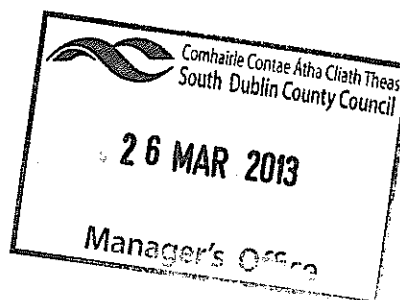


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Dear Ms. O'Gorman,

I refer to your letter informing of the Council motion calling for the release of Marian Price and Martin Corey and I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

You may be interested to have the Tánaiste's recent reply to Parliamentary Questions on these matters, which I have enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Connery
Private Secretary

Question No. 67

Parliamentary Question - Dept Details

To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has raised with the British authorities the continued detention/internment without trial of two Irish citizens (details supplied) in prison; and if he has demanded their immediate release.

- Martin Ferris.

For ORAL answer on Wednesday, 20th February, 2013.

Ref No: 8955/13

REPLY

I propose to take questions 9, 29, 30, 33, 63, 66 and 67 together.

I am very aware of the cases to which the Deputy refers and my officials monitor these and other cases very closely.

The first individual referred to has been detained since 13 May 2011, following the revocation of her life licence by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Genuine concerns have repeatedly been raised about several aspects of this case by deputies on many occasions, and I have raised them very frankly with the British Government most recently when I met the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland last Monday 11 February. I have been advised that the Parole Commissioners will determine on the issue of her continued detention in March.

In relation to the second individual referred to, the British authorities have confirmed that he was released under licence in 1992. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland revoked that licence in April 2010 and the individual has as a result been in custody for the past 2 years and 9 months. I understand that an appeal in relation to the case will be heard by the Supreme Court in Belfast shortly. As the case is the subject of an ongoing legal process, it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time.

Question No. 9

Parliamentary Question - Dept Details

To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the various legal proceedings currently being taken by persons (details supplied) to set aside the indeterminate sentence being imposed on them by the British Secretary of State Ms Theresa Villiers without access to judicial proceedings in which they can see, hear and challenge the evidence against them; and if he has expressed his abhorrence to the denial of fair judicial procedure to these two Irish citizens.

- Gerry Adams.

For ORAL answer on Wednesday, 20th February, 2013.

Ref No: 8959/13

Question No. 29

Parliamentary Question - Dept Details

To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in view of the fact that Marian Price has been interned without trial for a period of nearly two years, if he will consider raising the matter at a European level; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Mick Wallace.

For ORAL answer on Wednesday, 20th February, 2013.

Ref No: 8952/13

Question No. 30

Parliamentary Question - Dept Details

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he provide an update on the Marian Price case; and the action he is taking to advance the case.

- Frank Feighan.

For ORAL answer on Wednesday, 20th February, 2013.

Ref No: 8911/13

Question No. 33

Parliamentary Question - Dept Details

To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the deterioration of the physical and mental health of a person (details supplied); his views on their prison conditions; and if he has discussed them with British Secretary of State Theresa Villiers.

- Aengus Ó Snodaigh.

For ORAL answer on Wednesday, 20th February, 2013.

Ref No: 8956/13

Question No. 63

Parliamentary Question - Dept Details

To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he has with the Northern Ireland Office and the Secretary of State with regard to Marian Price; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Luke 'Ming' Flanagan.

For ORAL answer on Wednesday, 20th February, 2013.

Ref No: 8863/13

Question No. 66

Parliamentary Question - Dept Details

To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Stormont Assembly Minister, David Ford, denied until the last minute compassionate parole to persons (details supplied); if he will raise with Minister Ford at their next meeting the need to address requests from both compassionately in view of the limbo position in which they have been placed, having being neither charged with an offence, nor given a release date, granted bail or seeing the evidence against them; and his views on a Royal Pardon issued to one of the persons in the 1970s conveniently misplaced.

- Damien English.

For ORAL answer on Wednesday, 20th February, 2013.

Ref No: 8957/13