives], 26 July 1973, concerning Commission approval for the establishment of a Regional Development Fund and a Regional Development Committee (27 July 1973, 6pp);
- copy of a note of a meeting in the Department of Foreign Affairs to consider developments arising from the Commission's approval for the establishment of a Regional Development Fund (2 August 1973, 3pp);
- copy of a Finance note setting out the key questions in relation to regional policy (6 September 1973, 3pp);
- copy of preliminary draft reports of meetings of the COREPER Working Group on Regional Policy (25, 26 October 1973, 12pp);
- copy of a report on major issues relating to the proposed regional development fund prepared by a COREPER Working Group on which the Department of Finance provided Ireland's representation (9 November 1973, 44pp);
- copy of a draft memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance on the question of the Government's approach in negotiations on the size of the proposed European Regional Development Fund and to Ireland's receipts from the Fund (December 1973, 3pp).

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200pp

**Report on Regional Policy in the European Economic Community**

copy of a confidential Department of Finance report on EEC Regional Policy containing a comprehensive brief on the evolution, and regulation of policy; Ireland as one region; assessment of needs and channels for Fund aid; objective criteria; quotas; financial and non-financial constraints; and the interconnection between EEC policy areas.

**P272/193** May–June 1976

116pp

**EEC Fourth Economic Policy Programme, 1976–80**

Copy of an unrevised translation into English of a preliminary draft by the Economic Policy Committee of the fourth medium-term economic policy programme of the European Communities (27 May 1976, 110pp). Departmental note for the Minister for Finance on the progress of the formulation of the programme and on its implications for Ireland (25 June 1976, 3pp), together with extracts from the preliminary draft referring to Ireland (3pp).

**P272/194** December 1976

45pp

**Cabinet Sub-Committee on the EEC Regional Development Fund**

Papers submitted in advance of a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the European Regional Development Fund [ERDF].

Includes:

- copy of a Department of Finance note for the Cabinet Sub-Committee on developments in the review of the European regional development Fund (3 December 1976, 7pp);
- copy of a Finance note on the ERDF and the 1977 public capital programme (December 1976, 2pp);
- copy of a [Finance?] note on the outcome of the Fund's operation in Ireland in 1976 (December 1976, 5pp);
- copy of a Finance memorandum for the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the identification and selection of projects for inclusion in Ireland's first application for aid from the ERDF in 1977 (3 December 1976, 25pp);
- copy of a secret Finance note on discussions with M. Ruggiero, Director General, Regional Policy Directorate on the review of European regional policy (6 December 1976, 5pp).

**P272/195** March 1977

4 items

**European Commission agricultural price proposals for 1977-8**

Material relating to the European Commission proposals for agricultural prices in 1977-8.

Includes:

- copy of a memorandum for the Government from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture on the Commission's proposals (March 1977, 8pp);
- copy of the observations of the Minister for Industry and Commerce on the Department of Agriculture memorandum (11 March 1977, 2pp);
- copy of a detailed Department of Finance note for the Minister on the Agriculture memorandum and the Commission's proposals which have important implications for public financing as well as for the economy in general (10 March 1977, 11pp);
- copy of a Department of Finance memorandum for the Government containing the views of the Minister for Finance on the Commission's proposals as presented in the Agriculture memorandum (11 March 1977, 7pp).

**P272/196** August 1976

12pp

**Comparison of Social security contributions within the European Community**

Copy of a memorandum for the information of the Government from the Office of the Minister for Finance providing a comparison of social security contributions in some member states of the European Community with reference to the impact on both employers' costs and employees' pay.

## 2.11 Speeches, Statements and Broadcasts

### 2.11.1 Pre-Ministerial Speeches and Addresses

**P272/197** 27 October 1950

3 items

#### **Inaugural address to the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society of Ireland**

Text of RR's inaugural address (9pp) to the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society of Ireland on 'The Latent Wisdom' in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, with speakers General Richard Mulcahy TD, Sean MacEntee TD, and Lord Killanin. Also includes a copy of *The Equity Examiner* (1951, 13pp), the Society journal, our motto 'Not by porter alone doth man live'; and a handwritten undated motion calling for an extraordinary general meeting to consider a motion on discrimination against any member of the Society on the grounds of gender (1p).

**P272/198** 26 January 1951

10pp

#### **Inaugural address to the Literary and Historical Society, University College Dublin**

Text of RR's inaugural address to the L & H on 'Few and Many', together with a notice for the meeting (1p), speakers including An Taoiseach John A. Costello SC TD, Sean Lemass TD and Senator William Stanford. Also includes a L & H *pro forma* invitation to the Irish Universities' Inter-Debate in Earlsfort Terrace on 24 February 1951 (1p) and a cutting of a photograph from the *Sunday Independent* showing attendance, including RR, at a dinner preceding the debate (25 February 1951, 1p).

**P272/199** September 1968–January 1973

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#### **Pre-Ministerial speeches**

Texts of speeches and addresses given by RR, mainly as Fine Gael Shadow Minister/Spokesman for Health and Social Welfare and, after May 1970, Shadow Minister/Spokesman on External Affairs; to party meetings; during referenda, election and bye-election campaigns; and at organisations such as the Council of Europe of which he was a member.

- addressing the Terenure Branch of Fine Gael, Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines (3 September 1968, 2pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Dublin South-West Constituency

- Executive, Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines on electoral reform (5 September 1968, 6pp);
- addressing the North Crumlin Branch of Fine Gael on electoral reform (6 September 1968, 2pp);
  - addressing a meeting of Fine Gael Dublin Directors of the Referendum Campaign, Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines (13 September 1968, 4pp);
  - addressing a meeting of Fine Gael Kimmage Branch 14 September 1968, 3pp);
  - speaking at Cooley Road, Drimnagh (13 October 1968, 2pp);
  - addressing a meeting of Fine Gael Youth Group, Limerick on trade unionists' role in Fine Gael (15 November 1968, 3pp);
  - addressing the annual general meeting of Ballyfermot Branch of Fine Gael (24 January 1968, 4pp);
  - addressing the Fine Gael Dublin South Trade Union Group, Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines (25 January 1969, 4pp);
  - addressing a meeting of Clondalkin Branch of Fine Gael, Green Isle Hotel (8 February 1969, 2pp);
  - addressing a Fine Gael rally in the Mansion House, Dublin to open a recruiting and fund-raising drive (17 February 1969, 3pp);
  - speaking at a meeting of the Terenure Social Branch, Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines (22 February 1969, 3pp);
  - addressing Fine Gael Trade Unionists, Television Club, Harcourt Street, Dublin (22 March 1969, 2pp);
  - speaking at a meeting of the Fine Gael Standing Committee, Hume Street, Dublin (5 April 1969, 2pp);
  - speaking at Fine Gael Rathmines Central Branch, Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines (11 April 1969, 2pp);
  - addressing the Dublin Jewish Students' Union of the Inter-University Jewish Federation, at the Maccabi Club, Kimmage Road West (4 May 1969, 2pp);
  - addressing Fine Gael public meetings in Crumlin and Terenure (24 May 1969, 1p);
  - speaking at an election meeting at Harold's Cross Road, Dublin (29 May 1969, 1p);
  - addressing the Fine Gael Rathmines Central Branch, Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines (11 July 1969, 2pp);
  - addressing the Legal Affairs Committee and Human Rights Sub-Committee of the Council of Europe, Paris (12 September 1969, 3pp);
  - addressing the inaugural meeting of the 200<sup>th</sup> Session of the College Historical Society, Trinity College Dublin (22 October 1969, 2pp);
  - addressing the Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Paris (12 November 1969, 4pp);
  - addressing the Legal Committee of the Council of Europe, Paris (13 November 1969, 2pp);
  - speaking at the Irish-Israel Friendship League, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (1 December 1969, 2pp);
  - addressing the Legal Committee of the Council of Europe, Paris (12, 14 December 1969, 2pp);
  - speaking at the Literary and Debating Society, University College Galway (26 February 1970, 3pp);

- addressing the annual dinner of the Belmullet, County Mayo District Executive of Fine Gael, Broadhaven Arms Hotel, Belmullet (11 March 1970, 3pp);
- addressing the annual dinner of the Leixlip Branch of Fine Gael, Leixlip, County Kildare (1 April 1970, 1p);
- addressing Fine Gael bye-election meetings at Naas and Newbridge, County Kildare (10 April 1970, 2pp);
- speaking at a bye-election meeting in Kildare (12 April 1970, 1p);
- speaking at a bye-election meeting in Prosperous, County Kildare (13 April 1970, 1p);
- speaking at Ballitore, County Kildare on negotiations towards Irish accession to the European Community (2 May 1970, 2pp);
- speaking at a Fine Gael dinner at Ballymore Eustace (11 May 1970, 2pp);
- addressing a Fine Gael dinner in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk (31 May 1970, 2pp);
- speaking at a meeting of the Council of Europe Committee on Drug Addiction, Paris (4 June 1970, 4pp);
- addressing Tuam Junior Chamber of Commerce (5 September 1970, 2pp);
- addressing a public meeting in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk (15 October 1970, 1p);
- addressing the Michael Collins Club at the Fine Gael Club Rooms, Rathmines (26 October 1970, 3pp);
- addressing bye-election meetings in County Leitrim (8 November 1970, 2pp);
- addressing bye-election meetings at Newcastle, Saggart and Tallaght (22 November 1970, 2pp);
- addressing the Association of Irish Widows' Conference, Liberty Hall, Dublin (5 December 1970, 2pp);
- addressing the annual dinner of the Clonakilty District Executive of Fine Gael (11 December 1970, 3pp);
- addressing the Dundrum, South County Dublin, Branch of Fine Gael (21 September 1971, 3pp);
- addressing the annual dinner of the Rathcoffey District Executive of Fine Gael, Osberstown House Hotel, County Kildare (5 November 1971, 2pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael UCD Student Branch, Belfield (23 November 1971, 2pp);
- addressing the annual Charleville District Executive dinner of Fine Gael, Cronin's Hotel, Charleville (26 November 1971, 4pp);
- addressing a 1921 Treaty Commemoration public meeting at the International Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin (6 December 1971, 9pp);
- addressing the annual general meeting of the Cosgrave (Kimmage) Branch of Fine Gael, Submarine Bar, Crumlin (13 December 1971, 2pp);
- addressing the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg (20 January 1972, 2pp);
- addressing the annual dinner of the Synge Street Schools' Past Pupils' Union, Four Courts Hotel, Dublin (10 February 1972, 3pp);
- addressing the Literary & Debating Society, University College

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Galway, opposing the motion: 'That this House rejects the rights to private property' (24 February 1972, 2pp);

- speaking at the annual dinner of the Fine Gael Kilkenny District Executive, Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny (17 March 1972, 1p);
- speaking at the Council of Europe Special Sub-Committee on Northern Ireland, Paris (22 March 1972, 2pp);
- addressing a public meeting of Harold's Cross residents on the referendum on membership of the European Community (2 May 1972, 2pp);
- speaking at the Council of Europe Special Sub-Committee on Northern Ireland, Strasbourg (15 May 1972, 4pp);
- addressing the Kimmage Branch of Fine Gael (3 July 1972, 2pp);
- speaking at the New University of Ulster, Coleraine, County Derry on the British Government's proposed plebiscite on the border (21 November 1972, 5pp);
- presenting the prizes at the annual presentation ceremony at Stratford College, Zion Road, Rathgar, Dublin (29 November 1972, 3pp);
- addressing the Speakers' Club, Moore's Hotel, Cork on 'Ireland: one or two states?' (7 December 1972, 4pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the accession of Ireland to the European Community (17 January 1973, 5pp);
- press release concerning a speech in Limerick denouncing the planned plebiscite in Northern Ireland (26 January 1973, 1p); text of the speech (4pp).

### **2.11.2 Ministerial Speeches**

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#### **Text of Ministerial speeches, 1973–4**

Copies of the text of speeches given by Richie Ryan as Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service, with an original list of speeches.

Speeches are:

- to the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants' Seminar at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin (31 March 1973, 9pp);
- at the annual dinner of Kildare Chamber of Commerce, Derby House Hotel, Kildare (4 April 1973, 11pp);
- at the closing of the Market Research Bureau of Ireland Field Seminar, New Jury's Hotel, Dublin (10 April 1973, 3pp);
- at the symposium on 'Women and Political Action' organised by the Catholic Women's Federation at the Convent of Mercy, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin (15 April 1973, 10pp);
- to the National Savings Committee (17 April 1973, 9pp);
- at the presentation of prizes for the Irish National Management Game at the Killiney Castle Hotel, Killiney, County Dublin (18

- May 1973, 6pp);
- at the centenary dinner of the Irish Industrial Building Society at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (5 June 1973, 7pp);
  - at the opening of a new factory for Canada Dry International Ltd at Athy, County Kildare (8 June 1973, 3pp);
  - at a dinner on the occasion of the conferring of the Freedom of the City of Waterford on Senator Patrick McGrath (8 June 1973, 6pp);
  - at a reception to mark the inauguration of the new postgraduate course in public administration in UCD (12 June 1973, 4pp);
  - at the opening of a new factory by Toyota (Ireland) Ltd at Bluebell, Dublin (14 June 1973, 5pp);
  - at the official opening of the factory of John Egan (Tuam) Ltd (15 June 1973, 6pp);
  - at the presentation of prizes at the Inter-Schools Swimming Gala, Artane, Dublin (17 June 1973, 4pp);
  - at the opening of the Central Data Processing Services Computer Centre, Kilmainham, Dublin (18 June 1973, 9pp);
  - at a luncheon of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Ireland (3 July 1973, 9pp);
  - to the Industrial and Administrative Group of the Dublin Society of Chartered Accountants at the New Jury's Hotel (4 July 1973, 10pp);
  - to the Stock Exchange (18 July 1973, 6pp);
  - to the Kimmage Branch of Fine Gael in The Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross, in praise of the public service (23 July 1973, 3pp);
  - text of a statement which the Minister for Finance sought to make in the Dáil but was refused consent by the Opposition, concerning steps taken by the Department of Finance to recover monies paid to an arms dealer in West Germany, on foot of the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts; statement released to the press (27 July 1973, 1p);
  - at the official opening of the 'Best of Irish' promotion at the Munster Arcade, Cork (28 July 1973, 5pp); at the opening of the Irish Antique Dealers' Fair at the Mansion House, Dublin (6 August 1973, 4pp);
  - on the occasion of a visit to Thurles Sugar Factory (10 September 1973, 4pp);
  - on the occasion of a visit to Mallow Sugar Factory (10 September 1973, 3pp);
  - on the occasion of a visit to the factory of East Cork Foods Ltd., Middleton (11 September 1973, 2pp);
  - on the occasion of a visit to the Fastnet Co-operative Society Ltd. at Skibbereen (11 September 1973, 2pp);
  - on the occasion of a visit to the Irish Sugar Company's farm at Gowla, County Galway (13 September 1973, 4pp);
  - at the opening of the new offices of Irish Credit Bank Ltd. at O'Connell Street, Limerick (14 September 1973, 6pp);
  - on the occasion of a visit to the Tuam factories of the Irish Sugar Company (14 September 1973, 4pp);
  - on the occasion of a visit to the factory of J. Matterson & Sons Ltd, a vegetable canning company owned by the Irish Sugar

- Company, Limerick (14 September 1973, 3pp);
- on the occasion of the opening of a new office building for Dublin Maritime Ltd (20 September 1973, 4pp);
  - at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group at Nairobi (27 September 1973, 8pp);
  - at a lunch held by the Irish Housewives' Association at the Clarence Hotel, Dublin to celebrate the publication of the Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (9 October 1973, 7pp);
  - at the presentation of diplomas and awards by the Institute of Public Administration (10 October 1973, 7pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, on tax reform (11 October 1973, 11pp);
  - addressing a combined meeting of the Rathmines, Mount Pleasant and Ranelagh Branches of Fine Gael at the Mansion House, Dublin (12 October 1973, 4pp);
  - at the Stock Exchange Dinner (19 October 1973, 8pp);
  - addressing the Annual General Meeting of the Waterford Constituency Executive of Fine Gael at the Friary Hall, Dungarvan (25 October 1973, 3pp);
  - addressing public meetings at Drumcatten and Inniskeen, County Monaghan in support of Brendan Toal, Fine Gael candidate in the Monaghan bye-election (11 November 1973, 4pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce in the Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk (13 November 1973, 5pp);
  - at the luncheon of the Irish Association of Pension Funds at the New Jury's Hotel (14 November 1973, 6pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Institute of Bankers in Ireland, at Trinity College Dublin (17 November 1973, 10pp);
  - at the inaugural meeting of the National Economic and Social Council at the Royal Dublin Society (28 November 1973, 9pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Master Builders' Association at the New Jury's Hotel, Dublin (28 November 1973, 5pp);
  - addressing a Fine Gael election rally in Carrickmacross (24 November 1973, 2pp) with additional handwritten speaking notes (2pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Insurance Institute of Dublin at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (1 December 1973, 10pp);
  - at the opening of the Aer Lingus Young Scientists' Exhibition at the RDS, Ballsbridge (4 January 1974, 6pp) with additional speaking notes in Irish (1p);
  - at the opening of new offices for the Northern Bank Finance Corporation and Forward trust (Ireland) Ltd. at Wilton Place, Dublin (9 January 1974, 6pp);
  - at the opening of new offices for the Industrial Credit Company Ltd at O'Connell Street, Limerick (15 January 1974, 7pp);
  - addressing the annual dinner of Terenure College Past Pupils Union at the Carmelite College, Terenure (19 January 1974, 4pp) with a note for the Minister on the history of the Carmelites (1p);
  - at the annual dinner of the Cork Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Metropole, Cork (25 January 1974, 8pp);

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- at a Conference of Heads of State or Government in Salzburg on long-term problems of world society, attending as personal representative of the Taoiseach (4 February 1974, 7pp);
- at the Institute of Public Administration conference on 'The role of the Chairman' at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (7 February 1974, 20pp);
- to the Irish Region of the Association of Certified Accountants, Metropole Hotel, Cork (9 February 1974, 8pp);
- at the official opening of the Revenue Computer Centre at St John's Road, Dublin (14 February 1974, 8pp);
- at the re-opening of the Waterford Trustee Savings Bank (15 February 1974, 4pp);
- to the first meeting of the Public Service Advisory Council, held in the Department of the Public Service, St Stephen's Green, Dublin (22 February 1974, 8pp);
- addressing a meeting of the Terenure Branch of Fine Gael (23 February 1974, 3pp);
- addressing a meeting of the Crumlin Branch of Fine Gael (25 February 1974, 3pp).

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**Text of Ministerial speeches, 1974**

copies of the text of speeches given by Richie Ryan as Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service, with an original list of speeches.

Speeches are:

- at the annual dinner of the Association of Trustee Savings Banks in Ireland, Gresham Hotel, Dublin (7 March 1974, 6pp);
- addressing Tuairim, Cork on 'The Sterling Link', Victoria Hotel, Cork (8 March 1974, 10pp);
- addressing the Sean MacEoin Branch of Fine Gael at the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross, Dublin (11 March 1974, 3pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (19 March 1974, 10pp);
- at a Dublin Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (21 March 1974, 12pp);
- at the opening of new headquarters of United Dominions Trust (Ireland) Ltd, Fleet Street, Dublin (27 March 1974, 7pp);
- at the closing session of the CARE Conference '74 in Newman House, Dublin on 'Planning for our children' (5 April 1974, 9pp);
- at a symposium in Liberty Hall held by the Women's Political Association to mark the first anniversary of the publication of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (24 April 1974, 10pp);
- addressing the ISVS Conference, the central body coordinating Irish voluntary organisations, at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (26 April 1974, 4pp);
- to the Literary and Historical Society, University College Dublin,

- on the motion 'That we should tax the farmers' (26 April 1974, 11pp);
- to the Junior Chamber Ireland luncheon, Jury's Hotel, Westport, on capital taxation (28 April 1974, 7pp);
  - addressing a Fine Gael Dublin Central meeting at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (29 April 1974, 4pp);
  - at the introduction by the National Savings Committee of the booklet *The challenge of retirement* at the National Gallery of Ireland (6 May 1974, 5pp);
  - addressing the Fine Gael Carlow County Executive dinner at the Oaklands Hotel, Carlow (10 May 1974, 3pp);
  - at the Waterford Cooperative Society reception at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (10 May 1974, 4pp);
  - at the annual luncheon of the Confederation of Irish Industry, New Jury's Hotel (15 May 1974, 15pp);
  - at the conference dinner of the Civil and Public Services' Staff Association, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (23 May 1974, 5pp);
  - at the opening of new offices of Algemene Bank Nederland (Ireland) Ltd, St Stephen's Green, Dublin (24 May 1974, 6pp);
  - at the opening of the 'Wonderful World of Wool' exhibition in Ireland House, St Stephen's Green, Dublin (28 May 1974, 5pp);
  - during the Fine Gael local elections campaign, at Mount Jerome Schoolhouse, Harold's Cross Road, Dublin (30 May 1974, 6pp);
  - at the opening of the first pre-retirement course for civil servants, held at Gaeleagras na Staitseirbhise, Merrion Square, Dublin (5 June 1974, 3pp);
  - at the inaugural lunch of the Irish Business Equipment Trade Association (5 June 1974, 7pp);
  - addressing a public meeting at the Five Counties Hotel, New Ross (8 June 1974, 2pp);
  - speaking in Wexford during the local election campaign (8 June 1974, 2pp);
  - at the opening of an exhibition of historic maps at Trinity College Library to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ordnance Survey in Ireland (7 June 1974, 7pp);
  - addressing a local election campaign meeting at the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross, Dublin (10 June 1974, 3pp);
  - addressing a local election campaign meeting at Rathmines, Dublin (14 June 1974, 3pp);
  - addressing a local election campaign meeting at Macroom, County Cork (15 June 1974, 3pp);
  - addressing a local election campaign meeting at Midleton, County Cork (16 June 1974, 3pp);
  - at the presentation of prizes for the Irish National Management Game at Jury's Hotel, Dublin (8 July 1974, 5pp);
  - at the opening of the seminar on the Finance Bill 1974 and the White Paper on Capital Taxation, organised by the Institute of Taxation in Ireland, in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin (12 July 1974, 7pp);
  - at the official opening of new offices for the Irish Bank of Commerce Ltd, Merrion Square, Dublin (18 July 1974, 7pp);
  - at the official opening of the second Annual Skibbereen Welcome Home Week Festival (28 July 1974, 4pp);
  - at a Fine Gael Party meeting, Cruise's Hotel, Limerick (16

- August 1974, 5pp);
- addressing members of the Artane Constituency Executive of Fine Gael at Summerhill Parade, Dublin (6 September 1974, 10pp);
- at a luncheon of the Rotary Club, New Jury's Hotel, Dublin (9 September 1974, 9pp);
- at the opening of the new office and welfare extension of Johnson and Johnson (Ireland) Ltd, Tallaght, Dublin (11 September 1974, 5pp);
- at a dinner in his honour hosted by Gaeltarra Éireann during a two-day visit to Gaeltarra Éireann plants in the Gaeltacht (18 September 1974, 5pp);
- at the closing of the McLintock Main Lafrentz International Partners' Meeting, Europa Hotel, Killarney (20 September 1974, 9pp);
- at the annual general meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group, Washington (30 September 1974, 6pp);
- at the Industrial Development Authority luncheon, University Club, New York (7 October 1974, 6pp);
- at the formal opening of the new offices of the Irish Church Property Insurance Company, Hyde House, Adelaide Road, Dublin (22 October 1974, 6pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (24 October 1974, 9pp);
- addressing a bye-election meeting at Roche's Hall, Mitchelstown, County Cork (1 November 1974, 2pp);
- at the institute of Public Administration, Lansdowne Road, Dublin (1 November 1974, 5pp);
- addressing a bye-election meeting at Midleton, County Cork (3 November 1974, 2pp);
- at the opening of the Rehabilitation Institute's New Community Workshop at Ballinamore, County Leitrim (4 November 1974, 2pp);
- addressing a bye-election meeting in Youghal, County Cork (8 November 1974, 3pp);
- at the conference of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Killarney (9 November 1974, 5pp);
- addressing a bye-election meeting in Doneraile, County Cork (10 November 1974, 4pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Silversprings Hotel, Cork (15 November 1974, 11pp);
- at the presentation of prizes at the annual Braille Reading Competition of the National League of the Blind of Ireland, Gardiner Place, Dublin (16 November 1974, 4pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Institute of Bankers in Ireland, Trinity College, Dublin (16 November 1974, 10pp)
- at the opening of new premises for the Ulster Investment Bank Ltd at Hume Street, Dublin (25 November 1974, 8pp);
- addressing a Cork City Executive Fine Gael dinner, Metropole Hotel, Cork (30 November 1974, 6pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Insurance Institute of Dublin, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (7 December 1974, 5pp);

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- at the annual dinner of the Roscrea Chamber of Commerce, Pathe Hotel, Roscrea (6 December 1974, 7pp);
- statement issued on behalf of the department of Finance on the Public Capital Programme 1975 (17 December 1975, 4pp);
- addressing a luncheon for the members of Comhairle na Gaeilge. In Irish with a translation into English (20 December 1974, 7pp).

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January–October 1975

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**Text of Ministerial speeches, 1975**

copies of the text of speeches given by Richie Ryan as Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service, with an original list of speeches. Includes occasional statements issued on the Minister's behalf by the Government Information Bureau.

Speeches and statements are:

- at the opening of the Aer Lingus Young Scientists' Exhibition at the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin (3 January 1975, 6pp);
- at the opening of the International Coin Fair at the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin (18 January 1975, 4pp);
- at a dinner in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin following the opening of the Grafton Street Branch of the Trustee Savings Bank (20 January 1975, 4pp);
- at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederation of Irish Industry Conference at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin (21 January 1975, 14pp);
- at a meeting of the Commerce and Economics Society, University College Galway, on 'The significance of the transfer of wealth to the oil-producing countries' (24 January 1975, 15pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Galway Chamber of Commerce, Great Southern Hotel, Galway, on 'Privileged to be in the Public Service' (25 January 1975, 8pp);
- at the Sligo Chamber of Commerce Dinner at Jury's Hotel (7 February 1975, 7pp);
- at the Catenian Association Dinner, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (8 February 1975, 3pp);
- on the occasion of the presentation of certificates to civil servants completing a special course in Irish, Gaeleagras na Seirbhíse Poiblí, Merrion Square, Dublin. In Irish with an English translation (21 February 1975, 9pp);
- at the presentation of Diplomas in Business Studies at the College of Commerce, Rathmines, Dublin (21 February 1975, 5pp);
- addressing Fine Gael bye-election meetings in Galway North-East and Galway West constituencies (23 February 1975, 2pp);
- at the launch of the Midlands Regional Development Organisation's 'Make it the Midlands' campaign, in Ireland House, St Stephen's Green, Dublin (25 February 1975, 7pp);
- at a Fine Gael public meeting in the Connacht Arms Hotel, Tuam, County Galway (22 February 1975, 3pp);
- at a Fine Gael dinner in Cavanaugh's Hotel, Westport, County

- Mayo (28 February 1975, 5pp);
- at a Fine Gael bye-election meeting at Athenry, County Galway (1 March 1975, 3pp);
  - at a Fine Gael bye-election meeting at Headford, County Galway (2 March 1975, 3pp);
  - at a bye-election meeting in Galway (3 March 1975, 2pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Association of Trustee Savings Banks in Ireland (6 March 1975, 5pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (11 March 1975, 8pp);
  - at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis, Mansion House, Dublin (22 March 1975, 8pp);
  - addressing the Crumlin Branch of Fine Gael in the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross, Dublin (24 March 1975, 2pp);
  - at a Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency social, St Mary's, Terenure (31 March 1975, 3pp);
  - at the opening of the Annual Delegate Conference of the Institute of Professional Civil Servants, Royal Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (11 April 1975, 6pp);
  - addressing a convention of the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency in the Mansion House, Dublin (20 April 1975, 5pp);
  - at the National Management Conference in Killarney (26 April 1975, 25pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Institute of Personnel Management, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (1 May 1975, 10pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Cavan Chamber of Commerce, Farnham Arms Hotel, Cavan (4 May 1975, 6pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Irish Exporters' Association, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (9 May 1975, 7pp);
  - at the official opening of the new offices of the Revenue Commissioners at Dublin Castle (3 June 1975, 8pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Financial Executives Association, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (5 June 1975, 11pp);
  - at a Fine Gael Kimmage Branch meeting at Crumlin Cross (30 June 1975, 6pp);
  - at a Fine Gael Crumlin Branch meeting in the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross (11 August 1975, 5pp);
  - at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group, Washington (2 September 1975, 6pp);
  - addressing Industrial Development Authority seminars in New York (8 September 1975) and Chicago (9 September 1975) (12pp);
  - at a press conference in Brussels on the proposal that the budget for the Social Fund be cut (29 September 1975, 2pp);
  - addressing the Thurles Branch of Fine Gael, Castle Hotel, Thurles (3 October 1975, 7pp);
  - at the official opening of the University College Galway Shellfish Research Laboratory at Carna, County Galway (6 October 1975, 5pp);
  - at the opening of the Third Irish Hardware and Housewares Trade Fair, RDS, Dublin (7 October 1975, 6pp);
  - address to the Operations Research Society of Ireland,

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- Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (13 October 1975, 9pp);
- address to the Policy Committee of Price Waterhouse International, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (14 October 1975, 10pp);
- at a branch meeting of UCD Fine Gael, Belfield (15 October 1975, 7pp);
- at the Irish Independent Investment Conference, Gresham Hotel, Dublin (16 October 1975, 6pp).

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October 1975–July 1976

50 items

**Text of Ministerial speeches, 1975–6**

copies of the text of speeches given by Richie Ryan as Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service, with an original list of speeches.

Speeches are:

- at a press reception to launch the new index-linked savings scheme, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (17 October 1975, 7pp);
- statement issued on behalf of the Minister for Finance on the European Regional Development Fund and Irish investment projects approved by the European Commission (17 October 1975, 11pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (23 October 1975, 14pp);
- addressing Fine Gael meetings in connection with the West Mayo bye-election (26 October 1975, 3pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (30 October 1975, 9pp);
- addressing a bye-election meeting at Belmullet (2 November 1975, 2pp);
- at a Stock Exchange dinner, Gresham Hotel, Dublin (7 November 1975, 12pp);
- addressing a Fine Gael bye-election meeting at Castlebar (8 November 1975, 2pp);
- addressing Fine Gael bye-election meetings in support of Enda Kenny (9 November 1975, 3pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (13 November 1975, 12pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Institute of Bankers in Ireland, Trinity College Dublin (15 November 1975, 10pp);
- at the Fourth Irish Investment Conference, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (24 November 1975, 10pp);
- as Minister for the Public Service, speaking at a press conference to announce the establishment of the Informal Committee on Administrative Justice (13 December 1975, 6pp);
- at the opening of new offices from CARA Data Processing, a subsidiary of Aer Lingus, in Portobello House, Dublin (17 December 1975, 4pp);
- speaking in Dáil Éireann on payment of allowances to members

- of the Oireachtas (18 December 1975, 5pp);
- speaking at the Fine Gael Trade Union Conference, Cavendish House, Dublin (17 January 1976, 7pp);
- at a reception to announce the formation of the Douglas Fox Kidsons Group of Chartered Accountants, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (21 January 1976, 5pp);
- texts of two party political broadcasts by the Minister for Finance on the Budget 1976; in English (5pp) and Irish (4pp);
- addressing the Society of the Irish Motor Industry, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (22 January 1976, 5pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Irish Airline Pilots' Association, Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel (9 February 1976, 7pp);
- statement issued on behalf of the Minister for Finance on communications with the IAOS (20 February 1976, 2pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Irish Conference of Professional and Service Associations, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (28 February 1976, 3pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Synge Street Past Pupils' Union, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (6 March 1976, 6pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (9 March 1976, 10pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (11 March 1976, 8pp);
- opening the Brighter Homes Exhibition, RDS, Dublin (16 March 1976, 4pp);
- At the Irish Council of the European Movement symposium on Social Policy, 1976–86, in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin (22 March 1976, 8pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Tralee Chamber of Commerce, Mount Brandon Hotel, Tralee (26 March 1976, 10pp);
- to the Institute of Taxation, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (29 March 1976, 9pp);
- addressing the South Tipperary Constituency Executive of Fine Gael, Cahir, County Tipperary (2 April 1976, 4pp);
- at a luncheon to mark the first meeting of the Board of the Fédération Bancaire de la CEE in Dublin (9 April 1976, 4pp);
- at the public launch of the Small Firms Association, Confederation House, Kildare Street, Dublin (21 April 1976, 5pp);
- at the official opening of the renovated head office of City of Dublin Bank, Merrion Street, Dublin (29 April 1976, 5pp);
- at the National Management Conference of the Irish Management Institute, Killarney on 'The environment for enterprise: the role of the State' (1 May 1976, 21pp);
- at the annual luncheon of the Confederation of Irish Industry, New Jury's Hotel, Dublin (13 May 1976, 7pp);
- to members of the Irish Finance Houses Association, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (13 May 1976, 4pp);
- at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis, Seapoint Ballroom, Galway (15 May 1976, 4pp);
- at a meeting of the Fine Gael Kilkenny County Executive, Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny (28 May 1976, 3pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Civil and Public Services Staff Association, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (29 May 1976, 2pp);

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- at the official opening of a Novum Ltd symposium on 'What Mrs Beeton never knew' at Trinity College Dublin (3 June 1976, 3pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Financial executives' Association, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (3 June 1976, 7pp);
- at the presentation of prizes for the Irish National Management Game, Jury's Hotel, Dublin (14 June 1976, 4pp);
- at the presentation to him of a copy of *The Irish Civil Service* by Seán Dooney at the Institute of Public Administration, Lansdowne Road, Dublin (14 June 1976, 5pp);
- addressing the Dublin Rathmines West Fine Gael Constituency Executive, Grosvenor Place, Dublin on the Government decision to introduce legislation to control increases in bank employees' pay (17 June 1976, 3pp);
- addressing the first meeting of the All-Party Informal Committee on Administrative Justice, Leinster House (1 July 1976, 6pp).

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September 1976–June 1977

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**Text of speeches by the Minister for Finance, 1976–7**

copies of the text of speeches given by Richie Ryan as Minister for Finance and Minister for the Public Service, with an original list of speeches.

Speeches are:

- at a meeting of the Gerard Sweetman Branch of Fine Gael, Grosvenor Road, Rathgar, Dublin (2 September 1976, 6pp);
- addressing the Kimmage Branch of Fine Gael in the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross, Dublin (13 September 1976, 5pp);
- at a conference on 'Legislatures and Human Rights' in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (14 September 1976, 9pp);
- at the Chief Executives Forum Conference, the Europe Hotel, Killarney (15 September 1976, 13pp);
- at the official opening of an extension to Olin Chemicals Ltd, Swords, County Dublin (16 September 1976, 5pp);
- at the presentation of prizes for the European Management Game, Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin (18 September 1976, 4pp);
- to the National Savings Committee, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (22 September 1976, 4pp);
- address at the opening of the Dublin Junior Chamber Conference on 'Financial aspects of corporate growth' (27 October 1976, 8pp);
- at a reception in the Long Room, TCD Library, to mark the introduction of the new £5 note (27 October 1976, 3pp);
- at a meeting of the Blarney District Executive of the Mid-Cork Constituency of Fine Gael (5 November 1976, 6pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland (Jury's Hotel, Dublin (6 November 1976, 5pp);
- at the annual dinner of the Institute of Bankers in Ireland,

- Gresham Hotel, Dublin (12 November 1976, 9pp);
- addressing a meeting of the Captain Joe Mack Branch of Fine Gael in the Half-Way House, Drimnagh, Dublin (18 November 1976, 2pp);
  - at the Cork Chamber of Commerce Conference on World Economic Recovery at the Imperial Hotel, Cork (25 November 1976, 10pp);
  - addressing the Piltown Fine Gael District Executive at the Tower Hotel, Waterford (3 December 1976, 7pp);
  - at the annual dinner of the Junior Chamber, Dublin in Jury's Hotel (6 December 1976, 8pp);
  - addressing the Kimmage Branch of Fine Gael in the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross, Dublin (13 December 1976, 4pp);
  - speaking at a meeting of the Kimmage Branch of Fine Gael in the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross, Dublin (10 January 1977, 5pp);
  - addressing the annual dinner of the Dublin Rathmines West Constituency Executive, Montrose Hotel, Dublin (21 January 1976, 7pp);
  - speaking at a Confederation of Irish Industry dinner, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (25 January 1977, 6pp);
  - speaking at the second annual dinner of the Institute of Taxation in Ireland, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (29 January 1977, 4pp);
  - Minister for Finance's address, delivered by Fergus O'Brien TD at the annual distribution of prizes at the College of Commerce, Rathmines (11 February 1977, addressing the Dublin Rathmines West Constituency Executive of Fine Gael, Grosvenor Road, Dublin (19 February 1977, 7pp);
  - address at the Civil Service Training Centre, Lansdowne House (24 February 1977, 4pp);
  - speaking to the Fine Gael Waterford Constituency Executive in Dungarvan (25 February 1977, 6pp);
  - speaking at a Fine Gael Trade Union Group meeting, Cavendish House, Dublin (26 February 1977, 10pp);
  - addressing the Fine Gael Wexford County Executive Constituency Convention in Enniscorthy (28 February 1977, 3pp);
  - speaking at the annual dinner of the Association of Trustee Savings Banks in Ireland (2 March 1977, 5pp);
  - addressing the annual dinner of the Pharmaceutical, Chemical and Allied Industries Association in Jury's Hotel, Dublin (3 March 1977, 5pp);
  - addressing the annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (8 March 1977, 4pp);
  - addressing the annual dinner of the Junior Chamber Cork in the Metropole Hotel, Cork (11 March 1977, 7pp);
  - speaking at the annual dinner of the Irish Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association, Burlington Hotel, Dublin (12 March 1977, 4pp);
  - addressing the Commerce and Economics Society, University College Galway on 'Trends in Public Expenditure' (24 March 1977, 7pp);

- at the official opening of the Donegal Potatoes Ltd potato storage and grading unit in Newtowncunningham, County Donegal (25 March 1977, 5pp);
- addressing the East Mayo Fine Gael Constituency Executive annual dinner in Claremorris (25 March 1977, 5pp);
- speaking at a public meeting organised by the UCD Branch of Fine Gael in Belfield (21 April 1977, 7pp);
- speaking at the opening of the new Dame Street premises of the Mercantile Credit Company of Ireland (21 April 1977, 5pp);
- press release issued on behalf of the Minister for Finance. The Minister leaves Dublin for Washington where he will attend meetings of the IMF and the World Bank (25 April 1977, 2pp);
- speaking at the opening of the new branch office of Algemene Bank Nederland (Ireland) at South Mall, Cork (5 May 1977, 5pp);
- addressing the 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Association of Finance Executives Institutes in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin (10 May 1977, 12pp);
- addressing the Irish Association of Pension Funds luncheon, Jury's Hotel, Dublin (18 May 1977, 5pp);
- addressing the Association of Chambers of Commerce of Ireland luncheon, Hibernian Hotel, Dublin (19 May 1977, 8pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Ard Fheis, Dublin (21 May 1977, 7pp);
- speaking at the luncheon of the Irish Trade Protection Association, Gresham Hotel, Dublin (24 May 1977, 4pp);
- speaking at the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency Convention, Grosvenor Road, Rathmines (27 May 1977, 5pp);
- speaking at a Fine Gael meeting in Crumlin (1 June 1977, 3pp);
- addressing a Fine Gael meeting, Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin (3 June 1977, 3pp);
- speaking at a Fine Gael meeting in Rathmines (4 June 1977, 3pp);
- speaking at an election meeting at Sundrive Road, Kimmage (5 June 1977, 2pp);
- speaking to Fine Gael election workers at Larkfield, Dublin 6 (6 June 1977, 2pp);
- speaking at an election meeting at Harold's Cross, Dublin (8 June 1977, 2pp);
- speaking at an election meeting at Mohill, County Leitrim (11 June 1977, 4pp);
- speaking at an election meeting at Sundrive Road, Kimmage (13 June 1977, 2pp);
- speaking at an election meeting, Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin (14 June 1977, 3pp).

### 2.11.3 Ministerial Statements and Interviews

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#### **Ministerial statements**

Copies of statements and news releases, usually issued by the Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Minister for Finance. Statements cover all aspects of Ministerial and Departmental responsibility on budgetary and financial matters, and on the organisation of the public service. Includes some correspondence and associated documents concerning arrangements for interviews by print and broadcast media.

Statements relate to:

- Ministerial travel and attendance at meetings of international banking and financial organisations such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the European Investment Bank;
- changes in the taxation regime effected by each year's Budget;
- announcements of the issue of Exchequer Bills;
- changes in VAT rates;
- stimulus measures introduced by the Government to promote construction projects;
- the holding of Prize Bonds draws;
- changes in the scheme of tax allowances for the mining industry in Ireland;
- appointments to public bodies within the Minister's remit;
- changes in the terms applying to National Instalment Savings, Savings Certificates and Investment Bonds;
- the drawing of 4½% Land Bonds for redemption;
- the establishment, membership and functions of the Economic and Social Council (November 1973);
- the issue of a new National Loan;
- agreement with the European Investment Bank for a loan for telecommunications development in Ireland (November 1973);
- Government White Paper on capital taxation (January–February 1974);
- official opening by the Minister of new public service premises such as the Revenue Commissioners Computer Centre at St John's Road, Dublin (February 1974);
- Ministerial meetings with local interests on matters of concern to them;
- the freedom of civil servants to engage in political activity;
- annual estimates for the Public Service;
- increases in interest rates on loans from the Exchequer;
- income tax on farming profits and rates on farm land;
- the position of the Irish language in the public service (November 1974);
- proposals for a Corporation Tax (December 1974);
- the Public Capital Programme, 1975;
- the link with sterling;

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- meetings with trades unions and employers' representative groups;
  - distribution of the European Regional Development Fund (October 1975);
  - the extension of PAYE to public service employees (March 1976);
  - the removal of marriage differentiation in public service salaries (June 1977).

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#### **Ministerial interviews and profiles**

Copies of interviews with and profiles of the Minister for Finance, mainly from financial journals.

Comprises:

- interview with the Minister from *Business and Finance* (December 1973, 2pp);
- interview between the Minister and two research economists from the Irish Management Institute after he had presented the Budget for 1974, published in *Management*, the journal of the IMI (April 1974, 4pp);
- essay by the Minister on 'The role of the state' followed by a question and answer session between the Minister and various IMI economists, published in *Management* (May 1976, 10pp);
- a profile of the Minister by Gerry Mander published in *Irish Business*: 'Ritchie (sic) Ryan to leave Finance' (February 1977, 4pp);
- economic, political and social survey of the Republic of Ireland published in *The Economist* and including a segment on the Minister for Finance (April 1977, 18pp);
- cover story from *Business and Finance*, 'The Coalition and Business' consisting of an interview with RR (12 May 1977, 3pp).

#### **2.11.4 Budget Broadcasts and Speeches**

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#### **Radio and television Budget broadcasts by the Minister for Finance**

Texts of broadcasts, in both English and Irish, on both radio and television, by the Minister for Finance on and around Budget Day each year.

As well as drafts and texts of the broadcasts, the file includes:

- internal Department of Finance correspondence and minutes

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concerning arrangements for Budget addresses, party political broadcasts, and press briefings;

- correspondence with RTÉ concerning arrangements for relaying the Minister's Budget speech, for broadcasts, and in response to requests for interviews on news programmes;
- copies of outlines of the Minister's Budget Day schedule;
- Departmental material on presentation matters.

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**Budget Speech second draft**

Annotated and amended text of the second draft of the Minister's budget speech, with note 'Material on P.C.P. to be included'.

**2.11.5 Post-Ministerial Speeches**

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**Post-Ministerial speeches by RR**

Original file of texts of speeches, and press releases publicising the content of speeches delivered by RR, mostly in the European Parliament, with some addressed to Fine Gael Party functions and meetings in the Dublin area. File includes an original list of speeches which does not correspond exactly with the content of the file.

Speeches are:

- speech note for RR on the Third Report on the European Regional Development Fund (October 1977, 4pp);
- speech in the European Parliament on 'The IMF – Europe – the World' (17 April 1978, 4pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Crumlin Branch in the Submarine Bar, Crumlin, on Irish neutrality (23 October 1978, 3pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency Executive, Grosvenor Road, Rathgar (31 October 1978, 3pp);
- addressing the Dublin South County Constituency Executive of Fine Gael in the Victor Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (2 November 1978, 2pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the Ardwick Report on the proposed European Monetary System (16 November 1978, 6pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the failure of the Commission and the Council of Ministers to pay attention to Europe's poorer areas (12 December 1978, 6pp);
- 'The European Parliament as seen by a member'; undisclosed venue, after he had spent a year as a Member of the European

- Parliament ([1978], 7pp);
- speech note on postal services within the Community (December 1978, 1p);
  - addressing the Fine Gael Ard Fheis (31 March 1979, 3pp);
  - addressing the Association of Graduates in Public Administration, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (10 April 1979, 1p);
  - opening the new carpet showrooms of Inigo Jones Ltd in 16 Hume Street, the former Fine Gael headquarters (23 April 1979, 2pp);
  - at the launch of the Fine Gael European election campaign in the Dublin Constituency (10 May 1979, 1p);
  - at the European Parliament Group meeting of Christian Democrats on the election system to the European Parliament (2 May 1979, 2pp);
  - at a press conference in Leinster House on the Fine Gael private member's bill to establish the Office of Ombudsman (21 May 1979, 3pp);
  - speaking at an election meeting in Blanchardstown (4 June 1979, 1p);
  - to the secretary of each Fine Gael Party Branch in Dublin on the occasion of the first day of the first directly-elected European Parliament (17 July 1979, 1p);
  - at the annual Michael Collins commemoration at Beal na mBlath (19 August 1979, 9pp);
  - speaking at a meeting of the Rathmines Branch of Fine Gael, Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin on Northern Ireland (13 September 1979, 3pp);
  - extract from an address to the Business and Professional Women's Association Seminar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, on 'Europe - where do we go?' (20 October 1979, 2pp);
  - speaking in the European Parliament on the Haij-Weggen report on gender equality (11 February 1981, 2pp);
  - protesting in the European Parliament on the incidence of errors in the electronic voting system (February 1981, 2pp);
  - press release on the obstruction of Irish trade through the United Kingdom caused by industrial action (11 April 1981, 2pp);
  - speaking in the European Parliament on resolutions on Northern Ireland (7 May 1981, 3pp);
  - addressing a meeting of leaders of European Christian Democratic parties in Bonn on the drift of the Council of Ministers to involvement in security policy (23 October 1981, 2pp);
  - speaking in the European Parliament on a resolution recommending a common system of election to the Parliament (10 March 1982, 4pp);
  - copy of a letter to the *International Herald Tribune* on Northern Ireland (8 September 1982, 1p);
  - addressing the Fine Gael National Council in Mount Street, Dublin on talk of a need for a national government (11 September 1982, 2pp);
  - addressing the Budget Plenary Session of the European Parliament (26 October 1982, 3pp);

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- addressing the Plenary Session of the European Parliament on a resolution on the European Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (29 October 1982, 2pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament in the debate on the Commission's annual economic report, condemning Fianna Fáil economic policy (17 November 1982, 3pp);
- addressing the European Parliament on the Commission's proposed directive on tobacco taxes (19 November 1982, 2pp);
- copy of a letter to Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald on embarrassment caused Irish members of the European Parliament on the almost total inactivity of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Secondary Legislation of the European Communities (24 January 1983, 2pp);
- press release on the decision to site the European Parliament in one location only (10 February 1983, 1p);
- speaking in the European Parliament on a common voting system for the next European elections (8 March 1983, 2pp);
- addressing a meeting of Christian Democratic MEPs in Brussels proposing the sacking of the European Commission (31 August 1983, 2pp);
- addressing a meeting of the EEC-ACP [African, Caribbean and Pacific] Consultative Council in Berlin on the failure of the EEC to implement effective industrial co-operation between Europe and the developing world (19 September 1983, 3pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament during the debate on aid for the film industry (10 October 1983, 2pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on breaches of fair competition in industry (24 October 1983, 3pp);
- addressing the European Parliament on failures in the work of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (15 December 1983, 3pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the 1984 Budget (15 December 1983, 3pp).

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**Irish speeches: original file of texts of speeches by Richie Ryan**

Original file of texts of speeches given by RR, postdating his period as Minister for Finance. The file is titled 'Irish speeches' but the content is not consistently or exclusively Irish. Includes an original list (2pp).

Speeches are:

- addressing the Fine Gael Ard Fheis on international relations (21 May 1978, 2pp);
- addressing a meeting of the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency Executive as leader of the Christian Democrats in the European Parliament, on non-denominational education (31 October 1978, 2pp);

- addressing a meeting of the Fine Gael Dublin South County Constituency Executive as leader of the Christian Democrats in the European Parliament, on a common voting system in European elections (2 November 1978, 2pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Dublin European Elections Selection Convention in the Mansion House (13 February 1979, 2pp), with a handwritten draft of a press release on behalf of the Fine Gael candidates, RR, Gerry L'Estrange and Senator Charles McDonald (3pp);
- launching the Fine Gael Dublin Constituency European election campaign at 63 Lower Mount Street, Dublin (10 May 1979, 1p);
- at the annual Michael Collins Commemoration at Beal na mBlath (19 August 1979, 9pp);
- copy of a letter to the Ceann Comhairle concerning security arrangements for the admission of cars to the grounds of Leinster House, copied to Oireachtas political correspondents (27 August 1979, 2pp);
- extract from an address to the Business and Professional Women's Association seminar at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire on 'Europe - where do we go?' (20 October 1979, 2pp);
- addressing the Literary and Historical Society, University College Dublin (23 November 1979, 2pp);
- addressing the annual dinner of the Irish Conference of professional and Service Associations at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin (24 November 1979, 2pp);
- addressing the annual general meeting of the Fine Gael Crumlin Branch at the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross (26 November 1979, 4pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Youth Group (4 January 1980, 4pp);
- addressing the Irish Institute of Purchasing and Materials Management, Buswell's Hotel, Dublin (21 January 1980, 5pp);
- addressing the Irish Federation of Self-Employed at the Montrose Hotel, Dublin (24 January 1980, 4pp);
- text of a statement on a trip to the Assemblée Nationale, Paris on the question of the introduction of a wealth tax (29 January 1980, 2pp);
- addressing the W.T. Cosgrave Branch of the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency at the Submarine Bar, Crumlin Cross (28 January 1980, 3pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Dublin Clontarf Constituency at the Old Shieling Hotel, Dublin (1 February 1980, 4pp);
- RR is a member of a European delegation to Tanzania in connection with the ACP Lomé Convention (26 February 1980, 1p);
- speaking in the European Parliament on a resolution calling for a uniform European passport (12 March 1980, 2pp);
- speaking at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis on the obligations of national parliaments to organise and supervise its police force (28 March 1980, 2pp);
- speaking at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis on Northern Ireland (28 March 1980, 1p);
- in a report to the Political Affairs Committee at the Palais

- d'Egmont, Brussels on the seat of the European Parliament (1 April 1980, 3pp);
- addressing the Fine Gael Dublin Rathmines West Constituency Executive on the dangers of Irish involvement in any European initiative on the Middle East (5 June 1980, 3pp);
  - speaking in the European parliament on the Community budget (8 July 1980, 3pp);
  - addressing the Fine Gael Dublin South-West Constituency Executive (18 July 1980, 2pp);
  - statement issued on Dublin traffic problems and the need for multi-storey car parks (25 July 1980, 1p);
  - press release on the use of *Dubhlinn* instead of *Baile Atha Cliath* as the Irish name for Dublin (25 July 1980, 2pp);
  - addressing a joint meeting of Rathmines and Terenure Branches of Fine Gael on the current recession (10 October 1980, 4pp);
  - addressing a Fine Gael meeting at Whitefriar Street, Dublin on forming a Fine Gael single party government (13 October 1980, 1p);
  - addressing Fine Gael meetings in the Donegal bye-election campaign (26 October 1980, 2pp);
  - addressing the annual dinner of the Fine Gael Sandymount Branch at the Montrose Hotel, Dublin (31 October 1980, 1p);
  - addressing public meetings after mass in the Donegal bye-election campaign (2 November 1980, 1p);
  - addressing the Rathgar Residents' Association, Christ Church, Rathgar on refuse collection in Dublin (13 November 1980, 1p);
  - addressing the Dublin Jewish Students' Union at the Maccabi Grounds, Kimmage on a tolerant society (16 November 1980, 2pp);
  - copy of a letter to the press concerning dangers to young people's hearing caused by excessive noise levels in discotheques (11 December 1980, 1p);
  - speaking at the formal opening of the National Mission Centre, Orwell Park, Rathgar (12 December 1980, 3pp);
  - addressing the Rathgar/Dartry Branch of Fine Gael (8 January 1980, 3pp);
  - addressing the annual convention of the Dublin South-East Constituency of Fine Gael, Central Hotel, Dublin (18 January 1981, 4pp);
  - addressing the Institute of Bankers (Malta Centre) on 'Malta's place in an enlarged Community' (14 March 1981, 14pp);
  - replying to the debate on foreign affairs at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis (28 March 1981, (28 March 1981, 4pp);
  - addressing a seminar of the Irish Council of the European Movement, Royal Dublin Hotel (1 April 1981, 3pp);
  - statement issued subsequent to a meeting with Don Concannon MP, British Labour Party spokesman on Northern Ireland (1 April 1981, 1p);
  - statement on the enforced disembarkation in London of passengers travelling from Dublin to Strasbourg via London (6 April 1981, 1p);
  - addressing the annual dinner of Fine Gael at Skibbereen, County Cork on Ireland in decline (11 April 1981, 4pp);

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- addressing the Fine Gael Trade Union Conference at the Mansion House, Dublin (2 May 1981, 2pp);
- addressing the Terenure Branch of Fine Gael Dublin South-East Constituency (14 May 1981, 2pp);
- addressing a Fine Gael meeting at the FG Cork headquarters, Oliver Plunkett Street (16 May 1981, 2pp);
- speaking at his Citizens' Advice Centre, Charlemont Street, Dublin on dangers to Irish neutrality (29 May 1981, 1p);
- speaking at the Donnybrook Committee Rooms of Fine Gael on the spendthrift policies of the outgoing Government (30 May 1981, 1p).

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**Irish speeches: original file of texts of speeches by Richie Ryan**

Original file of texts of speeches given by RR, the majority as a Member of the European Parliament after he had resigned his Dáil seat at the 1982 general election. The file is titled 'Irish speeches' but the content is not consistently or exclusively Irish. Includes an original list (2pp) though the content of the file does not correspond exactly with the list, and there is a significant number of press releases on the file.

Speeches are:

- handwritten draft of a general election address: the real issues of the campaign (June 1981, 1p);
- addressing Fine Gael election workers in Ringsend, Dublin (4 June 1981, 2pp);
- appeal to election candidates from RR for moderation in the use of loudspeakers while canvassing (5 June 1981, 1p);
- statement on his absence from the Dáil during the election of Ceann Comhairle (7 July 1981, 1p);
- addressing a meeting of leaders of European Christian Democratic parties in Bonn on Irish neutrality (23 October 1981, 2pp);
- addressing a delegate convention of the Fine Gael Dublin South-East constituency on resolutions for the Ard Fheis (24 January 1982, 2pp);
- addressing the Wexford Rotary Club at White's Hotel, Wexford (25 January 1982, 4pp);
- presiding at a Fine Gael convention for the constituency of Laois-Offaly (29 January 1982, 1p);
- press release that he is not seeking re-election to Dáil Éireann in the forthcoming general election (30 January 1982, 2pp);
- addressing the annual dinner of the Irish Federation of the Self-Employed at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (6 February 1982, 3pp);
- RR will lead a European Parliament delegation to Taiwan (August 1982, 1p);
- addressing the Fine Gael National Council at party

- headquarters, Mount Street, Dublin (11 September 1982, 2pp);
- press release on the upheaval among shareholders of the Dublin Gas Company (15 September 1982, 3pp);
- presiding at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis at the RDS, Ballsbridge; in praise of John Bruton as Minister for Finance (16 October 1982, 2pp);
- address on Dáil Éireann headed paper, but annotated 'October 1982', on Fine Gael social, economic and legal reform policies (4pp);
- speaking at a meeting of the Irish Futures Society at Carrolls' Theatre, Grand Parade, Dublin (4 November 1982, 1p);
- press release: RR has been invited by a number of Dublin constituencies to stand for re-election to Dáil Éireann but must forego the opportunity due to commitments in the European Parliament (5 November 1982, 1p);
- addressing an election meeting at Harrington Street, Dublin, denouncing Fianna Fáil financial mismanagement (14 November 1982, 3pp);
- addressing Fine Gael election workers in Rathmines, Dublin (15 November 1982, 3pp);
- addressing a Fine Gael election meeting in Ballymun, Dublin (20 November 1982, 1p);
- addressing the Philosophical Society in Trinity College Dublin (3 February 1983, 3pp);
- press release: RR welcomes the decision to site the European Parliament in Brussels (10 February 1983, 1p);
- addressing the golden jubilee dinner of the Synge Street Christian Brothers' School Past Pupils' Union (12 February 1983, 5pp);
- presiding at the School of Ecumenics, Milltown Park, Dublin (12 February 1983, 3pp);
- copy of a letter to the editor, Kilkenny People, on criticism by Paddy Lalor, Fianna Fáil MEP, of the contributions of MEPs from other parties to the working of the European Parliament (11 March 1983, 1p);
- addressing a dinner in honour of Tom O'Donnell TD MEP in Cruise's Hotel, Limerick (11 March 1983, 2pp);
- addressing the Terenure Branch of Fine Gael at Coman's Lounge, Rathgar, Dublin on the establishment of a national forum on Northern Ireland (14 March 1983, 4pp);
- speaking at Kevin Street College of Technology on lost opportunities presented by membership of the European Monetary System (15 March 1983, 3pp);
- addressing the Dublin West organisation of Fine Gael at Palmerstown, County Dublin (29 March 1983, 2pp);
- press release: RR has obtained support of the Christian Democrat in the European Parliament to challenge the recent French Government measure restricting expenditure by French citizens on holidays abroad (7 April 1983, 2pp);
- addressing the inaugural dinner of the Institute of Incorporated Public Accountants, Jury's Hotel, Dublin (8 April 1983, 4pp);
- press release: RR condemns French anti-tourism measures in the European Parliament (14 April 1983, 4pp);
- statement by RR on his resolution in the European Parliament

to limit the number of resolutions on foreign matters beyond the competence of the Parliament, together with a copy of the resolution (14 April 1983, 2pp);

- addressing the Young Fine Gael members of the Dublin South-West Constituency (18 April 1983, 3pp);
- press release: RR will co-chair a special public hearing of the Environment Committee of the European Parliament on acid rain (19 April 1983, 1p);
- addressing the Law Students' Society at the Kings' Inns, Dublin, on threats to the powers of the European Parliament (22 April 1983, 2pp);
- message to Fine Gael Dublin City and County TDs and Senators celebrating the anniversary of the foundation of the party (April 1983, 1p);
- press release: RR will be a member of a delegation from the Christian Democratic Group of the European Parliament to visit Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan (19 May 1983, 3pp);
- addressing Dublin West Fine Gael branches at Castleknock, County Dublin (17 June 1983, 4pp);
- press release: RR is unable to attend the funeral of his friend George Colley, his predecessor and successor as Minister for Finance (September 1983, 1p);
- speaking during the European parliament debate on the Spinelli report on the draft treaty for European Union (14 September 1983, 4pp);
- denunciation of Fianna Fáil MEPs who had failed to attend to vote on the report on the draft treaty on the future of the European Union (14 September 1983, 2pp);
- speaking on the case for harmonisation of taxes on alcohol (16 September 1983, 2pp);
- speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Fine Gael Ballybrack Branch, Dún Laoghaire Constituency and at the Rathgar Branch, Dublin South-East Constituency on Fianna Fáil high spending policies (26 September 1983, 2pp);
- press release on a visit to Brussels by a ninety member Fine Gael delegation for a two-day briefing on the issues facing the European Community (26 September 1983, 1p);
- addressing the conference on small and medium sized enterprises in University College Galway (30 September 1983, 4pp);
- addressing a Fine Gael dinner in the Victor Hotel, Dún Laoghaire (30 September 1983, 2pp);
- addressing the European Constituency Fine Gael Dublin City and County Executive (8 October 1983, 2pp);
- addressing a seminar of the Dublin South-East Constituency Executive of Fine Gael in the Mansion House, Dublin (8 October 1983, 2pp);
- speaking at Strasbourg on the Fergusson Report on arms procurement and sales (11 October 1983, 1p);
- speaking at Strasbourg on the Pruvot Report on the film industry (11 October 1983, 3pp);
- address to the Association of Certified Accountants on taxation as an instrument of government policy, Killarney, County Kerry (14–15 October 1983, 13pp);

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- addressing the Fine Gael Ard Fheis at the RDS, Dublin on the motion for a change of name (22 October 1983, 3pp);
- text of an article for the *Sunday Independent* on the challenges facing Fine Gael (23 October 1983, 4pp);
- press release on the deployment by NATO of Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe (17 November 1983, 2pp);
- press release: the failure of the Athens summit to agree the future financing of the European Community (9 December 1983, 2pp);
- addressing the annual general meeting of the Terenure Branch of Fine Gael on the failure of the Athens summit (9 December 1983, 4pp).

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### **Post-Ministerial speeches**

Texts of speeches by RR, many in the European Parliament, or to Fine Gael meetings in Dublin on European issues. Includes related material such as speech notes and correspondence with the print media concerning alleged inaccuracies in reporting his speeches and matters relating to the European Parliament generally, including European elections. Includes:

- note on a vote in the European Parliament affecting the status of women in Europe (17 January 1984, 2pp);
- note by RR for a speech or election address on the importance of voting in the European elections (19 January 1984, 2pp);
- copy of a letter to the editor, *Irish Times*, concerning the vote on women's affairs in the European Parliament on 17 January 1984 (26 January 1984, 1p);
- addressing the annual general meeting of the Fine Gael Dublin South Constituency Executive, Montrose Hotel, Stillorgan (30 January 1984, 2pp);
- copy of a letter to the editor, *Irish Press*, concerning inaccurate reporting of the speech he had made the previous day in Stillorgan, and the exaggerated account of the incomes of MEPs (1 February 1984, 1p);
- copy of a letter to Senator Shane Ross, *Sunday Tribune*, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin concerning 'your inaccurate, cynical and unfair article about the European Parliament' (3 February 1984, 2pp);
- speaking at a plenary session of the European parliament in Strasbourg on the preliminary draft treaty establishing the European Union (14 February 1984, 3pp);
- statement by RR on the cashing of Irish currency abroad (March 1983, 1p);
- speaking in the European Parliament on radioactive and chemical waste disposal (13 March 1984, 3pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the Squarcialupi Report on sexual discrimination in the workplace (13 March 1984, 1p);

- addressing the Terenure Branch of Fine Gael, Coman's, Rathgar, on Northern Ireland (14 March 1984, 4pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the menace to trawlers posed by submarines after an Irish vessel had been pulled backwards for 48 km (15 March 1984, 2pp); with an amended version (2pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on negotiations towards the exemption of Ireland from the proposed milk quota system (15 March 1984, 1p);
- addressing the Fine Gael Youth Conference at Liberty Hall, Dublin on European affairs (25 March 1984, 3pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the Albert and Ball report on the European Economy (27 March 1984, 5pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament during the Northern Ireland debate (29 March 1984, 4pp); with a copy of the official report of the debate (2pp);
- addressing the conference of the European Union of Young Christian Democrats, Grand Hotel, Malahide on Irish neutrality (31 March 1984, 3pp);
- opening the first national jazz festival in the National Concert Hall, Dublin (6 April 1984, 2pp);
- addressing the European People's Party Group in Rome on the proposed European security scheme (4 April 1984, 2pp), with a summary of the Klepsch Report on Shared European Interests, Risks and Requirements in the Security Field (2pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the Klepsch Report (11 April 1984, 4pp), with a copy of the verbatim report of proceedings (2pp), a copy of a press release (14 April 1984, 1p), and a copy of a letter to the editor, *Irish Times*, on the Fianna Fáil MEPs vote in favour of the resolution (22 April 1984, 1p);
- motion from Fine Gael MEPs for a resolution of the European Parliament on the report of the New Ireland Forum (3 May 1984, 1p);
- opening the Whitechurch National School fête, Wesley College, Ballinteer, Dublin, speaking on the Irish educational system (5 May 1984, 4pp);
- letter to the editor, *Irish Times*, on Irish gains from the European regional and social funds (9 May 1984, 1p);
- letter to the editor, *Irish Times*, on European elections and the Irish economy (14 May 1984, 1p);
- addressing the Irish Industry seminar on environmental protection, Confederation House, Kildare Street (16 May 1984, 2pp);
- short article by RR on the European Parliament's support for city dwellers (May 1984, 1p);
- addressing a press conference on the opening of the Fine Gael European election campaign, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (18 May 1984, 3pp);
- speaking at the official opening of the Photographic Society of Ireland members' annual exhibition, Henry Street, Dublin (19 May 1984, 3pp);
- speaking at the formal handing-in of his and Mary Banotti's nominations for election to the European Parliament (17 May 1984, 2pp);

- speaking in the European Parliament on the European economy (23 May 1984, 4pp);
- addressing the Department of Peace Studies, Irish School of Ecumenics, Milltown Park, Dublin (26 May 1984, 3pp);
- statement by RR with reference to articles in that day's *Sunday Tribune*, hoping that the Irish press will not follow the example of certain British newspapers in denigrating the work of the European Parliament (27 May 1984, 5pp);
- addressing a public meeting in Crumlin during the European election campaign (5 June 1984, 1p);
- addressing public meetings in north County Dublin during the European election campaign, on Irish neutrality (10 June 1984, 2pp);
- European election campaign press release on the high level of taxes in Ireland (10 June 1984, 1p);
- European election campaign press release: reply to Mr Haughey on Fine Gael attitudes to the establishment of a European Security Council (12 June 1984, 1p);
- European election campaign press release on double-jobbing (12 June 1984, 2pp);
- addressing Party election workers on Fine Gael's safeguarding of Irish neutrality (13 June 1984, 2pp);
- addressing the final election rally of Party workers in Dublin South-East (13 June 1984, 2pp);
- correspondence with Eamonn McCann, *Sunday World*, on expenses paid to MEPs (21 June–20 July 1984, 3 items);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the attitude of the Council of Ministers to the Parliament (25 July 1984, 3pp);
- addressing the Foxrock Branch of Fine Gael at Cornelscourt, on the justice system (23 August 1984, 2pp);
- article for publication on European Community finances and disagreement between the Parliament and the Council of Ministers (August 1984, 3pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the 1984 supplementary budget (12 September 1984, 3pp), together with an extract from the official report of proceedings (2pp);
- addressing the Dublin North-East Constituency Executive of Fine Gael, Howth, County Dublin on Ian Paisley as 'a political vulture' (17 September 1984, 3pp);
- letter from RR to the *Irish Times* concerning previous statements he had made on Ian Paisley (28 September 1984, 2pp);
- addressing a colloquium of the Trans-European Policy Studies Association on the strategy of the newly-elected Parliament (11–12 October 1984, 6pp);
- press release from RR and Niall Andrews MEP, concerning their refusal to complete landing cards at Heathrow Airport *en route* to Brussels (29 October 1984, 2pp);
- addressing the Medico-Legal Society of Ireland at the United Services Club, St Stephen's Green, Dublin on Ireland and Europe (31 October 1984, 3pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on his refusal to vote for the discharge of the 1982 Budget (14 November 1984, 2pp);
- addressing a one-day workshop on 'Making the most out of

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EEC membership' sponsored by Business & Finance magazine, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (26 November 1984, 3pp);

- press release from a meeting of the Christian Democrats-European People's Party at the Royal Hospital, Kilmmainham, Dublin concerning Northern Ireland and unemployment (7 December 1984, 3pp);
- speaking in the European Parliament on the debate on the Irish Presidency of the Council (12 December 1984, 2pp).

## **2.12 Ministerial and Related Correspondence**

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### **Relations with the media**

Letter from Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to RR (19 April 1973, 1p) enclosing a memorandum on the subject of the Government's relations with the media (not dated, 4pp) which he is circulating to all members of the Government. The memorandum deals particularly with possible difficulties arising from what he identifies as two danger areas: spheres of responsibilities and inter-party relations.

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### **Letter from the Governor of the Central Bank**

Letter from Dr T.K. Whitaker, Governor, Central Bank of Ireland, to RR, concerning the terms of the next National Wage Agreement which he has not yet seen but which, if media reports are reliable, he describes as 'a prescription for galloping inflation'. Whitaker predicts further unprecedented inflation if wage increases of the order of 20% are added to little if any positive growth in national output and import price increases for oil and other materials.

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1p

### **Letter from Paddy Donegan TD, Minister for Defence**

Letter marked 'Secret' from Paddy Donegan TD, Minister for Defence, to RR acknowledging receipt of a copy of a memorandum for the Government on capital and non-capital estimates for 1975 containing a proposed allocation for the Defence Vote which represents almost £3 million less than the amount sought.

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'I need hardly say that the security position continues to be a cause for serious anxiety and we are certainly not out of the woods yet. Granted that there is a serious financial problem, we must nevertheless take account of the fact that expenditure on defence was woefully inadequate in past years.'

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**Correspondence between the Minister for Social Welfare and the Minister for Finance**

Copy of a letter from Brendan Corish TD, Minister for Social Welfare to RR, arising from the Minister for Finance's memoranda and letters of 22, 25 and 31 July [not present] concerning the economic situation and the 1975 estimates. Corish seeks clarification on eleven issues relating mainly to unemployment levels and the effects of economic, budgetary and pay policy in producing a possible contraction in employment (9 August 1974, 3pp).

Copy of a reply from RR to the Minister for Social Welfare undertaking to provide the information sought. 'You appear to fear that I am bent on planning or causing unemployment. I can assure you that nothing could be further from the truth' (12 August 1974, 1p).

Copy letter from RR to Corish, elaborating on the points on which the Minister for Social Welfare sought information in relation to pay, the economic situation and the 1975 estimates. In view of its general interest to other Ministers, RR is circulating copies of the letter to them (September 1974, 10pp).

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13 September 1974

1p

**Correspondence with the Minister for Social Welfare**

Copy letter from RR to Frank Cluskey TD, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Welfare, returning two children's allowance stamps received by RR in excess of his entitlement. His wife has assured him that the stamps are surplus to the payments to which he is entitled.

'You can imagine my concern in my official capacity that stamps of an excess value should have been issued! By the way my wife says that gossip among her lady friends indicates that similar excesses this year are not unusual.'

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November 1974–March 1975 [–September 1976]

10 items

**Minister for Finance's Garda escort**

Correspondence relating to the posting of a Garda outside the Ministers home and to escort him on leaving home, including:

- copy of a letter from RR to Paddy Cooney TD, Minister for Justice reiterating his strong objection to having a Garda posted at his house or required to accompany him when he departs. He has previously informed the Gardaí of his objections and absolved them of any blame should anything untoward happen to him. He is writing on foot of a visit the previous night from two Garda officers informing him that they had received instructions to reinstate the guard on his house and to accompany him when leaving (1 November 1974, 1p);
- further letter from RR to the Minister for Justice (9 January 1975, 1p) enclosing a copy of a cutting from the *Sunday World* (1p) reporting an alleged verbal altercation between RR and his Special Branch guard at his Templeogue home, describing for the record what had transpired, and objecting to the leaking of information to the press. Reply from the Minister for Justice undertaking to investigate the leak 'by way of discreet probing' (15 January 1975, 1p);
- copy letter from RR to the Minister for Justice requesting to see a copy of the instructions issued to drivers of Ministerial cars with regard to protection of Ministers from assault and to the use of their guns (4 February 1975, 1p).

**P272/219**

August 1975

2 items

**Letter from James Tully, Minister for Local Government**

Letter marked 'Very Personal and Confidential' from James Tully, Minister for Local Government, to Richie Ryan. He has made a separate response to RR's letter concerning a bridging loan for Dublin Local Authorities; but wishes to give advice on the tone of that and previous letters from him.

'They are not the kind of letter that should be sent from one Minister to another. Would you ask your Departmental script-writers to develop a style more appropriate to your standing and quality, and stop the pomposity which is more befitting a Caribbean fuehrer' (1 August 1975, 1p).

Copy reply from RR. 'Let us leave the style out of it. I have very serious statutory ministerial obligations to ensure proper control on public expenditure. Your Department and the local authorities under its auspices appear to engage in expenditure with complete indifference. Apparently some people in high position have the notion that they can spend what they like and that the Department of Finance will have to produce the money' (4 August 1975, 1p).

**P272/220** March–April 1976

7 items

**Health Act benefits for students**

Copy letter from RR to Brendan Corish TD, Minister for Health, criticising the provision of Health Act benefits for students over sixteen years of age who are children of parents who are themselves ineligible for such benefit. He describes his personal recent experience of the operation of such provision when one of his children was hospitalised, and his refusal to 'impose the cost of my medical care on the public purse' (30 March 1976, 1p). Reply from Corish elaborating in detail the provisions of the Health Acts in relation to the eligibility of parents and children for hospital services (8 April 1976, 2pp). Related correspondence with the Voluntary Health Insurance Board.

**P272/221** 7 June 1977

2pp

**Letter from the Taoiseach to the Minister for Finance**

Handwritten letter marked 'Strictly Personal' from Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave to RR commenting on aspects of the general election campaign.

'Many thanks for your note. Sorry I am laid low.

A few points which you can adopt, modify or ignore at your discretion.

- (1) Our press fol[der]s are not attractive as in 1973 too much in them (*sic*). Could they be re-jigged for remainder of campaign.
- (2) Survey shows N[atational] C[coalition] & F[ianna] F[áil] not being believed on promises. We should capitalize on where we are credible on our record.
- (3) We are getting a hostile press except for leading articles in Indep[enden]t. They are written I think by a brother-in-law of Dermot Nally who is friendly.
- (4) Could a letter be written by someone asking is [Bruce?] Arnold Irish. He seems to have a grudge against the Irish. Unless he got one recently he does not hold an Irish Passport.

Re the survey, surely unless we have gone rapidly downhill 17% for FG is extremely pessimistic & lower than we were at our worst period in the 1940s.'

**P272/222** 4 July [1977]

2pp

**Letter from C.H. Murray to Richie Ryan**

Handwritten letter from Charlie [C.H. Murray, Governor,] Central Bank of Ireland, [formerly Secretary General of the Department of Finance] to Richie Ryan wishing him well 'in the changed circumstances that lie ahead'.

'You leave office with, I am sure, mixed feelings. Your term as Minister was particularly difficult and onerous. Despite all the pressures, you were never other than courteous, considerate and pleasant. I look back with particular pleasure to the days we were able to spend together abroad, when official business was ended ... I am deeply grateful for all the personal kindness and thoughtfulness which you showed to me both in Finance and the Central Bank.'

## **2.13 Fine Gael**

### **2.13.1 Election manifestos and Performance in Government**

**P272/223** February 1973

35pp

**Fine Gael manifesto, 1973**

Papers relating to aspects of the Fine Gael manifesto for the 1973 general election. Includes:

- copies of two drafts of a statement of intent outlining general policy on social and economic matters (5pp each);
- copies of two versions of 'A policy for people' (5pp, 2pp) relating to industrial development;
- copy of 'The cost of the national coalition programme' outlining proposals for changes in the burden of taxation, the removal of VAT from food, the abolition of estate duties, the reduction of rates, and an increased housing programme (3pp);
- copy of 'Main points of the Fine Gael anti-inflation policy' (7pp);
- copy of a transcript of a question and answer session with Garret FitzGerald, Fine Gael spokesman on Finance, on aspects of Fine Gael economic policy (5pp);
- summary of a speech by Richie Ryan, Fine Gael spokesman on Foreign Affairs, addressing the final Fine Gael rally in the Mansion House (26 February 1973, 2pp).

**P272/224** 4 September 1973

2pp

**Special Government meeting, 4 September 1973**

Copy of a typescript note by G[arret] F[it]zGerald] on major matters raised in general discussion at a special meeting of Government. Matters include economic policy, taxation, social reform, the structure of government, and other political matters such as the revision of constituencies, preparation for the Monaghan bye-election, the problem of mavericks, the general style of government, and public relations problems.

**P272/225** May 1974

16pp

**Pamphlet: *The National Coalition at work***

Pamphlet entitled *The National Coalition at work* reviewing the achievements of the Government in areas such as taxation reform, improved social welfare and health services, housing, education and agriculture, in its first year in office.

**P272/226** 1974

71pp

**Record of the Government's work for the year 1973-4**

Typescript report of the Government's achievements in its first year in office, in the areas of social reform, health, Northern Ireland, prices, prisons, local democracy, planning, the environment, farming and agriculture, education, Irish and the Gaeltacht, security, lands, industrial development, posts and telegraphs, energy, and foreign affairs, with a list of bills enacted.

**P272/227** June 1977

26pp

**Performance of the National Coalition: market research report**

Copy number 3 of a confidential survey report by the Market Research Bureau of Ireland Ltd for the National Coalition on public reaction to the performance of the Government and to certain national issues, carried out in advance of the general election. Surveys public reaction to Government performance on the economy including prices and employment, and on Northern Ireland; and voting intentions in the context of the Coalition and Fianna Fáil election programmes.

**P272/228**

June 1977

90pp

### **General election 1977**

Various memoranda, notes and press cuttings relating to the 1977 election with particular reference to the economic proposals of the Government and opposition.

Includes:

- typescript copy of the Government's manifesto 'Programme for Progress (26pp);
- typescript copy of comments by RR on the Fianna Fáil election programme (27pp);
- material on proposals for the taxation of married couples (7pp);
- copy of 'Fianna Fáil manifesto 1977: proposals involving significant but unquantifiable Exchequer expenditure' (7pp) and 'National Coalition: unquantifiable proposals' (7pp);

### **2.13.2 Richie Ryan as a Fine Gael Trustee**

**P272/229**

November 1977–November 1985

135pp

### **Fine Gael Trustee**

Correspondence, statements of account and other papers relating to RR's oversight role as a Fine Gael Party Trustee.

Includes:

- routine correspondence concerning arrangements for meetings;
- correspondence concerning the financial state of the party, copies of statements of account, and questions raised by RR on the accounts;
- correspondence with some constituencies, particularly in Dublin, concerning election expenditure and the settlement of outstanding bills;
- correspondence on the lack of organisation in certain areas such as Dublin North City
- correspondence concerning the payment of the constituency levy;
- correspondence with Cathal N. Young, O'Reilly & Company, solicitors for Fr Michael Cleary, concerning a cartoon of Cleary published in the party journal *New Democrat*, allegedly holding him up 'to public ridicule and contempt' (May–June 1983, 4 items).

### 2.13.3 Fine Gael Economic and Social Policy Papers

**P272/156** June–July 1976

35pp

**Economic Policy Study Group paper on finance for housing**

Copy of a paper submitted by the Economic Policy Study Group on housing finance (June 1976, 11pp) together with Department of Finance minutes and notes on the content of the paper (10pp), particularly on comparisons with a recent National Economic and Social Council paper on ‘Some aspects of finance for owner-occupied housing’. Correspondence and notes relating to a meeting on the subject between members of the group and official of the Department of Finance together with a set of questions and answers which arose from the consideration of the proposed scheme around the meeting (July 1976, 9pp).

**P272/231** June 1976–May 1977

40pp

**Submission on the liability of domestic properties to rates**

Correspondence, notes, memoranda and other papers relating to a submission from Donal Ó Buachalla, a professional valuer and member of Fine Gael Central Branch, on the question of exempting domestic dwellings from rates. Includes:

- copy of the submission (11 June 1976, 7pp);
- various Finance notes on the submission (August 1976, 3pp; May 1977, 2pp);
- note from Ó Buachalla entitled ‘Extremely tentative draft of statement to Dáil by Minister for Finance’ on the question of domestic rates (January 1977, 6pp);
- further discussion paper from a committee of Central Branch of Fine Gael, including Ó Buachalla and others, on the general question of the private housing sector (10 March 1977, 5pp);
- further submission from Ó Buachalla entitled ‘Tentative draft of outline submissions: relief of domestic rates’ (15 April 1977, 4pp).

**P272/232** August 1976–January 1977

40pp

**Fine Gael Economic Policy Study Group paper on the taxation of profits in manufacturing industry**

Papers collated for a meeting between the Minister and Richard Hooper, the author of the paper on the taxation of profits in manufacturing industry, and other members of the EPSG.

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Includes:

- a copy of Hooper's paper (August 1976, 9pp);
- copy of Finance comments on the paper (27 October 1976, 5pp);
- copy of a memorandum on 'Possibilities for amendment of the tax system in order to give additional encouragement to enterprise leading to the growth of production and employment' submitted by the Minister for Finance to the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Economy (27 July 1976, 14pp);
- Finance note on possible corporation tax concessions of the order of £10 million per year (29 October 1976, 2pp);
- Finance note on possible corporation tax concessions for retained profits (8 December 1976, 2pp);
- Economic Policy Division note on Hooper's paper for the Minister's brief (January 1977, 4pp).

**P272/233**

October 1976–March 1977

15pp

**Economic Policy Study Group paper on personal taxation**

copy of a paper from the Economic Policy Study Group on personal taxation (4pp); together with correspondence between RR and Richard J. Dennis, J. & E. Davy Ltd., Stockbrokers, a member of the group, requesting a meeting with the Party's economic ministers to see how the work of the group could be more related to their needs or whether it should be disbanded, and arranging a meeting with RR.

**P272/234**

January–February 1977

6 items

**Fine Gael Economic Policy Study Group**

Correspondence concerning the future of the Economic Policy Study Group formed in the previous year by 'qualified supporters of the Party who are prepared to give of their time freely to provide impartial advice'. Includes:

- letter from Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave to RR (20 January 1977, 1p) enclosing a copy of a letter he had received from Dick Humphreys, Sycamore Road, Mount Merrion, County Dublin, a member of the EPSG, bemoaning the lack of feedback the group had received to submissions it had made on housing finance, incomes policy, and company and personal taxation (15 January 1977, 4pp);
- copy letter from RR to Dick Humphreys, assuring him of the value placed on the work of his group: 'I hope you saw in last week's budget statement a reflection of the thinking of the EPSG' (20 January 1977, 1p).

**P272/235** May 1977

2 items

**Fine Gael Economic Policy Study Group paper on a National Development Corporation**

copy of a paper from the Economic Policy Study Group on a role for a National Development Corporation (7pp) with a copy letter from RR to Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave sending him a copy of the paper in light of his recent remarks in Killarney on the possibility of such a body (11 May 1977, 1p).

**3 HEALTH (FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES) ACT 1960:  
MRS GLADYS RYAN v THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, 1962-3**

**P272/236** 1962-3

30pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – pleadings**

File of this title containing proceedings, notes and press cuttings relating to the case taken by Mrs Ryan, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra, against the provisions of the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act 1960.

Includes

- copy of the statement of claim delivered by Richard Ryan, solicitor, Dame Street, Dublin (15 October 1962, 8pp);
- copy of the defence delivered by Donough O'Donovan, Chief State Solicitor, Dublin Castle (29 October 1962, 6pp);
- notice of trial (21 December 1962, 1p);
- press cuttings reporting a potential delay in beginning the case (8 March 1963, 3pp);
- handwritten list of significant dates in the case (1p).

**P272/237** 15 October 1962

8pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – statement of claim**

Annotated copy of the statement of claim in the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General.

- P272/238** 29 October 1962  
5pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – defence**  
Copy of the defence delivered by Donough O’Donovan, Chief State Solicitor, Dublin Castle, in the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General.
- P272/239** 14 March 1963  
59pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – opening speech of Seán MacBride SC**  
Copy of the text of the opening speech of Seán MacBride SC, leading senior counsel for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General.
- P272/240** 1963  
5pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – index to the transcript of the plaintiff’s witnesses**  
Copy of the index to the transcript of evidence given by the plaintiff’s witnesses, 21 March–18 July 1963. Lists plaintiff’s witnesses examined and cross-examined on each day. Part of the documentation supporting the appeal to the Supreme Court. The incomplete transcript is listed below by day.
- P272/241** 17 May 1963  
49pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Galagan**  
Transcript of evidence given on 17 May 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Dr Galagan. The direct examination and beginning of the cross-examination of this witness are not present.

**P272/242** 20 May 1963

59pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Galagan**

Transcript of evidence given on 20 May 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Dr Galagan.

**P272/243** 21 May 1963

60pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Galagan and Dr Arnold**

Transcript of evidence given on 21 May 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Dr Galagan, the re-examination of Dr Galagan, and the direct examination of Dr Francis Arnold.

**P272/244** 22 May 1963

57pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Arnold**

Transcript of evidence given on 22 May 1963 comprising the direct examination and the re-examination of Dr Francis Arnold.

**P272/245** 23 May 1963

58pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Arnold and Dr O. Backer Dirks**

Transcript of evidence given on 23 May 1963 comprising the cross-examination of Dr Francis Arnold and the direct examination of Dr O. Backer Dirks.

**P272/246** 24 May 1963

59pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr O. Backer Dirks**

Transcript of evidence given on 24 May 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination and the cross-examination of Dr O. Backer Dirks.

**P272/247** 28 May 1963

42pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Edward Schlesinger**

Transcript of evidence given on 28 May 1963 comprising the direct examination of Dr Edward Schlesinger.

**P272/248** 29 May 1963

56pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Edward Schlesinger**

Transcript of evidence given on 29 May 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination and cross-examination of Dr Edward Schlesinger.

**P272/249** 30 May 1963

20pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Edward Schlesinger**

Transcript of evidence given on 30 May 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Dr Edward Schlesinger.

**P272/250** 17 June 1963

41pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor W.D. Armstrong**

Transcript of evidence given on 17 June 1963 comprising the direct examination of Professor Wallace David Armstrong.

**P272/251** 18 June 1963

39pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor W.D. Armstrong**

Transcript of evidence given on 18 June 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination of Professor Wallace David Armstrong.

**P272/252** 19 June 1963

49pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor W.D. Armstrong**

Transcript of evidence given on 19 June 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination of Professor Wallace David Armstrong.

**P272/253** 20 June 1963

41pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor W.D. Armstrong and Professor Yngve Ericsson**

Transcript of evidence given on 20 June 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination of Professor Wallace David Armstrong and the start of the direct examination of Professor Yngve Ericsson.

**P272/254** 21 June 1963

57pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Yngve Ericsson**

Transcript of evidence given on 21 June 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination of Professor Yngve Ericsson.

**P272/255** 22 June 1963

35pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Yngve Ericsson**

Transcript of evidence given on 22 June 1963 comprising the cross-examination of Professor Yngve Ericsson.

**P272/256** 24 June 1963

109pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Yngve Ericsson**

Transcript of evidence given on 24 June 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Yngve Ericsson.

**P272/257** 26 June 1963

62pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor W.D. Armstrong**

Transcript of evidence given on 26 June 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Wallace David Armstrong.

**P272/258** 27 June 1963

60pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor W.D. Armstrong**

Transcript of evidence given on 27 June 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Wallace David Armstrong.

**P272/259** 28 June 1963

48pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor W.D. Armstrong and Professor Harold Hodge**

Transcript of evidence given on 27 June 1963 comprising the

- P272/259** continuing cross-examination of Professor Wallace David Armstrong and the start of the direct examination of Professor Harold Hodge.
- P272/260** 1 July 1963  
24pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Harold Hodge**  
Transcript of evidence given on 1 July 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination of Professor Harold Hodge.
- P272/261** 2 July 1963  
49pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Harold Hodge**  
Transcript of evidence given on 2 July 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination and the start of the cross-examination of Professor Harold Hodge.
- P272/262** 3 July 1963  
45pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Harold Hodge**  
Transcript of evidence given on 3 July 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Harold Hodge.
- P272/263** 4 July 1963  
48pp  
**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Harold Hodge**  
Transcript of evidence given on 4 July 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Harold Hodge.

**P272/264** 5 July 1963

51pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Harold Hodge and Dr N.C. Leone**

Transcript of evidence given on 5 July 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Harold Hodge and the direct examination of Dr N.C. Leone.

**P272/265** 6 July 1963

25pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr N.C. Leone**

Transcript of evidence given on 6 July 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination of Dr N.C. Leone.

**P272/266** 8 July 1963

37pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr N.C. Leone**

Transcript of evidence given on 8 July 1963 comprising the continuing direct examination and the start of the cross-examination of Dr N.C. Leone.

**P272/267** 9 July 1963

59pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr N.C. Leone**

Transcript of evidence given on 9 July 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Dr N.C. Leone.

**P272/268** 10 July 1963

39pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr N.C. Leone**

Transcript of evidence given on 10 July 1963 comprising the cross-examination and the re-examination of Dr N.C. Leone.

**P272/269** 11 July 1963

57pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr James Le Grand Shupe and Dr Wynne-Griffith**

Transcript of evidence given on 11 July 1963 comprising the direct examination, cross-examination and re-examination of Dr James Le Grand Schupe and the direct evidence of Dr Wynne-Griffith.

**P272/270** 12 July 1963

53pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Harold Hodge and Dr Wynne-Griffith**

Transcript of evidence given on 12 July 1963 comprising the direct examination of Professor Harold Hodge who was recalled and the continuing direct examination and start of the cross-examination of Dr Wynne-Griffith.

**P272/271** 13 July 1963

23pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Dr Wynne-Griffith**

Transcript of evidence given on 13 July 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Dr Wynne-Griffith.

**P272/272** 17 July 1963

34pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Demole**

Transcript of evidence given on 17 July 1963 comprising the direct examination and start of the cross-examination of Professor Demole.

**P272/273** 18 July 1963

40pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Demole and Dr John Fremlin**

Transcript of evidence given on 18 July 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Demole and the direct examination, cross-examination and re-examination of Dr John Fremlin.

**P272/274** 19 July 1963

40pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Demole**

Transcript of evidence given on 19 July 1963 comprising the continuing cross-examination of Professor Demole.

**P272/275** 22, 23 July 1963

26pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – transcript of evidence of Professor Fiorentini (recalled) and discussion arising out of his recall**

Transcript of evidence given on 22 July 1963 comprising the direct and cross-examination of Professor Fiorentini (recalled) and discussion on 23 July arising from his recall.

**P272/276** 24 July 1963

15pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – closing address of Mr William Finlay SC for the defendant**

copy of the text of the closing address of Mr William Finlay SC for the defendant in the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General.

**P272/277** [25?] July 1963

23pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – closing address of Mr Seán MacBride for the plaintiff**

copy of the text of the closing address of Mr Seán MacBride SC for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General.

**P272/278** 31 July 1963

36pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – judgement of Mr Justice Kenny**

Published text of the judgement delivered by Mr Justice Kenny in the High Court, Dublin in the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General.

**P272/279** July, October 1963

70pp

**Fluoridation: Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General – Book No. 1**

copy of Book No. 1 in the case of Mrs Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General. Contains:

- copy of the judgement of Mr Justice Kenny (31 October 1963, 48pp);
- copy of the Order of the High Court (31 October 1963, 12pp);
- copy of the notice of appeal (21 October 1963, 10pp).