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CONTEXT

Administrative History

The Tony Heffernan Papers represent his long association with the Workers' Party, from his appointment as the party's press officer in July 1982 to his appointment as Assistant Government Press Secretary, as the Democratic Left nominee in the Rainbow Coalition government between 1994 and 1997. The papers provide a significant source for the history of the development of the party and its policies through the comprehensive series of press statements issued over many years.

In January 1977 during the annual Sinn Féin Árd Fheis members voted for a name change and the party became known as Sinn Féin the Workers' Party. A concerted effort was made in the late 1970s to increase the profile and political representation of the party. In 1979 Tomás MacGiolla won a seat in Ballyfermot in the local elections in Dublin. Two years later in 1981 the party saw its first success at national level with the election of Joe Sherlock in Cork East as the party's first TD. In 1982 Sherlock, Paddy Gallagher and Proinsias de Rossa all won seats in the general election. In 1981 the Árd Fheis voted in favour of another name change to the Workers' Party.

The November 1982 general election saw mixed fortunes for the party. MacGiolla was returned as a TD for Dublin West, de Rossa topped the poll in Dublin North West but Sherlock and Gallagher lost their seats. This period also heralded an organisational change in the party and a shift in emphasis towards health and social policy.

In 1987 the Workers' Party won four seats in the general election with MacGiolla, de Rossa, Sherlock and Pat McGrath all elected to the Dáil. The same year MacGiolla announced his resignation as party leader. He was succeeded by Proinsias de Rossa in 1988.

1989 saw the party win six seats in the general election, de Rossa, MacGiolla, Pat Rabbitte, Eamon Gilmore, Eric Byrne and Pat McCartan, all being successful. In the European elections held the same year de Rossa topped the poll in Dublin.

Throughout Europe rapid change in the old regimes was taking place leading to the collapse of Communism in Eastern and Central Europe in 1989. At the party's annual Árd Fheis de Rossa addressed the delegates. He spoke about social democracy and the acceptance of free market economics in a speech heavily influenced by Eoghan Harris. Heffernan had counselled de Rossa that the reaction amongst the membership would be hostile. The same year a pamphlet authored by Harris entitled 'The Necessity of Social Democracy' caused great unease amongst the membership and ultimately led to his resignation from the party. Eamon Smullen who published the pamphlet was also asked to leave. Apprehension about the leadership of the party rumbled on into the early 1990s with private meetings being convened by de Rossa in the home of Des Geraghty leading to talk of a split in the party.

At an Árd Chomhairle meeting in 1992 Tony Heffernan proposed a lengthy motion calling for the condemnation of the Official IRA and a declaration that membership or support of the OIRA was totally at odds with membership of the Workers' Party. On 15 February 1992 a special Árd Fheis was held in the Marine Hotel, Dun

Laoghaire during which a reconstitution of the party was proposed. The motion failed to gain the two thirds majority and de Rossa was forced to consider his position in the party, now seriously compromised. De Rossa and his supporters announced their intention of forming a new organisation under the working title New Agenda. In March 1992, 600 members of New Agenda met and voted to rename themselves Democratic Left.

In 1994 Democratic Left entered government as part of the Rainbow Coalition with Fine Gael and Labour. De Rossa was appointed Minister for Social Welfare with Liz McManus, Pat Rabbitte and Eamon Gilmore being appointed Ministers of State.

In the 1997 general election Democratic Left lost two of its six seats. Between 1998 and 1999 it entered discussions with the Labour Party and after just seven years in existence Democratic Left merged with the Labour Party, retaining the title of the larger organisation. In 2002 the former Democratic Left TDs, Pat Rabbitte and Liz MacManus were elected as party leader and deputy leader of the Labour Party. After the 2007 general election Rabbitte stepped down as party leader and Eamon Gilmore was elected to the position unopposed.

Tony Heffernan was appointed Press and Parliamentary Director for the Labour Party in 2000 remaining in this position for eleven years. He retired from the Oireachtas in April 2011 after 29 years. He is one of the longest serving backroom political staff members. He continues to work as a media and communications consultant in the private sector.

Archival History

Deposited by Tony Heffernan in October–November 2000.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

Papers relating to Sinn Féin the Workers' Party, 1960s–82; the Workers' Party 1981–91; and Democratic Left 1992–98.

Agendas, general secretary reports, presidential addresses, reports, resolutions, motions relating to the Árd Fheiseanna of Sinn Féin the Workers' Party and the Workers' Party 1968–91 and the Annual Delegate Conferences of Democratic Left 1993–97.

Internal party organisation and policy development material including party constitutions, manifestos circulars, reports, printed matter 1967–98.

Exhaustive series of press statements concerning party policies, domestic and international events and topics, issues pertaining to local politics, national politics including correspondence printed in the national press, speeches and addresses, contributions to debates, broadcast scripts 1971–98.

Election material including flyers, promotional literature [1960s]–1998. Campaign posters urging a 'No' vote in the Maastricht Treaty, 1992.

Material relating to Dáil business including minutes of meetings held by the Workers' Party Dáil group 1989–92, correspondence, press statements and parliamentary questions relating to Dáil reform and the Committee on Procedure and Privileges, 1983–85.

Campaign literature, newspaper cuttings, press statements, correspondence relating to referenda and legislation including the Abortion Referendum, 1982–83 and 1992, the Single European Act, 1986–87, the Divorce Referenda 1986–95, Section 31, 1988–94

General correspondence files relating to the Workers' Party and concerning the election of Workers' Party candidates to Dáil Eireann, invitations, appeals from special interest groups, Dáil business, requests for submission of parliamentary questions, defending the party against allegations/comments in the national media, communication with Workers' Party branches outside Dublin, 1982–92.

Comprehensive collection of Republican literature [1958]–1979, serial publications printed by Sinn Féin the Workers' Party, the Workers' Party and Democratic Left [1972]–94. Also pamphlets and newsletters. Printed policy documents 1972–98.

Material relating to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation including newspaper cuttings, press releases, correspondence, agendas, minutes, notes, reports, discussion papers 1994–96.

Government press statements 1995–97. Press cuttings and press statements relating to Proinsias de Rossa, Minister for Social Welfare 1994–97, Eamon Gilmore, Minister of State at the Department of the Marine 1995–97, Pat Rabbitte, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise and Employment 1995–97 and Liz McManus, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal 1995–97.

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CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access

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English, occasional Irish.

Finding Aid

Descriptive Catalogue.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note

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ALLIED MATERIALS

Published Material

Brian Feeney, *Sinn Féin A Hundred Turbulent Years* (O'Brien Press, 2002).
Brian Hanley and Scott Millar, *The Lost Revolution: the Story of the Official IRA and the Workers' Party* (Penguin Ireland, 2009).
Kevin Rafter, *Democratic Left The Life and Death of an Irish Political Party* (Irish Academic Press, 2011).

1 SINN FÉIN THE WORKERS' PARTY

1.1 Elections, [1960s]-82

P180/1 [1960s]-July 1982

12 items

Election Publicity

Dissociated file mostly consisting of flyers and election publicity material promoting candidates and Party policy for local and national elections.

P180/2 [1981/2]

1 item (64cmx45cm)

Colour [general] election poster promoting the candidacy of Oliver Rogers for the Dáil Éireann constituency of Cavan-Monaghan.

1.2 Árd Fheiseanna, 1968-81

A series of files mostly consisting of agendas, General Secretary's reports and Presidential addresses but also containing financial statements, reports, resolutions, motions, discussion documents, sub-committee reports, notes. Occasional annotations.

P180/3 [December] 1968

26pp

Árd Fheis, 1968

Includes:

- Presidential address and standing orders. (December 1968, 11pp).
- Programme. Annotated. (December 1968, 15pp).

P180/4 July 1969, January 1970

19pp

Árd Fheis, 1970

Includes:

- Presidential address. (11 January 1970, 7pp).
- List of motions. Annotated. (1969/70, 10pp).

- P180/5** January 1971
- 10pp
- Árd Fheis, 1971**
Includes:
- Programme. (15–16 January 1971, 1p).
 - Financial report. (15–16 January 1971, 1p).
 - Presidential address. (15–16 January 1971, 8pp).
- P180/6** 1971
- 16pp
- Árd Fheis, 1971**
List of motions on the constitution, rules and organisation of the Party.
- P180/7** 1972
- 51pp
- Árd Fheis, 1972**
Report of the 1972 Árd Fheis.
- P180/8** 1973–74
- 65pp
- Árd Fheis, 1973**
Includes:
- Report of the Árd Fheis. (1973, 60pp)
 - Report of the committee investigating allegations of irregularities at the 1973 Árd Fheis. The committee concluded that irregularities regarding the canvassing and circulation of lists of names had taken place, that there had been a lax approach to the issuing of delegate cards allowing for the unauthorized admittance of people to the Árd Fheis and that block voting had taken place. A final conclusion regarding the counting of votes is crossed out. Annotated. (23 March 1974, 3pp).
 - Confidential circular letter issued by Tony Heffernan and Mairín de Burca to all Cumann and Republican Clubs concerning the suspension of Seamus Costello from membership of Sinn Féin for a period of six months following an investigation into irregularities at the 1973 Árd Fheis. (9 May 1974).

- P180/9** 1975–76
- 16pp
- Árd Fheis, 1975–76**
 Presidential address entitled ‘Peace, Work and Class Politics.’
- P180/10** 1976/77
- 8pp
- Árd Fheis, 1976–77**
 Presidential address entitled ‘Working for Peace Planning for Progress’.
- P180/11** 1978
- 49pp
- Árd Fheis, 1978**
 Includes:
- List of motions. Annotated. (1978, 38pp).
 - Financial report. Annotated. (28 February 1978, 2pp)
 - Presidential address entitled ‘Industrialise for Jobs.’ (1978, 9pp).
- P180/12** March 1979
- 95pp
- Árd Fheis, 1979**
 Includes:
- Financial report. (1 March 1979, 2pp).
 - Steering committee recommendations. (2 March 1979, 3pp).
 - Discussion document entitled ‘Peace, Work and Democracy. The Case for Devolved Government in Northern Ireland’. (March 1979, 7pp).
 - Discussion document entitled ‘Towards a European Programme.’ (March 1979, 7pp).
 - List of standing orders. (March 1979, 1p).
 - List of motions. (March 1979, 48pp).
 - General Secretary’s report. (March 1979, 16pp).

P180/13 March 1980

85pp

Árd Fheis, 1980

Includes:

- List of standing orders. (March 1980, 1p).
- Financial report. (5 March 1980, 2pp).
- List of motions. Annotated. ([8] March 1980, 49pp)
- General Secretary's report. (8 March 1980, 17pp).
- Presidential address. (9 March 1980, 12pp).

P180/14 March 1981

100pp

Árd Fheis, 1981

Includes:

- List of standing orders. (March 1981, 1p).
- Steering committee recommendations. (March 1981, 2pp).
- Report of the Commission on Women established following the 1980 Árd Fheis. (March 1981, 25pp).
- General Secretary's report. (14 March 1981, 8pp).
- List of motions. (14 March 1981, 40pp).
- Address by Maura McInerney, Chairperson of the IDYM (Irish Democratic Youth Movement). (15 March 1981, 6pp).
- Presidential address. (15 March 1981, 11pp).

1.3 Structure and Organisation

1.3.1 Party Development, [1967]-78

P180/15 [1967]-78

133pp

Constitutions of the Party as amended at the Árd Fheis, Party manifesto and circulars.

Includes:

- New member's handbook. Introduces the Party and what it stands for, describes the structure of the Party its aims and objectives. (Not dated, 28pp)
- Discussion documents on the organisation and structure of the Party produced by the Structure Committee. The committee was established following an Árd Fheis motion to 'examine the organisational structure of the Movement and to produce a draft report within three months.' (August 1973, 19pp).

1.3.2 Policy Development, 1967-76

P180/16 1967-76

227pp

File of mostly internal documents prepared in order to develop Party policy and ideology on a range of issues including local government, health and social services, the economy, republicanism, agriculture, Northern Ireland, and taxation.

Includes:

- Two documents concerning local government policy and the need for change. The first document deals specifically with Dublin, the second deals with local government on a national scale. (Not dated, 29pp, 6pp).
- Discussion document concerning various political topics including democracy and national independence, social classes and the social structure of Ireland, political parties and movements, and imperialism. (Not dated, 10pp).
- Document entitled 'Republican Manual of Education Part 1: Historical.' ([1966], 47pp).
- Report by the Republican Education Department arising from a Commission set up by the 1988 Árd Fheis entitled 'Ireland Today. And some questions on the way forward.' Includes an addendum. (March-July 1969, 31pp).
- Party programme bringing together the contents of major resolutions passed at recent Árd Fheiseanna providing an 'authoritative policy of the Party.' (September 1976, 32pp).

1.4 Publicity

1.4.1 Press Statements, 1971-77

P180/17 March 1971-April 1977

82pp

Press statements, speeches and addresses.

Includes:

- Address by Cathal Goulding at the Easter commemoration at The Rock, County Tyrone. (Not dated, 6pp).
- Statement by JJ McGarrity on behalf of the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau concerning the events surrounding 'the regrettable situation ... when Irishmen attacked other Irishmen with guns and other weapons while their main enemy the forces of British Imperialism looked on with satisfaction.' Refers to the division in the ranks of the IRA which occurred in 1969. Reiterates that the IRA does not wish to engage in a quarrel or fight with any other group of Irishmen and emphasizes their desire to seek a lasting peace in Ireland based on 'equality and justice.' Remarks 'We again warn all

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those who wish to provoke a clash between fellow Irishmen—in many cases former comrades of our own—to desist from their activities, verbal and otherwise, or we will be compelled to take strong action, defensive and punitive, against them. Let this be a clear warning. On their heads will be the sad result of any conflict between men who have so much in common and could achieve so much together.’ (13 March 1971, 4pp).

- Speech at the unveiling of a memorial to Theobald Wolfe Tone at Bodenstown, County Kildare. (25 April 1971, 9pp).
- Copy of the Easter statement issued by the leadership of the Republican Movement. In Irish and English. (Easter 1975, 3pp).
- Text of the oration by Cathal Goulding at the Wolfe Tone Commemoration, Bodenstown. (21 June 1975, 7pp)
- Analysis by Tomás Mac Giolla on attacks on members of Republican Clubs by the Provisional IRA. (6 November 1975, 8pp).
- Extract from a speech delivered by Tomás Mac Giolla at a public meeting in the Mansion House, Dublin on the subject, ‘The Economic Crisis—The Left Alternative.’ (3 February 1976, 2pp).
- Copy of the Easter statement issued by the leadership of the Republican Movement on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the 1916 Rising. (Easter 1976, 4pp).
- Launching a Left Alternative publication entitled ‘Go To Work Ireland.’ Includes a copy of the publication. (6 September 1976, 2pp, 28pp).
- Easter statement by Tomás Mac Giolla. (9 April 1977, 2pp).

1.4.2 Visual Material, [1972]

P180/18

Not dated

1 item (65cmx47cm)

Colour poster depicting an artist’s drawing of James Connolly dressed in an Irish Volunteers uniform standing on a flag and holding aloft the tri-colour in one hand and a gun in the other. Caption reads ‘James Connolly: The Great appear great to us only because we are on our knees: Let us rise.’

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[15 April 1972]

1 item (77cmx51cm)

Black and white poster depicting Joe McCann by the artist Jim Fitzpatrick. McCann, a member of the Official IRA, was shot dead in Belfast following an attempt by an RUC officer to arrest him. McCann resisted and, in an attempt to escape, was shot by British soldiers.

1.5 Printed Matter

1.5.1 Republican Publications, [1958]-[79]

A series of publications exploring socialism and socialist ideals, republicanism, independence, Ireland's relationship with Britain, Europe and the US.

- P180/20** Not dated
26pp
'Writings of John Mitchel.' A leading figure in the Young Ireland movement.
- P180/21** Not dated
12pp
'In Search of Terence MacSwiney.'
- P180/22** Not dated
8pp
'The Relevance of James Connolly in Ireland Today' by George Gilmore.
- P180/23** Not dated
10pp
'A Tribute to Malachy McGurran' by Dominic Behan.
- P180/24** Not dated
32pp
'Inner Party Democracy.' Published by the Communist Party.

- P180/25** 27 April, 4 May 1958
36pp
Text of a lecture delivered by Republican prisoner Seosamh Ó Cuinneagáin at The Curragh concentration camp entitled 'The Tones in a Decade of Irish History.'
- P180/26** December 1966
22pp
'Labour and the Republican Movement' by George Gilmore.
- P180/27** September 1969
16pp
'The Northern Crisis' by Anthony Coughlan.
- P180/28** May 1970
16pp
'The Common Market. Why Ireland should not join!' by Anthony Coughlan.
- P180/29** [1971]
23pp
'The Question Posed. How would you fare in the Common Market?' Published by the Irish Transport and General Workers Union.
- P180/30** [1971]
28pp
'The British Press and Northern Ireland' by Eamonn McCann.

- P180/31** [1971]
15pp
'United States, Britain, Ireland. A Special Special Relationship' by Leonard Brenner.
- P180/32** May 1971
9pp
Saor Eire Manifesto.
- P180/33** [9 August 1971]
43pp
'They Came in the Morning.' Torture and Brutality in the North. Compiled by Séamus Ó Tuathail.
- P180/34** [February 1972]
48pp
'Massacre at Derry.' Published by the Civil Rights Movement concerning Bloody Sunday.
- P180/35** [1975]
40pp
'No Passaran!' The Story of the Irish Volunteers who served with the International Brigades in defending the Spanish Republic against international Fascism 1936-38.
- P180/36** [1979]
11pp
'Do World Wars come in Threes?' Published by the Irish Committee to Promote 1975 Helsinki Agreement.

1.5.2 *Repsol* Publications, [1972]-79

A series of educational pamphlets published by *Repsol*.

- P180/37** [1972]
34pp
Number 3. 'The IRA Speaks'.
- P180/38** June 1972
68pp (2 copies)
Number 8. 'Republicanism 1790-1922 A Broad Outline'. Part 1.
- P180/39** Not dated
23pp
Number 9. 'Imperialism and the Irish Nation.'
- P180/40** August 1972
38pp
Number 10. 'Republicanism 1922-1966'. Part 2.
- P180/41** Not dated
50pp
Number 13. 'Ground Rent is Robbery'.
- P180/42** 31 August 1975
7pp
Number 17. 'The Making of the Irish Revolution'. Text of a speech delivered by Tomás Mac Giolla, President, Sinn Féin to the Boston Irish Forum.

- P180/43** 1975
17pp
Number 19. 'The Public Sector and the Profit Makers. The Case for State Workers.'
- [1972]-1979
13 items
- A series of mostly *Repsol* publications concerning socialism, the domestic economy, topical issues.
- P180/44** Not dated
15pp
'Towards the Socialist Republic.'
- P180/45** Not dated
6pp
'Women in Ireland'.
- P180/46** Not dated
56pp
'Manual of Education Lectures'.
- P180/47** Not dated
59pp
'The Land for the People.' A publication of the Research Section Department of Economic Affairs, Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.

- P180/48** Not dated
18pp
'Nuclear Power and Ireland.' A publication of the Research Section Department of Economic Affairs, Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.
- P180/49** [1972]
101pp
'The Great Irish Oil and Gas Robbery. A Case Study of Monopoly Capital.' A publication of the Research Section, Department of Economic Affairs, Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.
- P180/50** 1973
8pp
'Document on Irish Liberation.' Submitted to World Congress of Peace Forces, Moscow.
- P180/51** July 1976
30pp
'Full Employment by 1986.' Studies in Political Economy 4. A publication of the Research Section, Department of Economic Affairs, Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.
- P180/52** January 1979
30pp
'Tony O'Reilly's Last Game.' A publication of the Research Section Department of Economic Affairs, Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.
- P180/53** January 1976, 1978
98pp (2 copies)
'The Banks.' A publication of the Research Section Department of Economic Affairs Sinn Féin, The Workers' Party. First published in 1976, a second edition was produced two years later.

P180/54 1977
14pp
'Health Care. The Case for Socialist Medical Care.' By Dr John McManus.

P180/55 September 1978
41pp
'Come on the Taxpayers!' A publication of the Research Section Department of Economic Affairs, Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.

1.5.3 Serial Publications, [1972]-80

Teoiric

Theoretical and Discussion journal of Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.

P180/56 [1972]
23pp
Number 3.

P180/57 Winter 1977/8
32pp

P180/58 Summer 1979
20pp

P180/59 Spring 1980
23pp
Number 9.

P180/60 Autumn 1980
27pp
Number 10.

Eolas

International newsletter of the Irish Republican Movement.

P180/61 December 1973
12pp
Number 12.

P180/62 November 1975
11pp
Number 35.

P180/63 13 November 1975
31pp
Number 36.

P180/64 December 1975
23pp
Number 37.

P180/65 May 1976
11pp
Number 42.

P180/66 April/May 1977

12pp

Number 53&54.

Challenge

Newspaper of the Irish Democratic Youth Movement (IDYM).

P180/67 1980

8pp

Volume 2, number 2.

P180/68 1981

8pp

Volume 3, number 1.

Womens View

Quarterly magazine of the National Women's Committee of Sinn Féin The Workers' Party

P180/69 March 1980

16pp

Number 1.

P180/70 Winter [1982]

31pp

Number 10.

Workers Life

Monthly magazine which replaced the *United Irishman*, the monthly Republican newspaper launched in 1948.

- P180/71** July 1980
34pp
Volume 1, number 3.
- P180/72** July 1980
34pp
Volume 1, number 4.
- P180/73** September 1980
34pp
Volume 1, number 5.
- P180/74** October 1980
34pp
Volume 1, number 6.
- P180/75** November 1980
34pp
Volume1, number 7.
- P180/76** December 1980
34pp
Volume 1, number 8.

P180/77 September 1983
30pp
Volume 4, number 5.

P180/78 March 1984
30pp
Volume 4, number 11.

1.5.4 Newsletters, 1975–82

P180/79 August 1975–March 1982
17 items

File of newsletters printed by local branches of the Party, mostly the newsletter of the South County Dublin or Anne Devlin Cumann.

Includes:

- Copies of 'Notes and Comments' an internal newsletter of Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.

2 WORKERS' PARTY

2.1 Árd Fheiseanna, 1981–91

A series of files mostly consisting of Agendas, General Secretary's reports and Presidential addresses but also containing press statements, information for the press, elections to the Árd Chomhairle, speaking notes for motions and resolutions, speeches, newspaper cuttings. Occasional annotations.

P180/80 1981
48pp
Árd Fheis 1981

P180/81 1982
57pp
Árd Fheis 1982

P180/82 1983
88pp
Árd Fheis 1983

P180/83 1984
c140pp
Árd Fheis 1984

P180/84 1985
c160pp
Árd Fheis 1985

P180/85 1986
c180pp
Árd Fheis 1986

P180/86 1987
c150pp
Árd Fheis 1987

P180/87 1988
c200pp
Árd Fheis 1988

P180/88 1989
c200pp
Árd Fheis 1989

P180/89 1990

c260pp

Árd Fheis 1990

Includes:

- Extensive press coverage of the Árd Fheis including reports from the conference and opinion pieces published in all the main Irish daily newspapers. (22 April –9 May 1990, c100pp).
- Copy of statement by Paddy Gillan editor of *Making Sense* refuting allegations that he tried to suppress the publication of an article by Eoghan Harris. (23 March 1990, 1p).
- Copy of a statement by Eoghan Harris following his resignation from the Workers' Party and the publication of his article entitled 'The Necessity of Social Democracy'. (27 April 1990, 5pp).
- Copy of a statement by Eamon Smullen announcing his resignation from the Workers' Party. Outlines the circumstances which have led to his resignation. Concludes 'I make this statement now because I have become convinced that in the interests of truth it is necessary to put straight some items on the record, I have been Director of Economic Affairs for seventeen years—for its entire lifespan. I wish to state that I, therefore, know who contributed to what publications. Eoghan Harris made a most vital contribution to, or was the author of, several studies and plans which enabled the Party to move from the political wilderness into the world of election success ... I will continue to use my honesty, my knowledge and what talents I have to serve the poor and those who work for a pay-packet. I will continue to work to bring into being just social order.'

P180/90 1991

c250pp and 1 voice recording

Árd Fheis 1991

Includes:

- Proposed amendments to the Party programme and constitution. (1991, 21pp).
- Document entitled 'Freedom Democracy Equality. A Draft Programme for Democratic Socialism'. (March 1991, 36pp).
- Transferred from cassette tape to audio CD. Extract from the 'This Week' programme broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1 concerning the Party's new draft programme. Interview begins 'The Workers' Party Árd Fheis in Dublin this weekend has been dominated by the debate on the organisation's new draft programme which redefines the Party's position in Irish politics ...' Ends 'Proinsias de Rossa, President of the Workers' Party.' Includes an interview with Alderman Jimmy Brick a senior member of the Party in Galway who publicly criticized the Party leadership and resigned as a member of the Workers'

P180/90 Party. Also interviewed are officials of the Party from the local branch in Galway, Counsellor Liz Hackett, branch secretary Tish Gibbons and local election organiser Paddy Geraghty concerning Brick's resignation. Further interviews are with Brian Brennan who also resigned from the Party and joined the Labour Party and President of the Workers' Party, Proinsias de Rossa, who defends the draft programme and also discusses closer co-operation with the Labour Party and potential coalition arrangements in the future. (5 May 1991, running time 11mins 15secs)

2.2 Elections 1982-89

P180/91 November 1982

44pp

General Election—1982

Mostly press statements, interviews, briefing documents, correspondence.

Includes:

- Copy of a memorandum prepared by Eoghan Harris and John Caden concerning strategy in dealing with the media in the forthcoming elections. (Not dated, 8pp)
- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to Vincent Doyle, Editor, *Irish Independent* to complain about an article concerning the Dublin South Central constituency which omitted to mention the Workers' Party candidate. Remarks that the article was unfair and asks Doyle to publish a correction. (18 November 1982, 1p).

P180/92 1984

1 item. Running time 2mins 39secs

European Elections—1984

DVD of a party political broadcast.

Promotional broadcast on behalf of the Workers' Party candidates for the European elections. Features Liz McManus candidate for Leinster, Des Gerraghty candidate for Dublin, Joe Sherlock candidate for Munster and Jimmy Brick candidate for Connacht/Ulster. Also features Workers' Party President Tomás Mac Giolla and Proinsias de Rossa.

P180/93 June–September 1985

22pp

Local Elections—1985

Mostly publicity flyers, biographies.

Includes:

- Table outlining the results of the Dublin City Council elections. (24 June 1985, 5pp).
- Report prepared for the Workers' Party Árd Comhairle (CEC) meeting concerning the local elections results, analysis of the campaign and strategies for future campaigns. (6–7 September 1985, 4pp).

P180/94 April 1986–February 1987

116pp

General Election—1987

Mostly publicity flyers and newsletters, biographies, press statements, correspondence.

Includes:

- Letters from a variety of organisations to the Workers' Party seeking information and clarification on the policies of the Party in advance of the general election. (26 January–13 February 1987 c60pp).

P180/95 January–February 1989

33pp

General Election and European Election, 1989—Publicity

Mostly publicity flyers and biographies.

Includes:

- Draft of the Workers' Party election manifesto. (1989, 3pp).

P180/96 March–June 1989

c200pp

General Election and European Election 1989—Correspondence

Letters from trade unions, community groups, and advocacy groups seeking information regarding the policy issues that affect them, their employees and the individuals they represent.

2.3 Structure and Organisation

2.3.1 Correspondence, 1982–92

A series of general correspondence files concerning the election of Workers' Party candidates to the Dáil, invitations to participate in organised events, appeals from special interest groups, discussing the political landscape, Dáil business, requests for parliamentary questions, defending the Workers' Party against allegations made in the media, communications from Workers' Party branches outside Dublin, world events, requests for information about the Worker's Party, its candidates and policies.

P180/97 February–October 1982

42pp

General correspondence file, 1982

Includes:

- Letters of congratulation from well-wishers to members of the Workers' Party on their election to the Dáil. (22–28 February 1982, c15pp).
- Letter from Michael O'Leary, leader of the Labour Party to Proinsias de Rossa inviting him and Deputies Sherlock and Gallagher to a meeting in his office 'to discuss policy matters of mutual interest.' Remarks that he has also asked Deputies Jim Kemmy and Tony Gregory to attend. A handwritten note on the letter states that the Workers' Party asked for the meeting with Labour to be held without the presence of the two independent TDs. (24 February 1982, 1p).

P180/98 January–December 1983

159pp

General correspondence file, 1983

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from Tony Gregory TD inviting Deputies from the Workers' Party to a private meeting to discuss left-wing electoral strategy in the Dublin-Central bye-election. (Not dated, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Tomás Mac Giolla to the Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald indicating that the Workers' Party would welcome the opportunity to participate in a consultative committee on the issue of the protection of marriage and marriage breakdown. (3 February 1983, 1p).
- Reply from Garret FitzGerald. (17 February 1983, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Philomena Donnelly, Dublin North West Women's Group of the Workers' Party, 5 Main Street, Finglas, Dublin 11 to Sir Leonard Figg, British Ambassador, British

Embassy, 33 Merrion Road, Dublin 4 urging the release of the women arrested at the US Military Base at Greenham Common. (9 February 1983, 1p).

- Reply from Leonard Figg remarking that the women had broken the law. Remarks 'There cannot be one law for ordinary citizens and another for peace campaigners ... The British Government shares your concern about nuclear weapons. Their view, however, is that to disarm unilaterally would make a nuclear war more, not less likely.' (11 February 1983, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from de Rossa to Michael Noonan, Minister for Justice concerning an approach made by an organization called Concerned Republican for Individual Rights California about a report that the convicted murderer Daniel White intends to settle in Ireland following his release. White was convicted of the murder of the Mayor of San Francisco George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, a prominent gay rights activist. Asks the Minister if any approach has been made by the US authorities and what action the Department intends to take. (3 June 1983, 1p).
- Letter from Oliver Rogers, Cavan-Monaghan Constituency Council of the Workers' Party to Gemma Hussey, Minister for Education concerning the use of Virginia National School by local 'pro-Life' campaigners as their headquarters. Enquires whether the school will be available for other political campaigners in the future. (2 September 1983, 1p).
- Letter from Tony Heffernan to the Tim Pat Coogan, Editor *Irish Press* objecting to the lack of coverage of the final rally against the constitutional amendment on abortion in the newspaper. (6 September 1983, 1p).
- Reply indicating that lack of space prevented him from including a report on the rally. (8 September 1983, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from de Rossa to Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs expressing his concern that Shannon Airport is being used as a transit point for US military personnel. (3 October 1983, 2pp).
- Draft of a letter from [Tony Heffernan] to Douglas Gageby Editor of the *Irish Times* concerning comments in his editorial concerning the low funds of the political parties, with the exception of the Workers' Party. Remarks 'This is not the first occasion on which there have been snide comments ... dealing with the finances of the Worker's Party ... Presumably the implication which you hope your readers will draw from these comments is that the Workers' Party has access to unlimited funds from some dubious source ... The only source of finance which we have is the generosity of our own members and supporters ...' ([21 October 1983], 1p).

P180/99 January–December 1984

127pp

General correspondence file, 1984

Includes:

- Letter from Tony Heffernan on behalf of the EMC (Executive Management Committee) of the Workers' Party instructing Party candidates in the European Elections not to appear on illegal radio stations following a threat from the NUJ in RTÉ that they would 'black' any politicians who did so. (20 March 1984, 1p).
- Copies of letters from Tony Heffernan to the Editors of the *Irish Press* (Tim Pat Coogan) and the *Irish Independent* (Vincent Doyle) expressing his disappointment that the newspapers did not give any coverage to the Workers' Party press conference launching their manifesto for the European Elections. (25 May 1984, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter sent by Tony Heffernan to Workers' Party branch and constituency PROs emphasising the importance of constant publicity on behalf of the Party and the possibility of a 'snap' general election. Remarks that experience has shown that it is easier for the Party to get publicity before an election than during the campaign itself. Asks for cuttings, letters and other material relating to the Party to be sent to him. Remarks that a training session for PROs will be organised. (16 August 1984, 1p).
- Letter from Shane Kenny, Editor, News Features, RTÉ to Tomás Mac Giolla informing him of the launch of a major national news and current affairs programme on RTÉ Radio 1 called 'Morning Ireland'. Invites him to submit suitable content for the programme. ([November] 1984, 1p).

P180/100 January–December 1985

103pp

General correspondence file, 1985

Includes:

- Letter from Bill Shipsey, Amnesty International to Tomás Mac Giolla TD seeking a meeting with him to discuss the abolition of the death penalty. (19 February 1985, 2pp).
- Letter from Jean Tansey, Chairperson Divorce Action Group, 4 Nassau Street to Tomás Mac Giolla requesting a meeting to discuss the holding of a referendum on divorce. ([25] April 1985, 1p).
- Letter from Vincent Finn, Director General, RTÉ to Tony Heffernan informing him of RTÉ's approach to the local elections. Concludes by asking that parties and candidates desist from appearing on or contributing to programmes broadcast on illegal radio stations. (22 May 1985, 2pp).

43pp

General correspondence file, 1987–92

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from the Taoiseach Charles Haughey TD to Ministers concerning the level of public expenditure and the growth in the public sector debt. Stresses the importance of identifying further cuts. Requests that details regarding spending cuts be submitted to his Department and the Department of Finance covering capital and current expenditure and how these can be reduced. Remarks that all options should be considered 'including the elimination or reduction of particular schemes and programmes, rooting out overlaps and duplications between organisations, the merger of organisations, the closure of institutions which may have outlived their usefulness, the scaling down of the operations of organizations and institutions and the disposal of physical assets which are no longer productively used. A radical approach should be adopted and no expenditure should be regarded as sacrosanct and immune to elimination or reduction. We do not want a series of justifications of the status quo or special pleadings.' (13 May 1987, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Michal D White & Co. Solicitors to The Editor, *Sunday Tribune*, 15 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2 concerning the publication of a photograph of Tomás Mac Giolla displayed alongside the Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu giving the impression that Mac Giolla and Ceausescu were associated with one another. Remarks 'Tomás Mac Giolla never knew, spoke or wrote about Nicolae Ceausescu and accordingly the photo-caption and its heading were totally false and misleading.' Encloses the draft of an apology and requests that it be printed in the next issue of the newspaper. (18 January 1990, 2pp).
- Letter from Sinéad Butler, Secretary, Workers' Party Clondalkin Branch expressing concern concerning the reporting of a Party discussion document in the national media before the document was made available to Party members. (9 March 1990, 1p)
- Copy of a reply from Tony Heffernan to Sinéad Butler assuring her that the Árd Chomhairle was equally concerned and that action had been taken. (13 March 1990, 1p).
- Letter from George T Dempsey, First Secretary for Political Affairs, US Embassy to Proinsias de Rossa responding to a letter from de Rossa regarding the US invasion of Grenada and Panama. Refers to 'facile comparisons' made by de Rossa (Iraqi invasion of Kuwait) and remarks 'the Left loses the little credibility it possesses in international affairs.' (29 August 1990, 1p).
- Copy of a reply from de Rossa to Dempsey remarking that he found Dempsey's letter 'somewhat offensive'. Remarks 'In my more than 8 years in the Dáil I have had cause to publicly criticise the policies and actions of many countries, but I have

never received such a letter from a diplomat couched in such terms. Concludes 'Your concern for the credibility of the Left is touching, but I think that you will find that the majority of the Irish people share a position on this matter which is much closer to my own than to that of your government.' Refers to two recent speeches concerning the US and international affairs. (3 September 1990, 2pp).

- Reply from George T Dempsey acknowledging the enclosures and responding to their content. (16 October 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from de Rossa to Dick Spring TD Leader of the Labour Party asking for a meeting of the leaders of the three main opposition parties to ensure that the motions of no confidence in the government should be discussed and voted on in advance of the Presidential election. (26 October 1990, 1p).
- Letters from de Rossa to Dr Azmi Shafeqq Al-Salihi, Iraqi Ambassador to Ireland and Richard A Moore US Ambassador to Ireland appealing to them to pull back from the brink of war in the Gulf. (16 January 1991, 2pp).
- Letter from de Rossa to Anne Holliday and Chris Hudson, Newry Hostages Support Group regretting that he cannot attend the vigil for the Newry hostages but expresses his full support for their actions. Applauds the courage of Liam Kearns, David Madigan and their families in defying the threats of the Provisional IRA. (22 August 1991, 1p).
- Letter from Ed Moloney, *Sunday Tribune*, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin to de Rossa concerning recent comments by de Rossa and other senior members, including TDs, of the former Workers' Party acknowledging the existence of the Official IRA. Expresses his frustration over many years as a journalist, of the repeated denials by the Workers' Party of the existence of the Official IRA and of attempts by the Party to 'smear' him and other journalists by alleging sympathies with the Provisional IRA. Remarks that such smears were very dangerous for journalists living and working in Belfast. Concludes 'If you are telling the truth ... I believe you should now publicly apologise to journalists like myself ... Unless and until you do this I for one will find it impossible to believe you have genuinely undergone a change of heart or direction.' (24 February 1992, 2pp).

2.3.2 Internal Administration and Development, 1982–92

P180/102 February 1982–June 1983

19 items (c160pp)

Party Organisation

Mostly reports.

Includes:

- Copy of Sinn Féin The Workers' Party constitution. (Not dated, 15pp).
- Discussion document and draft report concerning the organisation, structure and management of the Árd Fheis. ([1978], 14pp).
- Organisation sub-committee draft report and reports concerning the 'Party Development Programme' arising out of significant changes in the Republican movement over two decades in the 1960s and 1970s and following a resolution adopted by the 1981 Árd Fheis. ([1981]–March 1983, 83pp).
- Memorandum prepared for an Árd Chomhairle meeting concerning changes to the Party's organisation and potentially the constitution of the Workers' Party. Discusses these changes under the headings 'Membership', 'Árd Fheis and Annual Delegate Conference', 'Extraordinary Árd Fheis', 'Árd Chomhairle/Central Executive Council', 'Powers and Responsibilities of the Árd Chomhairle', 'Executive Political Committee', 'Regional Councils', 'Constituency Committees', 'Cumann'. Annotated. (5 March 1983, 13pp).
- Copy of a circular letter from Peter Kane, Administrative Secretary to Árd Chomhairle members, Cumann and Ceanntair Secretaries concerning proposed organisational changes. Encloses the existing Party constitution and an amended constitution to reflect the proposals. (10 March 1983, 23pp).

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161pp

Party Development

Mostly reports and discussion documents.

Includes:

- Points for discussion at an EPC (Executive Political Committee) meeting prepared by Seán Garland concerning the need to expand the Party membership and organisation. Identifies weaknesses in regional structures and organisation and the need for substantial funds in order to allow the Party increase in size. Refers to a recent consultancy report and outlines the main areas that need to be addressed. Suggests that the EMC (Executive Management Committee) be replaced by a Secretariat. (Not dated, 5pp).

- Document analysing the role of the Workers' Party in the Dáil, the difficulties and challenges faced by their two sitting TDs as well as the advantages of having a real presence in the democratic system of the country. Emphasises the need to develop an election strategy in order to increase numbers of Workers' Party TDs in the Dáil and the relationship between the elected representatives and the rest of the Party. (Not dated, 3pp).
- Analysis of the Workers' Party and the Euro constituencies as well as general comments about the Party and its organisation and structure. (Not dated, 11pp).
- Document outlining the insertion of a rule covering the role of the General Secretary in the Workers' Party constitution. Remarks that the insertion of the rule will distinguish the Party from other political parties in declaring that the General Secretary is the principal officer of the Party 'thereby demonstrating that the Party does not see parliament alone as the means of making progress.' Remarks that it will also serve to establish the Workers' Party as the only Party to have an organisation in both jurisdictions with, potentially, a parliamentary leader in both assemblies if a devolved administration comes into existence in the North. Includes a draft of the rule to be inserted. (Not dated, 4pp).
- Document outlining the role of the Secretariat of the Workers' Party, the office of the President and the position of Parliamentary Leaders. (Not dated, 6pp).
- Memorandum prepared by Des Geraghty for consideration by the EPC. Outlines his ideas in light of the rapid changes taking place in the political landscape in Ireland and in the rest of the world, in particular traditional socialist countries. Refers to a 'development programme' for the Party 'politically and organisationally.' (Not dated, 9pp).
- Document outlining major changes in the organisational structure of the Party decided on at a Special delegate Conference of the Party. Provides details of the membership and structure of the Árd Chomhairle/Central Executive Committee, the Political Committee, the Executive Management Committee as well as naming special committees and their Chairpersons dealing with Education and Communications, Economic Affairs, Finance, International Affairs, Electoral and Recruitment, Women, Youth, Health and Social Services, Housing and Environment, Civil Liberties, Culture. (Not dated, 2pp).
- Report for the Political Committee concerning changes in Ireland's economic outlook brought about by a number of external factors. Discusses the areas of women, youth, the church, the unemployed, the EEC, neutrality, the New Ireland Forum, other political parties. Analyses recent voting trends. (Not dated, 6pp).
- Strategy document outlining methods to increase Party membership. (1-2 February 1985 & July 1987, 8pp).
- Confidential report analysing all aspects of the Workers' Party, the organisation and how it functions, how efficiently it operates in reaching and obtaining the goals of the

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organization and recommendations and strategies for change. ([1 April 1987], 29pp).

- Notes prepared by Oliver Rogers, Chairperson of the Finance Committee concerning the proposed budget for the Party for 1988/89. ([25 June 1988, 3pp]).
- Confidential memorandum compiled by Pat Rabbitte concerning the forthcoming general election and the identification of a further seven constituencies in addition to the seven where the Party already hold seats for 'priority attention.' Identifies issues that require attention in the Cork City and Dublin Central constituencies. (22 September 1988, 2pp).
- Report by Proinsias de Rossa on his visit as a delegate to the PCI (Italian Communist Party) Congress in Rome. Describes his journey to Rome, the general content, the people he met and recommendations for closer contact with the PCI. (28 March 1989, 4pp).
- Report by Pat Rabbitte, Chairman of the Electoral Committee on the performance of Workers' Party candidates in the June 1989 general election. (12 January 1990, 4pp).

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12pp

Staffing

Job specifications, memorandum, appeal.

Includes:

- Copy of a memorandum from Margaret O'Leary, 30 Gardiner Place, Dublin 1, a member of staff at Head Office to members of the EPC (Executive Political Committee) raising concerns over the future of staff employed at Head Office. Refers to the announcement that staff are on six months' notice and the manner in which the staff were informed. Refers to a report by the Structural Committee a number of years ago and the reorganisation that took place (1 July 1987, 2pp).
- Proposal from Margaret O'Leary, Head Office to the EMC (Executive Management Committee) to implement the recommendations of the Structural Committee in their 1981 report on staffing and conditions in Head Office. A copy of the Structural Committee report is attached. (21 July 1989, 5pp).

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Running time 9mins 9secs

Party Split

Voice recording.

Transferred from cassette tape to audio CD. Interview with the Workers' Party President Proinsias de Rossa for the 'This Week'

P180/105 programme broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1 concerning rumours of a split in the Party. Begins 'This weekend newspapers have reported extensively on a split which is said to be looming in the Workers' Party over radical changes about to be proposed in the Party's rules and structures ...' Ends 'Proinsias de Ross thank you for talking to us. Thank you.'

2.3.3 Policy, 1980s-91

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215pp

Employment and Taxation

Development of Workers' Party policy in the area of economic progression.

Includes:

- Draft of a document entitled 'The Workers' Party and Taxation' prepared by the research section of the Economic Affairs Committee of the Workers' Party. (Not dated, 15pp).
- Another [draft] document prepared by the Economic Affairs Committee entitled 'The Crisis in Irish Society and What Needs to be Done'. Discusses the Irish economy and criticises the policies being implemented by the government. (Not dated, 12pp).
- Document entitled 'The Jobs Crisis'. Examines the potential for employment in Ireland in a number of areas including new technologies, agriculture, horticulture, construction industry, tourism, natural resources. Proposes the establishment of a jobs forum. (Not dated, 19pp).
- Summary of the Irish tax system and proposals put forward by the Workers' Party to successive Budget and Finance Bills. Prepared by the Taxation Sub-Committee of the Research Section of the Economic Affairs Committee. (Not dated, 20pp).
- Document entitled 'Tax the Greedy *Not* the Needy'. The document puts forward proposals to reduce PAYE tax by 10%. Prepared by the Research Section of the Economic Affairs Committee. (January 1987, 44pp).
- Document entitled 'Full Employment for Wexford' prepared by the Economic Affairs Committee. (June 1988, 18pp).
- Proposals for real tax reform. (June 1989, 8pp).
- Discussion document entitled 'Making it Work. A Framework for Industrial Development.' ([1990], 22pp).
- Critique of the Workers' Party discussion document 'Making it Work.' ([1990], 5pp).
- [Discussion] document entitled 'The Crash Programme for Jobs.' (September 1991, 18pp).
- Publication entitled 'Back to Business The Real Crisis in Unemployment.' (18 November 1991, 13pp).

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Labour Party

Statements, annual conference material, policy documents.

Includes:

- Document produced by the Workers' Party calling on greater co-operation between the socialist parties in the Dáil and urging Labour to consider alternative coalition options to Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil. (Not dated, 3pp).
- Document prepared by the Workers' Party outlining the failures of the promises made by the Labour/Fine Gael coalition and their joint programme for government. (Not dated 4pp).
- Copy of a document prepared by the Labour Party on electoral strategy. (Not dated, 8pp).
- Copy of a document entitled 'The Third Option—The Left Alternative' prompted by an article by Brendan Halligan of the Labour Party emphasizing the need to form a viable option to the electorate and provide leadership for the working class. (Not dated, 3pp).
- Copy of the Labour Party annual conference agenda held in Galway. (22–24 October 1982, 58pp).
- Copy of a statement by the Administrative Council of the Labour Party to the Labour Party's annual conference entitled 'Towards Economic and Social Recovery.' (22-24 October 1982, 7pp).
- Copy of the Party Chairman's address by Michal D Higgins to the Labour Party annual conference entitled 'Labour at Seventy 1912–1982. (22 October 1982, 16pp).
- Copy of the Labour Party's election programme entitled 'Jobs, Equality and Justice with Labour. (November 1982, 29pp).
- Press statement by the Workers' Party calling on the Labour Party to reject coalition with either Fine Gael or Fianna Fáil. (2 December 1982, 1p).
- Press statement by the Workers' Party calling for a meeting with the Labour Party to discuss the interests of working people following the increased support for socialist parties in the general election. (3 December 1982, 1p).
- Press statement by the Workers' Party referring to comments by the Labour TD Michal Bell urging an amalgamation of the Workers' Party and Labour. Remarks 'While the question of amalgamation of the two parties does not arise as far as the Workers' Party is concerned, our Party has, on numerous occasions in recent years, approached the Labour Party to discuss the possibility of political cooperation in opposition to the conservative policies of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael. Mr Bell cannot be unaware that these approaches have been repeatedly rejected by the Labour Party.' Concludes 'Michael Bell's comments are however of interest as he is the most senior Labour politician to have publicly expressed these views.' (16 January 1983, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Seán Garland, General Secretary of the

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Workers' Party to the General Secretary of the Labour Party inviting representatives of the Administrative Council of the Labour Party to meet with members of the Executive Political Committee of the Workers' Party to discuss closer cooperation between the two parties. (15 July 1985, 1p).

- Copy of a letter from Seán Garland to the General Secretary of the Labour Party expressing disappointment at the 'lack of positive response' to their invitation. Remarks 'Our letter was not concerned about electoral strategy through it did not exclude such matters for discussion. We are concerned ... that there should be a united and coherent Left alternative to the disastrous policies being pursued and advocated by the conservative and reactionary parties in Ireland.' Renews the invitation for representatives of the two parties to meet. (7 October 1985, 1p).

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New Ireland Forum

Newspaper cuttings, correspondence, statements, submissions, reports.

Includes:

- Letter from Garret FitzGerald, Taoiseach to Tomás Mac Giolla, President of the Workers' Party inviting him to participate in a discussion to initiate an end to violence and reconciliation between the different parties in Northern Ireland. (25 February 1983, 1p).
- Statement from the government announcing the establishment of a forum to facilitate discussions towards peace and stability in Northern Ireland. Includes a covering note from Declan Kelly, Secretary to the Taoiseach remarking that the wording of the statement took into account the discussion between the Taoiseach and the Workers' Party. (11 March 1983, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Mac Giolla to the Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald expressing his disappointment at the haste of announcing the establishment of the Forum. Remarks that the Workers' Party have now been presented with a *fait accompli* and that further discussions with the Workers' Party *Árd Chomhairle* will have to take place regarding their involvement in the forum. (14 March 1983, 1p).
- Reply from Garret FitzGerald explaining the government's position and expressing the hope that the leaders of the political parties who have rejected the Forum may reconsider their decision regarding participation. (18 March 1983, 2pp).
- Notes from the Northern Regional Executive meeting of the Workers' Party outlining the views of the delegates who attended the meeting concerning the New Ireland Forum. (26 March 1983, 8pp).
- Letter from Mac Giolla to FitzGerald outlining his and his Party's official position on the New Ireland Forum. Remarks

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that in its present format the Workers' Party will not participate in the Forum. Remarks that this decision does not rule out future Workers' Party cooperation 'with a broader and more democratic structure and representation.' (28 March 1983, 2pp).

- Extract from the *Bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs* reporting on the first meeting of the New Ireland Forum on 30 May 1983. (June 1983, 4pp).
- Copy of a submission to the New Ireland Forum by Professor C Kevin Boyle, Professor of Law, University College Galway and Dr Tom Hadden, Lecturer in Law, Queen's University Belfast. (25 November 1983, 27pp).
- Publication issued by the New Ireland Forum entitled 'The Economic Consequences of the Division of Ireland since 1920' (6 December 1983, 16pp).
- Dáil questions to the Taoiseach by Tomás Mac Giolla concerning the New Ireland Forum, the publication of the first report, the cost to the exchequer incurred by the Forum and the total numbers employed by the Forum and draft reply. (29 February 1984, 93pp).

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Policy Development

Discussion documents, drafts, submissions, reports.

Includes:

- First draft of an economic recovery plan. (Not dated, 3pp).
- Document by Eamonn Smullen entitled 'The Development of Ideology.' (Not dated, 15pp).
- Submission to the Minister for Finance on the tax proposals in the 1983 budget. (January 1983, 25pp).
- Statement outlining the Workers' Party position on divorce. (28 June 1983, 1p).
- Copy of a paper by [R Callender] entitled 'The Economy and Trade Unions.' (5 May 1988, 16pp).
- Memorandum or text of a paper delivered to the Dublin Regional Council entitled 'Marxism and the Revolutionary Party. Outlines the theory of Marxism and analyses the Workers' Party based on the principle that the way forward for the Party is 'through the development of a cadre of leaders in a conscious disciplined political revolutionary vanguard organization.' Explores this concept in some detail emphasising the development and strengthening of the Party from local level up and the importance of 'Class politics'. (22 June 1988, 15pp).
- Document analysing the Workers' Party and Northern Ireland referring specifically to the marginalisation of the Party and identifying the need to improve the profile of the Party in Northern Ireland. Discusses the current situation in light of the Anglo-Irish Agreement and the affect the Agreement has

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had on the Workers' Party medium term objective for Northern Ireland, that of devolution. Annotated. (31 August 1989, 8pp).

- Document prepared for the Political Committee of the Workers' Party concerning an article in the *Sunday Times* declaring the end of communism. Discusses the article in terms of the recent upheavals in socialist countries. (11 November 1989, 8pp).
- Document prepared for the Workers' Party by Feargal Ross and Colm Breathnach concerning the development of Party ideology in light of the recent upheavals in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union and the creation of a new socialism, a 'Third Way.' ([1991], 21pp).

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Anglo-Irish Agreement

Newspaper cuttings, news releases, submissions, statements.

Includes:

- Press statement concerning remarks by Mac Giolla on the Anglo-Irish talks. (15 November 1985, 2pp).
- Copy of the Dáil statement by Mac Giolla on the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (19 November 1985, 8pp).
- Special edition of *Ireland Today*, Bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs on the Anglo-Irish Agreement 1985. (November 1985, 15pp).
- Draft [memorandum] prepared for the Executive Political Committee of the Workers' Party concerning a review and re-assessment of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. ([1986], 3pp).
- Press release regarding the Workers' Party campaign for the suspension of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (21 October 1986, 1p).
- Submission from the Workers' Party to Brian Lenihan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (January 1989, 3pp).
- News release from the Workers' Party stating that the Anglo-Irish Review is an opportunity lost. (25 May 1989, 1p).
- Notes from Henry Patterson, University of Ulster to Tony Heffernan concerning the Peter Brooke (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland) initiative and suggestions for a speech by de Rossa. ([October 1989, 3pp).
- Statement issued by the Taoiseach, Charles Haughey in response to comments by Unionist politicians concerning Northern Ireland and discussions about the future relationship between Northern Ireland and the Republic. (June 1990, 4pp).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa concerning the Brook Initiative. (5 July 1990, 2pp).
- Letter from de Rossa to Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Taoiseach Charles Haughey, Ian Paisley, leader DUP, James Molyneaux, leader UUP, John Alderdice,

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leader Alliance Party and John Hume leader of the SDLP, concerning the deadlock over the venue for the second phase of talks. Suggests that the British Embassy in Dublin may prove suitable. (8 May 1991, 6pp).

- Statement by the Workers' Party expressing 'bitter disappointment' over the failure of the negotiations amongst the political parties in Northern Ireland. (3 July 1991, 1p).

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Northern Ireland

Booklets, leaflets, pamphlets, submissions mostly issued by the Workers' Party relating to party policy on Northern Ireland.

Includes:

- Pamphlet entitled *We Need Democratic Devolved Government in N Ireland Now!* (Not dated, 4pp).
- Document entitled 'Belfast a City for Working People.' (Not dated, 9pp).
- News release entitled 'Northern Ireland Economy. A Development Plan.' (Not dated, 4pp).
- Draft prepared by the Research Section, Department of Economic Affairs, The Workers' Party entitled 'Northern Ireland. Reformation to Revolution.' (Not dated, 284pp)
- Document entitled 'Policing in Northern Ireland.' (February 1984, 8pp).
- Response of the Workers' Party to the Northern Ireland Office consultative paper on police complaints and discipline. (July 1985, 3pp).
- Response of the Workers' Party to the Down and Connor Maintained Schools Commission NI Inspectorate Report on education in West Belfast secondary schools. (September 1985, 10pp).
- Pamphlet entitled *The Workers' Party and the Anglo-Irish Agreement*. (January 1986, 7pp).
- Manifesto entitled *Workers Unite! Westminster By-Elections Manifesto* outlining the campaign focus for the nine Workers' Party candidates. (January 1986, 12pp).
- Submission to the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights and a review of anti-discrimination legislation. (September 1986, 18pp).
- Booklet entitled *The Socialist Perspective on Northern Ireland and the Anglo-Irish Agreement*. (November 1986, 12pp).
- Response of the Workers' Party entitled 'A Return to the Rule of Law' to a review by Lord Colville of Culross QC of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Acts 1978 and 1987. ([1987], 5pp).
- Submission to Viscount Colville of Culross QC on the Prevention of Terrorism Act. (January 1987, 4pp).
- Response of the Workers' Party to the Department of Economic Development's consultative paper on equality of opportunity in

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- employment in Northern Ireland. (March 1987, 6pp).
- Manifesto entitled *Peace Work Democracy Class Politics* outlining the campaign focus for the Workers' Party candidates standing in the Westminster General Election. (11 June 1987, 17pp)
- Workers' Party publication entitled *Northern Ireland Perspectives...* ([1988], 30pp).
- Response of the Workers' Party to Education in Ireland—Proposals for Reform outlined by the Department of Education Northern Ireland consultative document. (June 1988, 9pp).

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Copies of newspaper cuttings, policy documents, press information bulletins, and correspondence.

Includes:

- Policy statement of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party entitled 'New Rights, New Prosperity and New Hope for Northern Ireland. (April 1987, 9pp).
- Copy of a letter from Dick Spring, Leader of the Labour Party, Tomás Mac Giolla, Leader of the Workers' Party and Jim Kemmy, Leader of the Democratic Socialist Party to Neil Kinnock MP, Leader of the British Labour Party appealing to him to end all contact with Sinn Féin. Acknowledges that these contacts do not have official approval but observes that contacts between British socialists and Sinn Féin have persisted. Remarks that this is extremely offensive to Irish socialists 'We would stress, and would request you to again stress, that Sinn Féin—the IRA's political arm and voice—is strongly opposed by the overwhelming majority of socialists here in Ireland.' Continues 'Those deluded or opportunist British socialists who support the IRA should be reminded that Enniskillen was the latest in a long line of atrocities which are part and parcel of this fascist campaign. If the morale of the IRA continues to be boosted by elements of the British Labour Party, part of the blame for future atrocities will be laid at the feet of those in Britain who heed and support the IRA and ignore the voice of elected socialist public representatives in Ireland.' (26 November 1987, 2pp).
- Copy of a reply from Neil Kinnock agreeing with 'everything' in the letter. Remarks that he is circulating a copy of the letter amongst the Labour Members of Parliament. (1 December 1987, 1p).
- Strategy document issued by the British Labour Party's front bench Northern Ireland team entitled 'Towards a United Ireland Reform and Harmonisation: A Dual Strategy for Irish Unification. (September 1988, 32pp).
- Copy of a discussion document issued by the British Labour Party and prepared by Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP, Labour Party

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front Bench Spokeswoman on Northern Ireland entitled 'Education: a right or privilege?' (July 1989, 14pp).

- Comments by the British Labour Party on a code of practice on religious equality of opportunity in employment. (10 November 1989, 14pp).

2.4 Press Office, 1982–92

Comprehensive series of files primarily of press statements, occasional newspaper cuttings, speeches and addresses, correspondence, contributions to debates, broadcast scripts originating from the office of Tony Heffernan, the Workers' Party Press Officer. The statements cover a wide range of topics commenting on domestic and international events and topics, local issues, and policy. The following is a detailed but not exhaustive list of the subject matters covered by the statements.

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Press statements—Not Dated & 1982

Includes:

- Principles governing the voting intentions of the Party's TDs in the next Dáil. (Not dated, 2pp).
- Copy of a notice of a motion signed by Proinsias de Rossa TD concerning the Kenny Report on building land and statement concerning the Labour Party Bill to control building land. (6, 19 May 1982, 2pp).
- Criminal justice legislation. (2 June 1982, 1p)
- Introduction of a Bill by the Workers' Party to remove ground rents. (9 June 1982, 1p).
- Condemning the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. (16 June 1982, 4pp).
- Private member's motion calling for the restructuring of PRSI. (18 June 1982, 4pp).
- Constitutional Amendment (Divorce) Bill placed on the Dáil order paper by members of the Workers' Party. (9 July 1982, 1p).
- Draft regarding the establishment of a broadcasting commission for Ireland. Heavily annotated. ([September] 1982, 3pp).
- Call by Proinsias de Rossa for the establishment of a commission on broadcasting. (6 September 1982, 2pp).
- Unemployment figures and social welfare benefits. (9 September 1982, 1p).
- Call for the formation of a National Government. (9 September 1982, 1p).
- Assembly Elections and the decision of the SDLP to adopt an abstentionist policy. (11 September 1982, 2pp).
- Finalisation of arrangements for the Party's campaign for the

- Assembly Elections. (11 September 1982, 1p).
- Call by the Workers' Party to drop the proposed Constitutional Amendment on abortion. (13 September 1982, 1p).
- Letter to the editor, *Irish News* concerning criticism of Workers' Party policies and the Assembly Elections. (September 1982, 2pp).
- Criticism of the Confederation of Irish Industries (CII). (15 September 1982, 2pp).
- Open letter from Proinsias de Rossa to the Taoiseach Charles Haughey expressing his concerns over a visit by Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael TDs to Israel and Israeli-occupied Lebanon as guests of the Israeli government. (17 September 1982, 2pp).
- Commenting on the massacre of Palestinians by the Israeli backed Phalange forces in Beirut. Heavily annotated. (Not dated, 1p).
- Letter from Tony Heffernan to the Editor, *The Kerryman* concerning remarks made by Dick Spring in an interview published in the newspaper, on the ability of the Workers' Party to pay full time officials and where this money might come from. (20 September 1982, 1p).
- Welcoming the decision of Fianna Fáil and Labour TDs not to travel to Israel. (21 September 1982, 1p).
- Recent public opinion poll regarding the proposed amendment to the constitution (abortion) and the attitude of the electorate to the holding of a referendum. (22 September 1982, 1p).
- Welcoming call for a community-based police service. (23 September 1982, 1p).
- Call from Joe Sherlock TD to save East Cork Foods. (24 September 1982, 2pp).
- Proinsias de Rossa speaking to a British Labour Party 'fringe' meeting concerning the Assembly Elections and the Prior White Paper. (28 September 1982, 2pp).
- Message to Yasser Arafat following the murder of Saad Sayel, Chief of Staff of the PLO. (29 September 1982)1p).
- Extract from a speech by Tomás Mac Giolla, President of the Workers' Party to the Irish Association for Cultural Economic and Social Relations. (3 October 1982, 1p).
- Launch of a Workers' Party manifesto for the NI Assembly Elections. (4 October 1982, 1p).
- Draft and copy of a letter from Tomás Mac Giolla to the Editor, the *Cork Examiner* taking issue with an article in the paper over remarks made by Mac Giolla at a public meeting in Ballybrack, County Dublin on vandalism and juvenile crime. (1 October 1982, 4pp).
- Call by Paddy Gallagher TD for a review of legislation governing the operation of building societies in Ireland. (7 October 1982 1p).
- Announcing the launch of a major economic plan by the Workers' Party entitled 'An End to the Crisis—A Plan for Economic Recovery and Full Employment'. (18 October 1982, 1p).
- Issued by the Dublin Comhairle Ceanntair concerning the lack of co-ordinated planning for Dublin City. (20 October 1982, 2pp).

- Welcoming the encouraging vote received by the Workers' Party candidates in the NI Assembly Elections. (22 October 1982, 1p).
- Advance copy of the Workers' Party economic recovery plan. (25 October 1982, 4pp).
- By Paddy Gallagher TD concerning the closure of the *Sunday Tribune* and *Daily News* newspapers. (28 October 1982, 3pp).
- Commenting on the killing of three Irish soldiers in Lebanon. (28 October 1982, 1p).
- List of Workers' Party candidates with biographical details, and of directors of elections for the 1982 general election. (November 1982, 6pp).
- Unused election scripts on a variety of domestic issues relevant to the general election campaign. ([November], 10pp).
- Comments by Workers' Party President Tomás Mac Giolla outlining the issues relevant to the general election campaign. (November 1982, 2pp).
- Statement by Paddy Gallagher TD on the adjournment debate concerning the closure of the *Sunday Tribune* and *Daily News* newspapers. (2 November 1982, 3pp).
- Predicting increase in votes and seats. (4 November 1982, 1p).
- Comments by Mac Giolla on a public opinion poll showing an increase in the popularity of the Workers' Party. (13 November 1982, 1p).
- Comments by Mac Giolla alleging that Garret FitzGerald has given a misleading interpretation of social welfare statistics. (16 November 1982, 3pp).
- Launch of Workers' Party tax plan. (19 November 1982, 3pp).
- Concluding remarks by Mac Giolla before voting in the general election. (22 November 1982, 3pp).
- Remarks by Seán Garland following the general election for the attention of Billy Graham, *Irish News*. (23 November 1982, 3pp).
- Commenting on the election results and the loss of seats by the Workers' Party. (November/December 1982, 2pp).
- Public ownership of Ardmore Studios. (29 November 1982, 1p).
- Reactivation by the Workers' Party of the Constitutional Amendment (Divorce) Bill. (1 December 1982, 2pp).
- Calling on Labour to reject coalition. (2 December 1982, 1p).
- Meeting between leaders of the Workers' Party and Labour. (8 December 1982, 1p).
- Dáil voting strategy. (11 December 1982, 2pp).
- De Rossa to question Taoiseach on phone tapping allegations. ([December] 1982, 1p).
- Comments by Mac Giolla on nominations of members of the government and on proposals for the position of Taoiseach. (14 December 1982, 4pp).
- Joe Sherlock's bid to contest a seat in the Seanad Elections. (17 December 1982, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from the Coiste Seasta of the Workers' Party to President Ronald Reagan concerning world disarmament. (21 December 1982, 2pp).

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Press statements—1983

Includes:

- State Construction Company and problems in the building industry. (9 January 1983, 1p).
- Comments by Mac Giolla on the MacArthur trial. (13 January 1983, 2pp).
- Urging Taoiseach to reaffirm Irish neutrality. (14 January 1983, 1p).
- Dáil questions from the leader of the Workers' Party Tomás Mac Giolla to the Minister for Justice concerning the MacArthur case. (17 January 1983, 1p).
- Bugging allegations. (19 January 1983, 1p).
- Provision of family planning by health boards. (20 January 1983, 1p).
- Comments by de Rossa on bugging allegations and retirement of senior Gardaí. (20 January 1983, 1p).
- Comment on reports that phones of Workers' Party officers in Gardiner Place were tapped. (23 January 1983, 1p).
- Appointment of new US Ambassador and threat to Irish neutrality. (25 January 1983, 1p).
- Confirming Workers' Party opposition to the proposed eighth (divorce) amendment to the constitution. (29 January 1983, 1p).
- Copy of Dáil questions posed by de Rossa to the Minister for Justice Michael Noonan concerning the tapping of TDs telephones. (7 February 1983, 4pp).
- Opposing local authority charges. (15 February 1983, 1p).
- Support for the struggle for democracy in Chile. (19 February 1983, 1p).
- Extracts from comments by de Rossa on the jailing of Ranks employees. Annotated. (22 February 1983, 3pp).
- Meeting between the Workers' Party and a delegation from the British Labour Party. (26 February 1983, 1p).
- Right of emigrants to vote in European elections. (27 February 1983, 1p).
- Calling for the disbandment of An Bord Pleanála. (3 March 1983, 2pp).
- Seeking Dáil debate on childcare report. (11 March 1983, 1p).
- Proposed Northern Ireland forum. (14 March 1983, 1p).
- Compensation for worker's following the devaluation of the Irish pound. (22 March 1983, 1p).
- Crisis in education—public meeting. (22 March 1983, 2pp).
- Comments by Tomás Mac Giolla on passing of the second stage of the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill. (24 March 1983, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from the Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald to Tomás Mac Giolla following the Workers' Party decision to decline an invitation from the Taoiseach to participate in the proposed Northern Ireland Forum. (18&29 March 1983, 3pp).
- Address by Tomás Mac Giolla at an Easter 1916

- Commemoration at Kilmainham Jail. (3 April 1983, 2pp).
- Ban on export of live cattle. (10 April 1983, 1p).
- Call by Mac Giolla to scrap the proposed Northern Ireland Forum. (14 April 1983, 1p).
- Criticism by de Rossa of the decision made by the Bishop of Kerry to support the Fianna Fáil wording of a proposed constitutional amendment (divorce). (19 April 1983, 2pp).
- Workers' Party call for information on ministerial pensions. (28 April 1983, 2pp).
- Comment on remarks by Michael Heseltine, UK Secretary for Defence on Irish neutrality. (6 May 1983, 1p).
- Comments by Mac Giolla on the Garda investigation of Workers' Party members in RTÉ. (10 May 1983, 1p).
- Amendment, tabled by the Workers' Party, to the Criminal Justice (Community service) Bill. (17 May 1983, 1p).
- Workers' Party call for a review of the Nicky Kelly case. (26 May 1983, 2pp).
- Text of the annual address at the Wolfe Tone commemoration at Bodenstown, Co Kildare. (12 June 1983, 4pp).
- Welcoming poll findings that the majority of the Irish public were in favour of legislation on divorce. (17 June 1983, 1p).
- Implementation of changes in the organisational structure of the Workers' Party. (27 June 1983, 2pp).
- Workers' Party opposition to the visit of Vice-President George Bush. (29 June 1983, 1p).
- Election of Councillor Liz McManus as Chairperson of Bray Urban District Council. (6 July 1983, 1p).
- Urging Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald to eliminate capital punishment from the Irish statute books. (12 July 1983, 1p).
- Objecting to the proposed tour by Irish rugby players to South Africa. (13 July 1983, 1p).
- Exclusion of Workers' Party and Independent TDs on Dáil committees. (14 July 1983).
- Call for the establishment of a public enquiry into the MacArthur murder case. (18 July 1983, 1p).
- Announcing Christy Kinahan's decision to join the Workers' Party from the Labour Party. (15 August 1983, 1p).
- Comments by Christy Kinahan outlining his reasons for joining the Workers' Party. Includes a copy of his application form. (16 August 1983, 4pp).
- Copy of a letter from Tomás Mac Giolla TD to the Editor, *Evening Herald* concerning his libel action against the paper and the columnist John Feeney. (28 August 1983, 3pp).
- National Women's Committee of the Workers' Party urges women to vote 'No' in the constitutional amendment referendum on abortion. (31 August 1983, 2pp).
- Extracts from speeches at the Workers' Party final rally against the constitutional amendment. (5 September 1983, 4pp).
- Comments by de Rossa on the public's right to know the reasons behind the expulsion of a number of Soviet diplomats from Ireland. (12 September 1983, 1p).
- Workers' Party claim that government decisions are hindering building industry. (15 September 1983, 2pp).
- Coalition decision to drop the proposed Judicial Inquiry into

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allegations of political interference in the Gardaí. (20 September 1983, 1p).

- Urging the government to speak out on US involvement in Lebanon. (21 September 1983, 1p).
- Declaration that the best interests of the country would be served by holding a presidential election. (28 September 1983, 1p).
- Wishing Dr Hillery well in his second term of office. (30 September 1983, 1p).
- Talks between the Workers' Party and the President of the European Parliament. (4&5 October 1983, 2pp).
- Opposing the postponement of local elections. (17 October 1983, 1p).
- Reintroduction of the divorce bill by the Workers' Party. (18 October 1983, 1p).
- Dinner to honour Tomás Mac Giolla's 21st year as Party leader. (20–29 October 1983, 3pp).
- Announcing a new branch of the Worker's Party in Tipperary town. (2 November 1983, 1p).
- Claims that the social welfare system is under attack from government ministers. (9 November 1983, 1p).
- Reiterating support for the PLO. (15 November 1983, 1p).
- Condemnation by Mac Giolla of the killings in Armagh. (21 November 1983, 1p).
- Call for inquiry into Údarás na Gaeltachta. (5 December 1983, 1p).
- Condemnation by Mac Giolla of the murder of Northern Ireland Assembly member Edgar Graham. (7 December 1983, 1p).
- Mac Giolla comments on the resignation of Frank Cluskey from the cabinet. (10 December 1983, 1p).
- Mac Giolla condemns Leitrim killings (during rescue of Don Tidey) and London bombings. (14 December 1983, 1p).
- Workers' Party delegation visits the Soviet Union. (15 December 1983, 2p).
- Workers' Party conviction that the strengthening of the democratic process will defeat provisionalism. (19 December 1983, 2pp).
- Announcing a new branch of the Workers' Party in Monaghan town. (20 December 1983, 1p).
- Reiterating commitment to the democratic process in light of comments printed in the *Evening Herald*. (22 December 1983, 1p).

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Press statements—1984

Includes:

- Urging Minister for Health, Barry Desmond, not to limit family planning legislation. (11 January 1984, 1p).

- Pre-budget submission. (12 January 1984, 6pp).
- Comment on a statement by Michael Bell TD urging a political alliance between the Workers' Party and the Labour Party, leading to an amalgamation of the two parties. (16 January 1983, 2pp).
- From the Executive Management Committee of the Workers' Party over allegations that the Party was linked with attempts to produce counterfeit banknotes. (25 January 1984, 1p).
- Details of a weekend conference on Karl Marx and extracts from speeches at the conference. (1; 4-5 February 1984, 9pp).
- Message of sympathy to the Soviet ambassador following the death of Yuri Andropov, President of the USSR. ([12] February 1984, 1p).
- Announcing candidates for the EEC elections (17 February 1984, 7pp).
- Announcing the Workers' Party decision to move a Divorce Referendum Bill. (29 February 1984, 2pp).
- Submission to the Minister for Health Barry Desmond on family planning laws. (15 March 1984, 1p).
- Urging the government to respond to comments by the Unionist leader James Molyneaux concerning Irish neutrality. (2 April 1984, 1p).
- Statement by Triona Dooley, Chairperson of the Workers' Party National Women's Committee to a meeting of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Marriage Breakdown. (11 April 1984, 2pp).
- Comment on the New Ireland Forum and the reasons why the Workers' Party declined to participate. (2 May 1984, 1p).
- Launch of a survey on the attitudes and needs of women. (21 May 1984, 2pp).
- Decision by the Workers' Party to fly the Nicaraguan flag during Ronald Reagan's visit to Ireland. (31 May 1984, 1p).
- Calling for the removal of the CAP. (8 June 1984, 1p).
- Need for MEPs who are committed to women's rights. (11 June 1984, 1p).
- Message of condolence to the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party on the death of Enrico Berlinguer, General Secretary of the PCI. (11 June 1984, 1p).
- Announcement of the names of the members of the Workers' Party Political Committee and Executive Management Committee. (25 June 1984, 1p).
- Donation to the National Union of Mineworkers. (26 June 1984, 1p).
- Letter from Pat Rabbitte to the Editor of a newspaper publication concerning the social crisis in Tallaght and Clondalkin and the lack of resolve amongst local politicians to find a solution to the problem. (2 July 1984, 2pp).
- Re-affirming opposition to the Criminal Justice Bill. (4 July 1984, 1p).
- Criticising a decision by the Circuit Court to dismiss an appeal by Eileen Flynn against the Employment Appeals Tribunal and her dismissal from a teaching post. (5 July 1984, 1p).
- Tabling a Dáil motion on food subsidy cuts. (8 August 1984, 1p).

- Support by the Workers' Party for the stand taken by Dunnes Stores workers and the handling of South African goods. (9 August 1984, 1p).
- Condemnation of the violence in Belfast between the Provisional IRA and the RUC. (13 August 1984, 5pp).
- Claims that major reductions were being made in the allocation of clothing grants. (24&25 August 1984, 3pp).
- Urging Fianna Fáil to 'come clean' on the Divorce Referendum. (10 September 1984, 1p).
- Comments by de Rossa on the appointment of Peter Sutherland to the European Commission. (13 September 1984, 1p).
- Visit by a delegation of the Workers' Party to Korea. (18 September 1984, 1p).
- Threat by Barry Desmond to thwart de Rossa by instructing the Departments of Health and Social Welfare not to acknowledge representations made by de Rossa on behalf of his constituents. (18 September 1984, 3pp).
- Challenge to Fianna Fáil to state its position on land tax. (20 September 1984, 2pp).
- Commenting on the government's National Plan. (28 September & 2 October 1984, 3pp).
- Dáil motion tabled in support of the Dunnes Stores workers and their refusal to handle South African goods. (1 October 1984, 1p).
- Commenting on the EEC directive on social welfare equalization and the drop in income for families. (5 October 1984, 3pp).
- Reorganisation of the Party in Waterford. (8 October 1984, 1p).
- Extract from speech delivered by Tomás Mac Giolla during the Dáil debate on the government's economic plan. (10 October 1984, 5pp).
- Letter to the Editor, *Cork Examiner* concerning the reorganisation of the Workers' Party in Waterford. (15 October 1984, 2pp).
- Call to end capital punishment. (17 October 1984, 2pp).
- Comments by de Rossa on the Ethiopian famine. (24 October 1984, 2pp).
- Sympathy message sent to the Indian Ambassador following the death of Mrs Indira Gandhi. (31 October 1984, 1p).
- Closure of Irish Shipping. (16 November 1984, 2pp).
- Commenting on the Chequers Summit, a meeting between the Taoiseach and the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the total lack of progress made concerning peace in Northern Ireland. (20 November 1984, 3pp).
- Commenting on the failure of the government to implement the Stardust recommendations. (22 November 1984, 1p).
- Urging the government to take a firmer line on Irish neutrality following the Dooge report. (29 November 1984, 1p).
- Criticising main political parties for postponing, again, the deadline for the completion of the report of the Oireachtas Committee on Marriage Breakdown. (6 December 1984, 2pp).
- Criticising the introduction of legislation concerning judges' pensions. (14 December 1984, 2pp).

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Press statements—1985

Includes:

- Call for the removal of Patrick Cooney as Minister for Defence following his remarks on Irish neutrality. (14 January 1985, 1p).
- Message of congratulations to the newly elected President of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega. (15 January 1985, 1p).
- Criticism of tax concessions for oil exploration companies. (15 January 1985, 1p).
- Call on the government to refuse sanctuary to the Croatian war criminal Andrija Artukevic. (23 January 1985, 1p).
- Mac Giolla urges government to renegotiate Tara Mine lease. (24 January 1985, 1p).
- Resistance to any attempt to alter the arrangements for Dáil question time. (25 January 1985, 2pp).
- Assertion that the Kerry Tribunal went beyond what should have been permitted and the necessity for extreme caution in granting extra powers to the Gardaí. (26 January 1985, 2pp).
- Urging the government to review the role of Building Societies. (5 February 1985, 1p).
- Expressing disappointment with the Family Planning Bill describing it as ‘narrow in its outlook and conservative in its approach.’ (7 February 1985, 1p).
- Asking the government to reconsider their decision on diplomatic relations with Nicaragua. (12 February 1985, 1p).
- Text of the second stage speech by de Rossa in the Dáil concerning the Family Planning Bill. (19 February 1985, 7pp).
- Condemning the bomb attack by the Provisional IRA on Newry RUC station. (1 March 1985, 1p).
- Calling on government to announce the members of the next RTÉ Authority. (5 March 1985, 2pp).
- Criticising local government proposals. (8 March 1985, 1p).
- Message of sympathy to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union following the death of President Konstatin Chernenko. (12 March 1985, 1p).
- Comments by Mac Giolla over the government’s decision to take over the Insurance Corporation of Ireland [ICI]. (18 March 1985, 1p).
- Urging the government to take a firmer line on Irish neutrality following the publication of a report from the EEC. (19 March 1985, 1p).
- Announcing a one day conference on Family Planning through the Health Boards. (20 March 1985, 1p).
- Calling on the government to refuse to allow the return to Ireland of the convicted Nazi war criminal Pieter Menten and calling on the Minister for Justice, Michael Noonan to curb the activities of the Irish National Socialist Workers’ Party. (20 March 1985, 1p).
- Highlighting the need for a review of the role of the Central Bank following the collapse of ICI. (21 March 1985, 2pp).

- Urging the government to implement full economic sanctions against South Africa. (22 March 1985, 1p).
- Extract from the second stage speech in the Dáil delivered by Tomás Mac Giolla on the Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1985 and the collapse of ICI. (March 1985, 3pp).
- Calling on the government to reconsider the official visit by the Israeli President, Chaim Herzog, to Ireland. (17 April 1985, 1p).
- Announcing the launch of a document on Northern Ireland as the Party's contribution to the on-going discussions regarding a devolved government in Northern Ireland. (26 April 1985, 1p).
- Commenting on the results of a poll showing a majority of the Irish people in favour of the holding of a referendum on divorce. (30 April 1985, 1p).
- Urging the Taoiseach not to attend a conference of the Bilderberg Group expressing the view that it is a 'shadowy and sinister organization ... thought to have connections with the Central Intelligence Agency ...'. (8 May 1985, 1p).
- Calling for the introduction of a Freedom of Information Act. (12 May 1985, 2pp).
- Announcing opposition to attempts to alter arrangements for Dáil question time. (17 May 1985, 1p).
- Denial issued by the Belfast office of the Workers' Party denying any involvement in a Belfast shooting incident. (19 May 1985, 1p).
- Launch of the Workers' Party Local Government Election manifesto. (27 May 1985, 3pp).
- Comments by Mac Giolla on the new Farm Tax Bill. (7 June 1985, 1p).
- Commenting on Dick Spring's allegations that RTÉ is showing a bias in favour of Workers Party candidates in its coverage of the local election campaigns. (18 June 1985, 2pp).
- Calling for the end of European Parliament/Dáil dual mandate. (25 June 1985, 3pp).
- Commenting on the very successful local election results for the Party. (23 June 1985, 2pp).
- Dáil statement by Tomás Mac Giolla on European Unity. (26 June 1985, 5pp).
- Welcoming the Whitaker report on the Penal System. (9 August 1985, 1p).
- Urging the government to grant the lottery franchise to An Post. (13 August 1985, 1p).
- Blaming the government for the crisis in Irish Steel. (23 August 1985, 1p).
- Urging the government to recognize the ANC. (26 August 1985, 1p).
- Commenting on John Kelly TD's remarks linking the Provisional IRA with public sector unions and opponents of water charges describing them as 'a grotesque allegation.' (27 August 1985, 2pp).
- Calling on trade unions and public sector workers to resist attempts by the government to privatise parts of the public sector. (13 September 1985, 2pp).
- Criticising the government for failing to implement social

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- welfare equalisation. (18 September 1985, 1p).
- Welcoming the decision to establish the Stardust Tribunal. (25 September 1985, 1p).
 - Criticising the outcome of the Kerry Babies Tribunal. (4 October 1985, 1p).
 - Urging the government to take Bula Mines into full public ownership. (10 October 1985, 1p).
 - Announcing a submission by the Workers' Party on the draft Status of Children Bill. (17 October 1985, 1p).
 - Comments by de Rossa during the Dáil debate on the report of the Oireachtas Committee on Marriage Breakdown. (14 November 1985, 4pp).
 - Comments by Mac Giolla on the Anglo-Irish talks. (15 November 1985, 2pp).
 - Dáil statement by Mac Giolla on the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (19 November 1985, 8pp).
 - Criticisms by the Workers' Party Belfast Area Executive of the Anglo-Irish Agreement but outlining their reason for voting in favour. (21 November 1985, 3pp).
 - Calling on the Taoiseach to urge the SDLP to enter the Northern Ireland Assembly. (25 November 1985, 2pp).
 - Urging the government to tackle money-lending abuses. (5 December 1985, 2pp).
 - Welcoming the telephone tapping legislation and stating that it does not go far enough. (6 December 1985, 1p).
 - Criticising the decision by the Irish delegation to the United Nations to abstain on a resolution calling for the lifting of the US trade embargo. (9 December 1985, 1p).
 - Letter from Pat Rabbitte to Proinsias de Rossa concerning a letter he sent to The Editor, *The Echo* concerning the health service. Remarks that he regrets that the earlier draft of the letter was sent in error. Includes a copy of the letter. (14 December 1985, 3pp).
 - Rejecting the claims made by Minister for Labour Ruairi Quinn in an interview with *Hotpress* critical of the Workers' Party '... he had to resort to the old smear tactic of the red scare and attempts to revive the dead horse of the Official IRA.' (19 December 1985, 1p).
 - Commenting on Des O'Malley's new political party. (23 December 1985, 2pp).

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Press statements—1986

Includes:

- Appeal for financial support for the Workers' Party campaign in the Northern Ireland bye-elections. (13 January 1986, 2pp).
- Criticising the decision to close Carysfort College. (5 February 1986, 1p).
- Speech by Tomás Mac Giolla delivered during the Dáil motion

- on teacher's pay. (6 February 1986, 5pp).
- Supporting the Labour Party's Private Members Bill on Divorce. (12 February 1986, 1p).
- Commenting on a 'Today Tonight' programme broadcast on RTÉ which attempted to 'smear' the Workers' Party. Includes background notes. (6 March 1986, 4pp).
- Circular entitled 'Media Attacks on Party' issued by the EMC to all members of the Party concerning the 'Today Tonight' programme setting out the background to the story, the reliance by the programme on 'innuendo' and emphasising the importance of working towards the ideals of the Party in achieving '... social, economic and political liberation' for the working class. Concludes 'It is clearer than ever before now to all members that these enemies of the Party will not go away, will not stop their efforts to destroy the Party, will intensify their attacks as the Party grows ... We must demonstrate by renewed activity and deeper commitment to our class that the enemy has cause for fear, that we are not going to stop, that we shall continue our struggle for Peace, Work, Democracy, Class Politics, until we have built a mass class-conscious disciplined Party and achieved our objective of a Socialist Republic.' (March 1986, 6pp).
- Urging the government to nationalise the Dublin Gas Company. (26 March 1986, 1p).
- Urging government to impose a full trade embargo on the importation of South African fruit and vegetables. (27 March 1986, 1p).
- Comments by de Rossa on a motion calling for the appointment of a mediator in the teacher's dispute. (16 April 1986, 2pp).
- Criticising VHI support for 'elite' hospitals. (23 April 1986, 2pp).
- Welcoming the government's decision to amend the constitution to remove the absolute prohibition on divorce. (23 April 1986, 1p).
- Meeting between the Workers' Party and the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Fr Miguel d'Escoto. (29 April 1986, 1p).
- Meeting with the Taoiseach concerning the worsening situation in Northern Ireland. (30 April 1986, 1p).
- Launching a study of the farming and food industry. (5 May 1986, 3pp).
- Draft of a speech delivered by Seán Ó Cionnaith, Director of the International Affairs Committee of the Workers' Party speaking on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the death of James Connolly in London. (10 May 1986, 3pp).
- Paying tribute to Peadar O'Donnell following the announcement of his death. (13 May 1986, 1p).
- Extract from the second stage speech by de Rossa concerning the Tenth Amendment (Divorce) to the Constitution Bill. (14 May 1986, 6pp).
- Announcing the tabling of a Private Members Bill to abolish local water charges. (23 May 1986, 3pp).
- Calling for a proper mediation service for those seeking divorce. (1 June 1986, 2pp).

- Launching the Workers' Party divorce referendum campaign. Includes literature issued by the Party concerning the campaign. (5 June 1986, 8pp).
- Condemning the introduction of a state of emergency in South Africa and urging the government to impose full economic and trade sanctions. (12 June 1986, 1p).
- Expressing Workers' Party disappointment over the outcome of the divorce referendum. (27 June 1986, 2pp).
- Concerning the resignation of Councillor Tommy Foley from Tralee UDC and his resignation from the Party. (30 June 1986, 1p).
- Criticising the leader of the Progressive Democrats, Des O'Malley's call to sell Aer Lingus. (7 July 1986, 1p).
- Urging the Minister for Health to initiate a comprehensive review of the role of the VHI. (8 July 1986, 1p).
- Criticising the government for failing to deliver on its promise of fundamental reform of the Dáil. (14 July 1986, 2pp).
- Condemning the loyalist attack on Clontibret Garda Station in County Monaghan. (7 August 1986, 1p).
- Outlining the Party's objections to the Single European Act. (14 August 1986, 1p).
- Announcing the candidacy of Councillor Pat Rabbittee in the general election. (17 August 1986, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Philip Moran to the Editor, *Sunday Tribune* concerning an editorial describing the Workers' Party as 'riven with such cynicism, thuggery or deviousness.' (19 August 1986, 1p).
- Urging the government to renegotiate the Single European Act. (28 August 1986, 3pp).
- Referring to a massive effort by the Workers' Party towards a national collection in anticipation of an early general election. (29 August 1986, 1p).
- Announcing a ten point programme for job creation. (5 September 1986, 3pp).
- Criticising the decision of Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien to lecture in South Africa. (11 September 1986, 1p).
- Commenting on the terms agreed by the Minister for Energy, Dick Spring for oil exploration companies. (15 September 1986, 2pp).
- Insisting that Building Society reforms do not go far enough. (28 September 1986, 1p).
- Commenting on exchequer returns. (2 October 1986, 1p).
- Commenting on jobless figures. (3 October 1986, 1p).
- Announcing the details of a Workers' Party conference during the International Year of Peace. Includes a copy of the programme. (10 October 1986, 3pp).
- Speech by Seán Garland at the opening of the conference. (11, 12 October 1986, 4pp).
- Draft of a speech given by Richard S Harrison at the conference on the theme of the Irish anti-war movement. Annotated. (11, 12 October 1986, 15pp).
- Announcing the candidacy of Eamon Gilmore for the Dun Laoghaire constituency in the next general election. (13 October 1986, 1p).

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- Claiming the publication of the PD's economic policy document is paving the way for a coalition with Fine Gael. (16 October 1986, 1p).
- Announcing the ratification of eighteen Workers' Party candidates standing in the next general election. (20 October 1986, 1p).
- Announcing the Workers' Party intention to campaign for the suspension of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (21 October 1986, 1p).
- Announcing the tabling of a motion in the Dáil by the Workers' Party seeking an amendment to the Single European Act. (24 October 1986, 2pp).
- Letter from Seán Ó Cionnaith to the editor of a newspaper criticising the decision by two Fine Gael TDs Brendan McGahon and Alice Glenn to initiate the setting up of an Irish section of the extreme right-wing Anti-Communist League. (1 November 1986, 2pp).
- Describing the attempt by the Minister for Social Welfare, Gemma Hussey, to introduce Social Welfare equalisation, as a 'con job'. (2 November 1986, 2pp).
- Announcing a visit by the Workers' Party Vice President Councillor Seamus Lynch to Nicaragua to mark the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Sandinista Front of National Liberation. (7 November 1986, 1p).
- Commenting on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. (13 November 1986, 1p).
- Commenting on the Broadcasting Complaints Commission report on the RTÉ *Today Tonight* programme of 9 March 1986. (14 November 1986, 1p).
- Announcing the tabling of a motion of no confidence in the Minister for Social Welfare, Gemma Hussey. (21 November 1986, 1p).
- Text of a speech by de Rossa, during the second stage of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill proposing amendments to the Bill. (10 December 1986, 6pp).
- Amendments to the Extradition Bill tabled by the Workers' Party. (15 December 1986, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from the General Secretary of the Workers' Party, Seán Garland to each member of the Party in advance of a series of articles to be published in the *Sunday Tribune* which '... are clearly designed to attempt to damage the Workers' Party in the run up to the general election.' (19 December 1986, 3pp).

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- Calling on the Taoiseach to dissolve the Dáil and call a general election. (14 January 1987, 1p).

- Criticising the decision of the Minister for Communications to renew Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act. (20 January 1987, 1p).
- Referring to improved co-operation between the Left Wing parties in the Dáil but that a number of difficulties still remained. (2 March 1987, 2pp).
- Accusing Fianna Fáil of performing a u-turn on the Single European Act. (6 March 1987, 1p).
- Urging the government to demand the release of three Irish trade unionists being held in Israel. (26 March 1987, 1p).
- Accusing the Fianna Fáil government of rushing health and social welfare cuts through the Dáil. (29 March 1987, 2pp).
- Extract from a speech by de Rossa during the Second Stage of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill, 1987. (22 April 1987, 6pp).
- Claiming that advocates of the Single European Act are attempting to frighten the electorate into supporting the amendment. (8 May 1987, 2pp).
- Criticising the government's attempt to influence RTÉ coverage of the Single European Act. (16 May 1987, 2pp).
- Calling on Bord na Gaeilge to explain why it financially assisted the publication of a book of Irish poetry which contained anti-Semitic comments. Includes copies of pages from the publication. (22 June 1987, 6pp).
- Extract from a speech by Tomás Mac Giolla at a Dáil adjournment debate criticising the performance of the government. (25 June 1987, 8pp).
- Text of the address given by Cathal Goulding, member of the Árd Comhairle of the Workers' Party at the annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration, Bodenstown, Co. Kildare. (28 June 1987, 15pp).
- Recommending the need for constitutional reform and the drafting of a new constitution to reflect the future needs of the country. (1 July 1987, 2pp).
- Welcoming the extension of PRSI to farmers and the self-employed. (29 July 1987, 1p).
- Proposing a ten point programme for the health service. (29 July 1987, 3pp).
- Welcoming the Home Office decision to investigate new evidence concerning the Guildford and Woolwich bombing cases. (14 August 1987, 1p).
- Referring to the government's intention to end the cheap footwear scheme for children. (18 August 1987, 2pp).
- Calling for the establishment of a national forum to begin work on a new Constitution. (18 August 1987, 2pp).
- Responding to an article published in the *Irish Independent* concerning a programme broadcast on Central Television and 'outrageous allegations against the Worker's Party.' (20 August 1987, 4pp).
- Criticising a speech by John Bruton in which he warned that Ireland would become a country of 'two societies'. (1 September 1987, 1p).
- Criticising comments made by the leader of the Labour Party, Dick Spring about the Workers' Party, on RTÉ's radio

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programme *Morning Ireland* and describing them as ‘ill-informed, bigoted and unhelpful.’ (3 September 1987, 1p).

- Decision of Tomás Mac Giolla not to stand for re-election as Party President. (12 September 1987, 2pp).
- Call to pressurise the London and Dublin governments and the democratic political parties in Northern Ireland to move towards the establishment of a democratic devolved government in Northern Ireland. (1 October 1987, 2pp).
- Commenting on the programme for national recovery. (11 October 1987, 2pp).
- Confirming that the Workers’ Party will support motions of no confidence in the Fianna Fáil government. (14 October 1987, 1p).
- Extract from a second stage speech by de Rossa concerning the Oireachtas and Ministerial Pensions Bill. ([October] 1987, 3pp).
- Criticising the Progressive Democrats. (23 October 1987, 2pp).
- Announcing the tabling of a Private Members Bill by the Workers’ Party to amend the Extradition Act 1986. (23 October 1987, 3pp).
- Announcing a major recruitment drive by the Workers’ Party to increase membership. (30 October 1987, 1p).
- Calling for an independent examination of the Garda handling of the O’Grady kidnapping case. (6 November 1987, 1p).
- Condemning the Enniskillen bombing. (8 November 1987, 1p).
- Urging parents and teachers to continue to pressure the government to end cuts in education. (25 November 1987, 1p).
- Text of the second stage speech by Mac Giolla concerning the Extradition (Amendment) Bill. (27 November 1987, 8pp).
- Demanding an investigation into the discovery of hormone injected cattle at a meat plant in County Kildare. (10 December 1987, 1p).
- Urging the government to condemn the actions of the Israeli security forces against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. (15 December 1987, 1p).

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- List of Workers’ Party candidates standing in the general election. (January 1987, 6pp).
- Warning voters against the Fianna Fáil electoral trap. (23 January 1987, 2pp).
- Calling for the establishment of a new Agricultural Development Authority. (24 January 1987, 2pp).
- Forecasting that the Workers’ Party will increase its representation in the Dáil capturing several seats in the Dublin constituencies. (25 January 1987, 2pp).
- Launching the Party’s election campaign and manifesto. (27

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- Urging voters to vote for change. (28 January 1987, 1p).
- Calling for a minimum income for all. (1 February 1987, 2pp).
- Commenting on the Fine Gael/Labour coalition record on social welfare describing it as ‘... one of unrelenting cuts and consistent refusal to make necessary reforms ...’ (1 February 1987, 4pp).
- Announcing that the Workers’ Party is the authentic political voice of workers. (3 February 1987, 3pp).
- Launching a policy document on women. (11 February 1987, 3pp).
- Confirming that job creation will be a crucial issue in determining who the Workers’ Party will vote for as Taoiseach in the next Dáil. (5 February 1987, 1p).
- Welcoming the publication of a 40 point plan by the Construction Industry Committee of ICTU. (10 February 1987, 1p).
- Criticising the PD’s farm tax proposals. (10 February 1987, 1p).
- Defending the public sector against privatisation schemes. (10 February 1987, 2pp).
- Analysis of the tax proposals of the PDs. (February 1987, 3pp).
- Final press conference before the election. (14 February 1986, 2pp).
- Address by Mac Giolla at the Party’s final election rally. (15 February 1987, 2pp).
- Comments by Mac Giolla on the outcome of the general election describing it as a ‘... magnificent result for his Party.’ (19 February 1987, 1p).

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- New year message indicating that the Workers’ Party believe that an election during the year is highly likely. (1 January 1988, 2pp).
- Commenting on the privatisation of Irish Life. (12 January 1988, 2pp).
- Text of a pre-budget submission. (20 January 1988, 14pp).
- Extract from budget statement by Mac Giolla. (27 January 1988, 3pp).
- Dáil statement following the death of Seán McBride. (28 January 1988, 1p).
- Dáil statement by Mac Giolla on the Stalker/Sampson Report into the killing of six people by the RUC in Northern Ireland. (28 January 1988, 3pp).
- Commenting on a letter written by Mac Giolla to the Director General of RTÉ protesting at the decision taken by the broadcaster to exclude the Workers’ Party from a series of

- party political broadcasts responding to the budget. (1 February 1988, 1p).
- Describing the outcome of an Anglo-Irish Conference meeting as disappointing. (2 February 1988, 1p).
 - Address by de Rossa on the importance of properly planned urban development. (12 February 1988, 10pp).
 - Calling on those who claim to know the identities of people responsible for the Birmingham bombings in 1974 to come forward. (14 February 1988, 1p).
 - Commenting on the new Housing Bill. (15 February 1988, 1p).
 - Extract from a Dáil statement by de Rossa on the EEC Summit. (16 February 1988, 2pp).
 - Speech by Mac Giolla on Anglo-Irish relations. (17 February 1988, 6pp).
 - Announcing the sending of £12,000 worth of medical aid by the Workers' Party to Nicaragua. (28 February 1988, 1p).
 - Criticising the Taoiseach's dismissive attitude towards devolved government in Northern Ireland. (2 March 1988, 1p).
 - Describing the first twelve months of the Haughey government as a 'bleak chapter' for workers and their families. (10 March 1988, 2pp).
 - Calling on RTÉ to clarify its policy in relation to Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act concerning an interview with a senior member of the Provisional IRA, Martin McGuinness. (15 March 1988, 1p).
 - Calling on John Hume to halt meetings with the Provisional IRA in light of the recent killings in Northern Ireland. (21 March 1988, 2pp).
 - Address by Mac Giolla at a 1916 Commemoration in Birmingham organized by Clann na hÉireann. (3 April 1988, 4pp).
 - Calling for a campaign to force the government to veto EEC tax proposals. (21 April 1988, 2pp).
 - Welcoming Dick Spring's positive reaction to an invitation to meet and discuss areas of cooperation between the Workers' Party and Labour. (24 April 1988, 1p).
 - Comments by de Rossa on his first official trip to Northern Ireland as President of the Workers' Party. (29 April 1988, 3pp).
 - Announcing a formal meeting between Proinsias de Rossa and the President of the Democratic Socialist Party Jim Kemmy to discuss possible areas of cooperation. (29 April 1988, 1p).
 - Reporting on the meeting between de Rossa and Jim Kemmy. (5 May 1988, 1p).
 - Comments by de Rossa on the Workers' Party and describing it as a totally new phenomenon in Irish politics, describing Thatcherism as the 'common enemy North and South.' (8 May 1988, 2pp).
 - Commenting on the Aer Rianta/Moscow contract describing it as a 'tribute' to Irish state enterprise. (13 May 1988, 2pp).
 - Announcing the names of the recently elected Party officers. (16 May 1988, 1p).
 - Dáil statement by de Rossa on the Cecchini Report and the completion of the single market by 1992. (19 May 1988, 5pp).

- Urging the government to publish a discussion document concerning the impact on Ireland and the completion of the EEC internal market by 1992. (11 June 1988, 2pp).
- Criticising government plans to allow the sale of the PMPA insurance company. (20 June 1988, 2pp).
- Text of de Rossa's address at the annual Wolfe Tone commemoration at Bodenstown. (26 June 1988, 7pp).
- Questioning the value of the Programme for National Recovery. (13 July 1988, 3pp).
- Condemning the continuing talks between John Hume and leading figures in the Provisional IRA. (18 July 1988, 2pp).
- Criticising Fianna Fáil guidelines to the electoral commission claiming that the redrawing of the constituency boundaries was a return to 'stroke politics.' (29 July 1988, 2pp).
- Address by de Rossa to the Patrick MacGill summer school entitled 'Challenging the Consensus.' (15 August 1988, 7pp).
- Welcoming the end of the SDLP/Provisional IRA talks. (2 September 1988, 1p).
- Launching of a Workers' Party peace charter for Northern Ireland. (19 September 1988, 3pp).
- Address by de Rossa at a peace march for Northern Ireland organised by the Workers' Party. (20 September 1988, 4pp).
- Submission to the Constituency Review Commission. (20 September 1988, 5pp).
- Commenting on the Combat Poverty Agency report and the failure to achieve an acceptable degree of social equity in the seventy years of self-government. (27 September 1988, 1p).
- Commenting on the outcome of the Gibraltar inquest. (29 September 1988, 1p).
- Speaking at a fringe meeting of the British Labour Party conference in Blackpool concerning the Provisional IRA and the negative impact of their campaign of violence on Irish unity. (3 October 1988, 3pp).
- Addressing a meeting of the Labour Party Committee for Peace and Progress at the British Labour Party conference in Blackpool. (4 October 1988, 4pp).
- Launching a Private Members Bill to protect part time workers. (25 October 1988, 3pp).
- Speaking at a public meeting concerning peace in Northern Ireland. (14 November 1988, 3pp).
- Dáil statement concerning a review of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (16 November 1988, 3pp).
- Urging the government to implement recommendations following the publication of the Money Lending Report. (24 November 1988, 2pp).
- Speaking during the motion to renew the Extradition Act, 1987. (6 December 1988, 4pp).
- Text of a speech by Paul Sweeney entitled 'A Picture of Health—The Current State of the Service' and a Workers' Party conference on the future of health services. (10 December 1988, 11pp).
- Hopes and aspirations for 1989. (19 December 1988, 1p).
- Outlining the areas of peace and combatting poverty as the priorities for 1989. (30 December 1988, 2pp).

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- Text of a submission from the Workers' Party to Brian Lenihan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Joint Chairman of the Anglo-Irish Conference, on the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (January 1989, 3pp).
- Budget statement by Proinsias de Rossa. (25 January 1989, 8pp).
- Seeking talks with the Labour Party to discuss possible areas of cooperation between the two parties in the forthcoming European elections. (4 February 1989, 1p).
- Calling for the resignation of the Fianna Fáil TD Liam Lawlor from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Commercial State Bodies and a possible conflict of interest between his membership of the Committee and his position as a director of the Goodman Company, Food Industries plc. (15 February 1989, 1p).
- Tabling a motion on Liam Lawlor's membership of the Committee on Commercial State Bodies and the Irish Sugar Company. The motion was tabled for consideration by the Dáil Committee on Procedure and Privileges. (16 February 1989, 3pp).
- Announcing that the Left would unite in opposition to the boundary changes proposed for Dáil constituencies. (2 March 1989, 2pp).
- Calling for a full and wide ranging public inquiry into the Liam Lawlor 'affair' and Irish Sugar/Food Industries. (2 March 1989, 2pp).
- Second stage speech by de Rossa on the Social Welfare Bill, 1988. (8 March 1989, 4pp).
- Dáil statement by Mac Giolla on the Sugar Company Affair. (9 March 1989, 4pp).
- Announcing the selection of de Rossa to stand as a candidate in the European elections. (12 March 1989, 2pp).
- Calling for a public enquiry concerning illegal practices in the meat industry. (20 March 1989, 2pp).
- Text of a letter from Tomás Mac Giolla to the Editor the *Sunday Press* disputing a claim by the columnist 'Gulliver' that the Workers' Party 'blackballed' a proposal by the then Lord Mayor of Dublin, Bertie Ahern to offer the Freedom of Dublin to Seán MacBride. (30 March 1989, 3pp).
- Commenting on the National Plan and claiming that it is 'fundamentally flawed'. (31 March 1989, 2pp).
- Extract of a Dáil speech by de Rossa on the National Development Plan. (13 April 1989, 4pp).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa on contacts between Loyalists and South Africa and the source of a large consignment of weapons. (25 April 1989, 2pp).
- Announcing that the Workers' Party would emphasise the

- environment during their European election campaign. (21 May 1989, 1p).
- Launching the Workers' Party European election campaign. (23 May 1989, 3pp).
 - Criticising the Taoiseach and other European leaders for not giving sufficient priority to social issues at the Madrid Summit. (27 June 1989, 1p).
 - Referring to a meeting between de Rossa and Haughey at Government buildings and reiterating the Workers' Party position that the Party would not support a candidate from a right wing party for the position of Taoiseach. (1 July 1989, 1p).
 - Dáil statement by de Rossa concerning the election of a Taoiseach. (6 July 1989, 7pp).
 - Copies of speeches at the annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration at Bodenstown delivered by Pat Rabbitte, the newly elected Workers' Party TD for Dublin South West, and David Kettleys, Workers' Party member from Fermanagh District Council. (9 July 1989, 13pp).
 - Announcing that de Rossa, recently elected as a MEP in the European elections will join the newly established group known as 'Left Unity' in the European Parliament. (24 July 1989, 2pp).
 - Announcing that de Rossa has been appointed as a full member of the Regional Affairs Committee of the European Parliament. (25 July 1989, 1p).
 - Outlining the submission made by the Workers' Party to the Social Welfare Review Group. (10 August 1989, 5pp).
 - Praising the government for condemning the visit of the Irish rugby team to South Africa. (7 September 1989, 1p).
 - Announcing the allocation of responsibility for Dáil business amongst the Workers' Party group in Leinster House. (20 September 1989, 2pp).
 - Criticising the continuing court actions of the group SPUC and the restrictions placed on a woman's right to information on any matter, in particular matters relating to health. (24 September 1989, 2pp).
 - Referring to the disclosures that all the main political parties had received donations from Guinness Peat Aviation and calling for legislation requiring full disclosure of all contributions above a certain level to be introduced. (2 October 1989, 1p).
 - Criticising plans to allow the private sector build a waste incinerator. (5 October 1989, 1p).
 - Copy of a letter from de Rossa to the Editor, the *Sunday Press* concerning an article written by Peter White about a meeting between de Rossa and Alan Dukes during which they discussed the nomination for Taoiseach. Includes a copy of the article. (9 October 1989, 3pp).
 - Urging the Minister for Education to retain Carysfort College for educational use. (10 October 1989, 1p).
 - Criticising the government's proposal to turn Carysfort College into a private third level institution. (13 October 1989, 1p).
 - Welcoming the decision of the British DPP in the Guilford Four

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- case. (17 October 1989, 1p).
- Welcoming the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal in London to uphold the appeal of the Guilford Four. (19 October 1989, 1p).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa on the NESC (National Economic and Social Council) report on Ireland and the European Community criticizing the government's lack of action on the report's findings. (25 October 1989, 6pp).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa expressing his opposition to two motions on priority questions and private members time claiming that the three main political parties are conspiring to restrict the rights of the Workers' Party. (7 November 1989, 3pp).
- Requesting the establishment of a public inquiry concerning evidence on planning abuses being withheld from the Garda investigation. (13 November 1989, 3pp).
- Dáil statement by Eamon Gilmore concerning current Irish policy towards Vietnam and Cambodia. (14 November 1989, 4pp).
- Criticising comments by the Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brookes concerning the possibility of talks with the Provisional IRA and blaming these remarks for the increase in the Provisional IRA's campaign. (19 November 1989, 1p).
- Statement by Mac Giolla on Anglo Irish affairs. (23 November 1989, 6pp).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa on Anglo Irish relations. (24 November 1989, 7pp).
- Calling for an independent inquiry to establish the level of hormone contamination of Irish meat. (4 December 1989, 1p).
- Announcing the tabling of a private members bill aimed at restricting the powers of the Minister of the Environment to abolish local authorities. (13 December 1989, 1p).
- Criticising the government for the delay in reappointing Michael Mills as Ombudsman. (15 December 1989, 2pp).

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- Remarking that health issues are of huge concern to voters along with unemployment and emigration. (27 May 1989, 2pp).
- Warning working people that a Fine Gael/Progressive Democrat coalition would be a 'lethal cocktail' in government. (28 May 1989, 1p).
- Warning voters that Fianna Fáil promises on health cannot be relied on. (30 May 1989, 1p).
- Launching the Workers' Party general election campaign. (30 May 1989, 3pp).

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- Criticising the Fine Gael manifesto describing it as having ‘more holes than a sieve.’ (May 1989, 1p).
- Outlining the main points of the Party’s election manifesto. (June 1989, 3pp).
- Calling on voters to make the environment a major issue in both the general and European elections. (5 June 1989, 2pp).
- Launch of the Workers’ Party health policy document. (5 June 1989, 3pp).
- Criticising Haughey’s two nations economic policy. (6 June 1989, 2pp).
- Ruling out the possibility of the Workers’ Party supporting any right-wing government in the new Dáil. (7 June 1989, 2pp).
- Claim that the right wing parties are ignoring the poor in the election campaign. (8 June 1989, 2pp).
- Claim by de Rossa that Haughey’s attacks on the Workers’ Party reflects panic in the Fianna Fáil election campaign. (8 June 1989, 2pp).
- Launching a tax policy document and claiming that successive governments have betrayed the PAYE sector. (9 June 1989, 2pp).
- Launching a major policy document on job creation. (12 June 1989, 3pp).
- Commenting on the outcome of the general election and the ‘magnificent achievement’ by the Party winning enough seats to qualify as a group under Dáil standing orders. (17 June 1989, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Proinsias de Rossa to the Editor, *Sunday Press*, Burgh Quay concerning a meeting between him and the leader of Fine Gael Alan Dukes following the outcome of the general election. Remarks that at this private meeting between the two leaders Dukes sought his support in the Dáil for his nomination as Taoiseach. Criticises remarks by the Fine Gael Press Officer, Peter White, denying that a deal was offered to the Worker’s Party by Dukes. (9 October 1989, 2pp).

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- Announcing possible cooperation with other left wing parties in the forthcoming Presidential election. (4 January 1990, 1p).
- Welcoming a speech made by the Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke. (10 January 1990, 1p).
- Expressing concerns over the Garda handling of the Athy bank siege. (17 January 1990, 1p).
- Outlining the pre-budget demands of the Workers’ Party. (24 January 1990, 7pp).
- Detailed response from the Workers’ Party to the government’s Environment Action Programme. (29 January 1990, 5pp).
- Extract from a speech by Pat Rabbitte during the budget

- debate. (1 February 1990, 4pp).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa during the motion of no confidence in the Minister for Health Dr Rory O'Hanlon. (6 February 1990, 7pp).
 - Referring to the vote at a conference of ICTU in favour of withdrawing from the Programme of National Recovery. (8 February 1990, 1p).
 - Criticising the Fianna Fáil/PD government and their intention to privatise state companies. (9 February 1990, 1p).
 - Welcoming the release of Nelson Mandela. (11 February 1990, 1p).
 - Criticising the government's decision to sell off the Insurance Corporation of Ireland (ICI). (14 February 1990, 1p).
 - Expressing sympathy on the death of the former leader of the Labour Party, Mr Brendan Corish. (18 February 1990, 1p).
 - Urging the Taoiseach to relieve Ray Burke of one the two Ministerial portfolios, Justice and Communications he holds stating that the two areas are in 'chaos'. (23 February 1990, 2pp).
 - Urging the SDLP and the Irish government to respond to Unionist proposals for a new Anglo Irish Agreement. (27 February 1990, 1p).
 - Introducing a five point programme to combat tax evasion. (March 1990, 5pp).
 - Text of an address given by de Rossa at the opening of a European seminar on the environment. (5 March 1990, 10pp).
 - Statement by the Árd Comhairle on the publication of a document entitled 'The Necessity of Social Democracy' by Eoghan Harris. (11 March 1990, 2pp).
 - Urging the government to provide assurances to the public that there has been no change in policy regarding the extradition of Irish citizens wanted for terrorist type offences. (14 March 1990, 1p).
 - Condemning the execution by the Iraqi authorities of a journalist Farzad Bazoft. (15 March 1990, 1p).
 - Claiming that the sale of ICI is secretive, excluding the public and press from the High Court proceedings. (21 March 1990, 1p).
 - Dáil statement deploring the attacks on the Dublin-Belfast rail line. (22 March 1990, 4pp).
 - Issued by Paddy Gillen, Editor, *Stop Making Sense* concerning the publication of an article by Eoghan Harris. Refutes allegations that he was involved in attempting to suppress the publication of Harris' article 'The Necessity of Social Democracy.' Outlines his position. (23 March 1990, 1p).
 - Announcing the selection of Liz McManus as the Workers' Party candidate for the Wicklow constituency. (25 March 1990, 1p).
 - Extract from a speech by Rabbitte during the second stage of the protection of Part Time Workers' (Employment) No 2 Bill. (27 March 1990, 8pp).
 - Welcoming the principle of televising Dáil proceedings. (30 March 1990, 3pp).
 - Calling for the establishment of a National Peatlands

- Authority. Includes the Workers' Party submission to the Committee on the Use of Bord na Móna Cutaway Bog. (3 April 1990, 5pp).
- Commenting on the nomination of Mary Robinson for the position of President by the Labour Party. (5 April 1990, 1p).
 - Calling on Dick Spring, Leader of the Labour Party to meet with the Workers' Party to discuss the question of an agreed candidate for the position of President. (23 April 1990, 2pp).
 - Letter from de Rossa to the Editor, *Irish Press* taking issue with the reporting of the Party's Árd Fheis. (2 May 1990, 1p).
 - Urging the government to respond positively to recent developments in Northern Ireland. (7 May 1990, 1p).
 - Statement by Mac Giolla following the death of Tomás Ó Fiach. (9 May 1990, 1p).
 - Launching a discussion document on culture. (9 May 1990, 2pp).
 - Dáil statement by Eamon Gilmore against the government motion to postpone local elections. (15 May 1990, 2pp).
 - Calling on the government to increase the tax take from banks in light of their huge profits. (18 May 1990, 2pp).
 - Urging the government to purchase Carysfort College and grounds. (24 May 1990, 1p).
 - Launching a major discussion document on industrial strategy. (28 May 1990, 4pp).
 - Speech by Pat McCartan on the Dáil motion on the Broadcasting Bill. (30 May 1990, 6pp).
 - Extract from the second stage speech by Pat McCartan on the Justice Bill. (1 June 1990, 3pp).
 - Calling for a tribunal into the planning system in Dublin. (3 June 1990, 2pp).
 - Second stage speech by de Rossa on the Broadcasting Bill. (7 June 1990, 8pp).
 - Speech by Pat McCartan on a motion of no confidence in the Minister for Justice and Communications, Ray Burke. (13 June 1990, 5pp).
 - Speech by Eamon Gilmore on a motion of no confidence in the Minister for Justice and Communications, Ray Burke. (13 June 1990, 4pp).
 - Speech by de Rossa in the Dáil debate on European Political Union. (14 June 1990, 10pp).
 - Extract from a second stage speech by de Rossa on the National Treasury Management Agency Bill. (21 June 1990, 3pp).
 - Urging people to welcome Nelson Mandela to Ireland. (1 July 1990, 1p).
 - Extract from a second stage speech by Rabbitte on the Insurance Bill. (4 July 1990, 3pp).
 - Dáil statement by de Rossa on the EC Summit. (4 July 1990, 9pp).
 - Welcoming a statement by Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke concerning a proposal for talks between the political parties in Northern Ireland. (5 July 1990, 2pp).
 - Announcing that the Workers' Party will support the candidacy of Mary Robinson in the Presidential election. (26 July 1990,

- 2pp).
- Condemning the murder of Ian Gow MP. (30 July 1990, 1p).
 - Condemning the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. (2 August 1990, 1p).
 - Submission to the Cabinet Committee on the Reform of Local Government. (August 1990, 10pp).
 - Outlining a set of proposals aimed at radically restructuring local government. (3 August 1990, 10pp).
 - Criticising the US response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and text of a speech by de Rossa to the Humbert Summer School concerning American foreign policy. (21 August 1990, 10pp).
 - Welcoming the release of Brian Keenan. (24 August 1990, 1p).
 - Commenting on the Goodman crisis. (26&27 August 1990, 3pp).
 - Dáil statement by de Rossa on the situation in the Gulf. (28 August 1990, 8pp).
 - Extract from a speech by Rabbitte on the Companies (Amendment) Bill. The emergency legislation was introduced following the crisis in the Goodman organisation. (August 1990, 6pp).
 - Welcoming the decision of the British Home Secretary to refer the Birmingham Six case to the Court of Appeal. (29 August 1990, 1p).
 - Welcoming the announcement by Peter Brookes, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland that he was resuming discussions among the political parties. (7 September 1990, 1p).
 - Predicting that Mary Robinson could win the Presidential election. (5 September 1990, 2pp).
 - Announcing the appointment of Pat Rabbitte as Director of Elections for the Presidential election campaign. (18 September 1990, 1p).
 - Criticising the proposal to merge the EC and the WEU (Western European Union) remarking that it would be a major departure from the terms of the Single European Act. (19 September 1990, 2pp).
 - Claiming that there are now grounds to support a full Garda investigation into the Goodman Group. (23 September 1990, 2pp).
 - Commenting that the votes of women could be crucial in determining the outcome of the Presidential election. (23 September 1990, 2pp).
 - Calling on all political parties in the Dáil to disclose contributions from Larry Goodman. (25 September 1990, 1p).
 - Paying tribute to Eamon Smullen following his sudden death. (25 September 1990, 1p).
 - Criticising the absence of women representatives among the nine Irish appointees to the European Community's Economic and Social Committee. (26 September 1990, 1p).
 - Calling on people to vote for real change in the Presidential election. (29 September 1990, 1p).
 - Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to the Editor, *Sunday Business Post* concerning an account of the meetings of the Executive Political Committee and Árd Chomhairle and the circumstances of the resignation of Eamon Smullen. (2 October 1990, 1p).
 - Expressing the hope that the unification of Germany would

- contribute to the creation of a more peaceful Europe. (2 October 1990, 1p).
- Calling for a full review of the Offences Against the State Act in light of a decision by the High Court that Section 34 of the Act is unconstitutional. (2 October 1990, 1p).
 - Claiming that decisions taken by the Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Ray McSharry, will have serious consequences for the CAP. (4 October 1990, 2pp).
 - Tributes to Eamon Smullen on the occasion of his funeral. (6 October 1990, 1p).
 - Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to the Editor, *Irish Times* concerning an article written by Geraldine Kennedy about the resignation from the Workers' Party of Eamon Smullen and Eoghan Harris and the document 'The Necessity of Social Democracy'. (8 October 1990, 1p).
 - Press statement issued by the Left Unity of the European Parliament of claims by de Rossa that the CAP is seriously flawed and needs radical restructuring. (8 October 1990, 2pp).
 - Criticising the attempt by Jim Mitchell, Director of Elections for Presidential candidate Austin Currie, to 'smear' Mary Robinson. (15 October 1990, 1p).
 - Criticising the government for continuing to stall on the long promised Environment Protection Agency Bill. (20 October 1990, 1p).
 - Suggesting a Commission on the President to review the role and functions of the office. (22 October 1990, 2pp).
 - Claiming that the phone call allegedly made by Brian Lenihan to the President (Dr Patrick Hillery) in January 1982 and the manner in which he has handled the situation has done irreparable damage to his campaign. (24 October 1990, 1p).
 - Statements made by Rabbitte concerning Irish agriculture, the CAP and new details about the Goodman Group. (25 October 1990, 5pp).
 - Commenting on the increase in US overflights suggesting a US build up before an Iraqi invasion. (25 October 1990, 2pp).
 - Commenting on allegations that a senior Fianna Fáil politician attempted to intimidate a Presidential Aide-de-Camp in January 1982. (30 October 1990, 1p).
 - Statement by de Rossa in the no confidence debate concerning alleged phone calls made to Áras an Uachtaráin in January 1982. (31 October 1990, 6pp).
 - Dáil statement by de Rossa on economic and monetary union and political union and the far reaching affects this will have on the economic and political life of this country. (1 November 1990, 10pp).
 - Predicting a 'massive' Workers' Party vote in favour of Mary Robinson. (2 November 1990, 1p).
 - Referring to public sympathy for Lenihan and predicting that this will subside as voters consider the issues. (4 November 1990, 1p).
 - Congratulating Mary Robinson following her election as President. (9 November 1990, 1p).
 - Commenting on the resignation of Alan Dukes as leader of Fine Gael. (13 November 1990, 1p).

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- Claiming that the Anglo-Irish Agreement has not succeeded and that there is little point in continuing with it in its present form. (16 November 1990, 2pp).
- Text of a speech by de Rossa to the Law Society on the topic 'That Northern Peace will never be achieved by Northern Politics'. (17 November 1990, 7pp).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa following the resignation of Margaret Thatcher as British Prime Minister. (22 November 1990, 2pp).
- Remarking that it is time to review the constitutional prohibition on divorce. (26 November 1990, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Pat Rabbitte to the Editor, *Sunday Tribune* concerning the purchase by Independent Newspapers of almost 30% of the shareholding of the *Sunday Tribune*. (28 November 1990, 1p).
- Launching a Private Members Bill on Articles 2 and 3 of the constitution. (29 November 1990, 4pp).
- Remarking that the date for the referendum on Articles 2 and 3 could be determined by the pace of events in Northern Ireland. (7 December 1990, 2pp).
- Calling for the re-establishment of the Dublin Transport Authority to help solve Dublin's traffic problems. (17 December 1990, 1p).
- Condemning the decision of the British DPP to further contest and prolong the imprisonment of the Birmingham Six. (17 December 1990, 1p).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa on the Intergovernmental Conference. (18 December 1990, 6pp).

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Includes:

- Stating that the provision of facilities for US forces in the event of a Gulf War could be challenged in the courts. (8 January 1991, 2pp).
- Gulf Peace Committee launches details of Dublin rally for peace in the Gulf. Includes a list of participants in the Peace Gulf Committee. (10 January 1990, 4pp).
- Urging maximum possible restraint by all sides in the Baltic States. (15 January 1991, 1p).
- Urging action by the government to end over flight and landing facilities for military aircraft in light of the Gulf War. (17 January 1991, 1p).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa on the Gulf War. (18 January 1991, 8pp).
- Campaign document for better facilities at third level colleges. (22 January 1991, 18pp).
- Commenting on the court decision on the Goodman Group rescue package. (28 January 1991, 1p).

- Extract from a speech by Rabbitte on the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Bill, 1990. (12 February 1991, 3pp).
- Statement by de Rossa in a Dáil debate concerning civilian deaths in the Gulf War. (14 February 1991, 2pp).
- Extract from an address by Rabbitte concerning the Programme for Economic and Social Progress (PESP). (20 February 1991, 6pp).
- Welcoming the decision by the British DPP that it will not contest the appeal of the Birmingham Six. (25 February 1991, 1p).
- Extract from an address by Rabbitte on the Sugar Bill, 1990. (February 1991, 2pp).
- Welcoming the Gulf ceasefire. (28 February 1991, 1p).
- Calling for a major reform of the UN following the Gulf War. (1 March 1991, 2pp).
- Announcing the approval by the Árd Chomhairle of a new draft Party programme. (4 March 1991, 1p).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa on the eviction notice served on a boy's hostel run by Fr Peter McVerry in Ballymun. (5 March 1991, 2pp).
- Urging the Irish government to demand to immediate release of Patrick Laurence, the South African correspondent of the *Irish Times*. (5 March 1991, 1p).
- Statement by de Rossa on the Gulf debate. (15 March 1991, 7pp).
- Announcing that the new draft programme will ensure the continued development of the Workers' Party. (20 March 1991, 3pp).
- Text of a contribution made by de Rossa to a meeting on 'Security and Neutrality in a United Europe' in Brussels. (21 March 1991, 5pp).
- Welcoming a statement made by Peter Brook, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in the House of Commons. (26 March 1991, 1p).
- Calling for an open debate on questions of control and ownership in education. Lists ten questions to start the debate. (26 March 1991, 2pp).
- Commenting on the judgment of the Appeal Court in the Birmingham Six case. (27 March 1991, 1p).
- Launching a report on Dublin planning abuses. Includes a copy of the report. (27 March, 1 April 1991, 19pp).
- Calling for UN action to protect the Kurdish people against continuing abuses by the Iraqi army. (4 April 1991, 1p).
- Calling for the introduction of independent selection procedures for the filling of all judicial appointments. (11 April 1991, 1p).
- Launching a submission by the Workers' Party to the Second Commission on the Status of Women. Includes summary of recommendations. (11 April 1991, 9pp).
- Dáil statement by de Rossa concerning the EC Summit on Kurdish refugees. (April 1991, 4pp).
- Calling for a plan for cultural development and participation. (23 April 1991, 2pp).

- Calling on the government to clarify contradictory statements regarding votes for emigrants. (24 April 1991, 2pp0).
- Urging the government to maintain sanctions on South Africa. (25 April 1991, 1p).
- Launching a policy document on Dublin's traffic management problems. (29 April 1991, 2pp).
- Announcing Dr John de Courcy Ireland's decision to join the Workers' Party. (1 May 1991, 1p).
- Tribute by de Rossa to Seán Garland following his decision not to seek re-appointment as General Secretary of the Workers' Party. (2 May 1991, 1p).
- Call by Rabbitte for urgent Labour Party/Workers' Party talks on local election vote arrangements. (6 May 1991, 2pp).
- Suggestion on a formula to break the impasse on the Brooke talks on Northern Ireland. (8 May 1991, 1p).
- Explanation issued by the Party Whip, Pat McCartan, regarding the suspension of de Rossa from the Dáil. (10 May 1991, 1p).
- Calling for the immediate commencement of substantive talks regarding the future of Northern Ireland. (13 May 1991, 2pp).
- Announcing amendments to the Local Government Bill 1991. (13 May 1991, 1p).
- Disputing the Ceann Comhairle's decision to refuse to allow any Dáil questions following the broadcast of a 'World in Action' programme on the Goodman Group. (14 May 1991, 1p).
- Announcing that the Workers' Party will oppose any attempt to delay an inquiry into the Goodman Group. (16 May 1991, 1p).
- Expressing shock at the murder of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India. (21 May 1991, 1p).
- Extract from a Dáil speech by de Rossa on a Fine Gael motion on unemployment. (22 May 1991, 3pp).
- Extract from a speech by Rabbitte tabling a motion for the establishment of a tribunal of inquiry into the Goodman affair. (24 May 1991, 5pp).
- Calling on the Minister for the Environment Mr Flynn to explain the use of taxpayer's money to facilitate the charging of a toll on the Dublin ring road. (29 May 1991, 1p).
- Budget statement by de Rossa. (31 May 1991, 7pp).
- Welcoming the announcement that the inter-party talks are to commence in Northern Ireland. (5 June 1991, 1p).
- Announcing the establishment of a formal system of Community Partnership at local level by the Workers' Party. (June 1991, 3pp).
- Calling for the construction of Tallaght Regional Hospital to begin. (13 June 1991, 3pp).
- Refuting a claim in the *Irish Press* that the Workers' Party is to withdraw from politics in the North. (13 June 1991, 1p).
- Urging the electorate to use the local elections as a referendum on the performance of the Fianna Fáil/PD government. (15 June 1991, 2pp).
- Speech by Eamon Gilmore on a Private member's motion on the environment. (18 June 1991, 10pp).
- Speech by de Rossa at a Business International Roundtable on 'Ireland and the New Europe.' (19 June 1991, 3pp).

- Welcoming the election of Councillor Seamus Lynch to the chairmanship of the key Community Services committee of Belfast City Council hailing it as a great breakthrough for the Workers' Party. Includes copies of newspaper cuttings reporting Lynch's election. (24 June 1991, 4pp).
- Urging disillusioned Fianna Fáil voters to support the Workers' Party. (25 June 1991, 2pp).
- Welcoming the decision of the Appeal Court in Britain to clear the names of the Maguire Seven. (26 June 1991, 1p).
- Condemning the broadcast of a 'Spotlight' programme and the suggestion that the Workers' Party has links with the Official IRA. (27 June 1991, 2pp).
- Expressing bitter disappointment at the failure of the Northern talks. (3 July 1991, 1p).
- Setting out the position of the Workers' Party on the election of a new Lord Mayor for Dublin. (4 July 1991, 2pp).
- Text of speeches delivered during the Estimates debates in Dáil Éireann. ([12] July 1991, 17pp).
- Calling for a review of the Offences Against the State Act. (11 July 1991, 1p).
- Welcoming the end of the UDR. (23 July 1991, 1p).
- Welcoming a speech by Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, affirming his commitment to political progress in the North. (29 July 1991, 1p).
- Accusing the government of 'cowardice' over the Family Planning Bill. (2 August 1991, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to the Editor, *Irish Press* correcting comments made by Eoghan Harris in an interview concerning a speech by Proinsias de Rossa to the Workers' Party Árd Fheis in 1989 and the circumstances of Harris' resignation from the Party. (6 August 1991, 1p).
- Welcoming the release of John McCarthy. (8 August 1991, 1p).
- Warning that Fianna Fáil may be preparing to bring about a change to the multi seat/PR electoral system. (12 August 1991, 2pp).
- Welcoming the collapse of the Soviet coup. (21 August 1991, 1p).
- Urging the government and the EU to support President Gorbachev's attempts to encourage the various Republics to remain linked 'in a new, if looser, arrangement ...' (27 August 1991, 2pp).
- Calling for urgent action by the Minister for Education, Mary O'Rourke, on seven issues before the start of the new school year. (29 August 1991, 2pp).
- Condemning attacks on Irish troops serving in the Lebanon and calling on the government to speak to the Israeli ambassador. (3 September 1991, 1p).
- Ten question for the Minister for Agriculture Michael O'Kennedy concerning the Greencore/Sugar Distributors affair. (4 September 1991, 2pp).
- Summary of main proposals considered at an Árd Chomhairle meeting of the Workers' Party due to the 'critical political, organisational and financial issues' facing the Party. (7 September 1991, 2pp).

- Copy of a letter from de Rossa to all Party members concerning a recent meeting of the Árd Chomhairle and up-dating members on a number of issues relating to officials of the Party, his future role, the financial situation, Party organisation, electoral strategy, Left co-operation, the European parliament, and policy. (9 September 1991, 3pp).
- Further questions regarding Greencore and the buy-out of Milford Bakery and Flour Mills. (10 September 1991, 2pp).
- Announcing the intention of de Rossa to transfer his seat in the European Parliament for the Dublin constituency to one of the Workers' Party substitutes listed on the ballot paper. (12 September 1991, 3pp).
- Announcing the appointment of Des Geraghty as the new General Secretary of the Party. (13 September 1991, 1p).
- Calling on the government to oppose a 'Euro' military force for Yugoslavia. (19 September 1991, 1p).
- Querying the business relationship between Michael Smurfit and Dermot Desmond in connection with United Property Holdings and the former Johnston Mooney and O'Brien site at Ballsbridge. (20 September 1991, 1p).
- Referring to the scandal of 500 bakery workers and the loss of their jobs following the sale of the Johnston Mooney and O'Brien site at Ballsbridge. (23 September 1991, 2pp).
- Announcing the withdrawal of the Workers' Party from the working group on Dáil reform. (24 September 1991, 1p).
- Welcoming the resignation of Michael Smurfit as Chairman of Telecom Éireann. (24 September 1991, 1p).
- Urging Northern politicians to resume their dialogue in light of the 2000th civilian death in Northern Ireland. (1 October 1991, 2pp).
- Welcoming Dermot Desmond's decision to resign as Chairman of Aer Rianta. (3 October 1991, 1p).
- Urging the Minister for Communications, Seamus Brennan to make the information he has on the Celtic Helicopters affair available to the public. (7 October 1991, 2pp).
- Commenting on Patrick Masterson's (President of UCD) statement concerning the purchase of Carysfort College by UCD. (8, 9 October 1991, 3pp).
- Summarising thirty questions to the Taoiseach tabled by the Workers' Party. (11 October 1991, 4pp).
- Remarking on a document seen by the Workers' Party which reveals strong links between NCB (National City Brokers) and the Fianna Fáil Party. (13 October 1991, 2pp).
- Calling for a statutory code of conduct for politicians and the launch of a Workers' Party document on Dáil reform. (14 October 1991, 4pp).
- Questions posed by Eamon Gilmore to the Taoiseach concerning Carysfort College. (15 October 1991, 2pp).
- Text of a speech by de Rossa on a confidence motion in the government. (16 October 1991, 11pp).
- Text of a speech by Rabbitte on a confidence motion in the government. (17 October 1991, 11pp).
- Disputing a claim by the BBC that a libel writ had not been issued by the Workers' Party arising out of a 'Spotlight'

- programme and accusing the BBC of causing confusion. (18 October 1991, 1p).
- Claiming that an article published in the *Sunday Times* implying that the Workers' Party had received funds from the Soviet Communist Party as 'predictable nonsense'. (20 October 1991, 2pp).
 - Describing the decision to disallow a Dáil question concerning contacts between NCB and the Taoiseach's department as 'inexplicable' and 'indefensible'. (22 October 1991, 2pp).
 - Extract from a speech by Mac Giolla during private members time concerning the Fine Gael Education Bill. (23 October 1991, 2pp).
 - Launching the results of a survey by the Workers' Party of house maintenance and Dublin Corporation tenants living in Tallaght. Includes a copy of the survey results. (29 October 1991, 17pp).
 - Text of a contribution made by de Rossa to the ICEM (Irish Council for the European Movement) conference on political union. (November 1991, 3pp).
 - Text of a speech by de Rossa on reform of the CAP. (8 November 1991, 11pp).
 - Describing Haughey's victory at a Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party meeting as a 'stay of execution.' (10 November 1991, 1p).
 - Calling for the release of Aung San Suu Ky. (12 November 1991, 2pp).
 - Expressing serious reservations about the appointment of Jim McDaid as Minister for Defence. (13 November 1991, 11pp).
 - Welcoming the decision of Jim McDaid to withdraw as a nominee for the position of Minister for Defence. (13 November 1991, 1p).
 - Dáil statement by de Rossa on the second nomination of new ministers. (14 November 1991, 3pp).
 - Insisting that the Israeli authorities must accept the blame for the killing of Corporal Michael McCarthy in the Lebanon. (16 November 1991, 1p).
 - Launching a new document on unemployment. Includes a summary of the main points. (18 November 1991, 3pp).
 - Launching a document on European Union. Includes a summary of the main points. (26 November 1991, 4pp).
 - Welcoming the Telephone Tapping Bill and suggesting amendments. (28 November 1991, 1p).
 - Contributions by de Rossa and Gilmore to the Dáil debate on the Intergovernmental Conference. (28&29 November 1991, 18pp).
 - Announcing a Workers' Party seminar on health. Includes a copy of the programme. (29 November 1991, 3pp).
 - Predicting that the Maastricht summit would fall short on key issues facing the European Union. (6 December 1991, 2pp).
 - Statement by Eric Byrne concerning the sale of B & I to the Irish Continental Group. (10 December 1991, 5pp).
 - Commenting on the Ministerial Pensions Bill. (11 December 1991, 2pp).
 - Further questions to the Taoiseach concerning Carysfort College. (12 December 1991, 2pp).

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- Contribution by de Rossa during Dáil statements on the Intergovernmental Conference and Maastricht. (12 December 1991, 9pp).
- Extract from a speech by Gilmore on the Carysfort debate. (18 December 1991, 6pp).
- Pledging support for a campaign on votes for emigrants. (23 December 1991, 1p).
- Calling for an increase in third world aid. (23 December 1991, 3pp).
- Commenting on the resignation of Mikhail Gorbachev. (26 December 1991, 1p).
- Announcing the move of the Workers' Party from the Left Unity Group in the European Parliament to the European Unitarian Left Group. (30 December 1991, 2pp).

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Includes:

- Announcing that the Workers' Party will emerge a stronger Party following the internal debate concerning the change and development of the Party. (13 January 1992, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to the Editor, *Sunday Press* concerning an article by Stephen Collins refuting the claim that Eoghan Harris and Eamon Smullen were expelled from the Workers' Party. Remarks that both men resigned from the Party. (15 January 1992, 1p).
- Welcoming the renewed debate on divorce. (15 January 1992, 2pp).
- Calling on the political parties in the North to resume talks and describing the continuing refusal to do so as 'inexplicable, unforgivable and playing into the hands of the terrorist groups.' (17 January 1992, 1p).
- Pre Budget proposals. (21 January 1992, 11pp).
- Commenting on the resignation of the Cathaoirleach of the Seanad Senator Seán Doherty following his statement that the Taoiseach Charles Haughey was aware of the tapping of journalist's phones. (23 January 1992, 1p).
- Text of a [speech] by de Rossa concerning the Workers' Party and the difficulties being experienced by the Party. Proposes a motion to the Árd Chomhairle that a one-day special Árd Fheis be held to discuss the future of the Party. (24 January 1992, 5pp).
- Questions for the Taoiseach concerning Seán Doherty's statement and the tapping of journalist's phones. (27 January 1992, 2pp).
- Commenting on Haughey's decision to resign as Taoiseach and Leader of Fianna Fáil. (30 January 1992, 1p).
- Statement by Pat McCartan on the appointment of new ministers to the Departments of Health, Social Welfare and

- Education. (11 February 1992, 3pp).
- Statement by de Rossa on the nomination of Albert Reynolds as Taoiseach. (11 February 1992, 3pp).
 - Commenting on an injunction to restrain a 14 year old rape victim from having an abortion in Britain. (12 February 1992, 1p).
 - Copy of a letter from de Rossa to Seán Treacy TD, Ceann Comhairle seeking an emergency debate in the Dáil concerning the injunction restraining a 14 year old rape victim from having her pregnancy terminated in Britain. (13 February 1992, 2pp).
 - Programme for a special Árd Fheis to reconstitute the Workers' Party. (15 February 1992, 10pp).
 - Text of a speech by de Rossa proposing the re-constitution of the Workers' Party, contribution by Paddy Gillen and text of the speech opposing the motion by Seán Garland. (15 February 1992, 18pp).
 - Calling for the resignation of the Attorney General following the decision of the High Court to grant a restraining order preventing a 14 year old rape victim from travelling to Britain to obtain an abortion. (17 February 1992, 2pp).
 - Statement by de Rossa concerning the High Court ruling preventing a 14 year old rape victim from travelling to Britain to obtain an abortion. (18 February 1992, 3pp).
 - Joint statement from Councillor Seamus Lynch, Vice President of the Workers' Party and member of Belfast City Council and Councillor Gerry Cullen, member of the Dungannon District Council announcing their resignations as members of the Party. (21 February 1992, 1p).
 - Draft statement of principles for a new Party. (February 1992, 2pp).
 - Statement by de Rossa resigning as President of the Workers' Party. (21 February 1992, 2pp0).
 - Announcing the establishment of a steering committee for a planned new Party. (23 February 1992, 1p).
 - Announcing the tabling of a Bill to remove the 1983 Constitutional Amendment. (25 February 1992, 2pp).
 - Welcoming the Supreme Court decision to overrule the judgment of the High Court in the case of the 14 year old rape victim. (26 February 1992, 1p).
 - Extract from a speech by Joe Sherlock on the Land Commission Bill. (27 February 1992, 3pp).
 - Announcing that many of the Workers' Party constituency organisations have voted to join the new Party. (28 February 1992, 1p).
 - Announcing the resignation of Councillor Kathleen Lynch and Alderman John Kelleher from the Workers' Party. (29 February 1992, 2pp).

2.5 Dáil Eireann

2.5.1 Legislation, 1982–92

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Abortion Referendum

Campaign literature, newspaper cuttings, press statements, correspondence, from concerned citizens and interest groups, and literature relating to abortion.

Includes:

- Briefing document issued by the Workers' Party advising canvassers on what approach they should take during the campaign. (Not dated, 1p).
- Copy of a statement issued by Victor Griffin, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral. (Not dated, 3pp).
- Script of a referendum broadcast by the Workers' Party. Annotated. (Not dated, 4pp).
- Drafts of the wording of a campaign leaflet issued by the Workers' Party. (Not dated, 7pp).
- Letter from Adrian Hardiman, Palmerston Park, Dublin 6 to Tony Heffernan marked 'Private' concerning the Constitutional Amendment on abortion and the general consensus within Fine Gael that the Amendment will be lost. Remarks that they are now under pressure to bring in a form of words similar to those proposed by Fianna Fáil but deleting the word 'equal' and the reference to the right to life of the mother. 'You will notice that one of the amendments which you propose putting down deals with this very question of the "equality" of the two rights in the original form of amendment ...' Expresses the opinion that he cannot see the Courts deciding that one life takes precedence over the other. Concludes 'In view of the foregoing there is perhaps something to be said for putting down your amendments as soon as possible as they might have a very real influence if it is the case that Fine Gael are casting around in some desperation.' Offers to provide any assistance he can. (18 April 1983, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to Eddie Conlon of The Anti-Amendment Campaign concerning the text of a leaflet and wording that had been agreed on between the Workers' Party and members of steering committee of The Anti-Amendment Campaign. Refers to changes to the wording and remarks that the Workers' Party believes this is a 'serious tactical error, which will play into the hands of the pro-amendment groups.' Remarks that the Party will have to reconsider their offer to distribute the leaflet. Includes the original draft wording and changed leaflet. (20 June 1983, 10pp).
- Note from Eddie Conlon, The Anti-Amendment Campaign to Tony Heffernan enclosing a new leaflet incorporating changes. (2 August 1983, 2pp).
- Draft of a letter and copy of a letter from Tomás Mac Giolla to the Editor, *Evening Herald* concerning an article by John

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Feeney reporting on comments by the Workers' Party relating to a speech made by Bishop MacNamara on the amendment to the Constitution. Refers to the article as being 'riddled with lies, inaccuracies and false innuendos' and an 'outrageous piece of journalism.' Includes a copy of the letter published in the *Evening Herald* and a reply from John Feeney. (28, 29 August 1983, 8pp).

P180/127 February 1986–June 1987

c300pp

Single European Act

Campaign literature, newspaper cuttings, press statements, correspondence, literature relating to the Single European Act (SEA).

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from Tomás Mac Giolla to the Taoiseach, Garret FitzGerald calling on him not to sign the new EEC Treaty. Remarks that he believes there will be 'enormous implications' for the country in terms of Ireland's neutrality and economy. Urges the Taoiseach to follow the lead of Denmark and Italy and defer signing the Treaty. (14 February 1986, 1p).
- A lengthy reply from the Taoiseach outlining the reasons why he will sign the Treaty and listing the benefits to Ireland. (14 February 1986, 5pp).
- Copy of a press statement accusing the government of a 'virtual conspiracy of silence' concerning the SEA and the implication for the Irish people. (1 October 1986, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Brendan Halligan, Chairman, Irish Council of the European Movement to Proinsias De Rossa drawing his attention to the forthcoming ratification debate on the SEA. Remarks that in view of recent criticisms of the Act he is enclosing additional information material 'which may assist you in your consideration of the Act. In particular, I wish to place some emphasis on the economic aspects of our membership of the Community which have been very largely ignored by those opposed to the Act. (22 October 1986, 6pp).
- Copies of the Supreme Court ruling concerning Raymond Crotty *v* An Taoiseach and others and the SEA. (9 April 1987, 59pp).
- Letter from Proinsias Breathnach, Department of Geography, St Patrick's College, Maynooth to Tony Heffernan enclosing a summary of the Workers' Party booklet on the SEA including some of his own additions. Remarks that he has emphasized some of the economic implications of the SEA which he believes have been overlooked and which are particularly relevant to Irish workers. (19 May 1987, 6pp).
- Copy of a letter from Tomás Mac Giolla to PL McDonnell, Comptroller and Auditor General requesting an investigation into the use of public funds by the Government Information

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Service during the recent SEA referendum campaign. 'I would ask you to consider whether or not it was appropriate that public funds should have been spent on an area which many people would consider to be more correctly the function of the political parties. I understand, for instance that no public funds were spent by the GIS on the 1983 referendum on the 9th amendment to the constitution, or on the 1986 divorce referendum.' Concludes that the use of the funds 'raise matters of fundamental public importance which merit the closest possible scrutiny by your office.' (19 June 1987, 2pp).

P180/128 October 1983–November 1994

c150pp

Divorce Referenda—1986 and 1995

Campaign literature, press statements, newspaper cuttings, correspondence, notes.

Includes:

- Press statement announcing that the Workers' Party has re-tabled its Private Members Bill to allow for a referendum to remove the constitutional prohibition on divorce. (18 October 1983, 1p).
- Press statement commenting on the Oireachtas Marriage Committee Report. (2 April 1985, 1p).
- Press statement concerning comments made by Proinsias de Rossa on the Labour Party Private Members Bill on Divorce. (26 February 1986, 3pp).
- Statement by Eamon Gilmore, Democratic Left spokesman on Justice welcoming the publication of the White Paper on Marital Breakdown but expressing disappointment on the tentative and nervous nature of the proposals. (29 September 1992, 1p).
- Also includes mostly press cuttings concerning the second divorce referendum (1995) and support for the referendum by Democratic Left before entering government and during the Rainbow Coalition (3 April 1992–11 November 1994, 56pp).

P180/129 July 1982–October 1992

c120pp

Divorce Action Group

Leaflets, newsletters, correspondence.

Includes:

- Leaflet outlining the aims and principles of the Divorce Action Group (DAG). (Not dated, 1p).
- Set of notes for organisers of local constituency groups of the DAG. (Not dated, 6pp).
- Copy of the DAG constitution. (Not dated, 5pp).

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- Copy of the submission by the DAG to the New Ireland Group in the matter of divorce law reform. (August 1983, 8pp).
- Document outlining the national structure for the DAG campaign. (9 April 1984, 2pp).
- Letter from Jean Tansey, Chairperson, DAG to Proinsias de Rossa expressing her disappointment at the outcome of the referendum and thanking him for his support throughout the campaign. Remarks that the DAG would be grateful for his continued financial support through a standing order. (11 July 1986, 1p).
- Copy of a reply assuring the DAG of his continued support and enquiring if the DAG intends holding a meeting to consider their next move. Remarks that he would like to participate. (16 July 1986, 1p).
- Copy of the DAG newsletter commenting on the Government White Paper on Marital Breakdown. (October 1992, 2pp).

P180/130 14 January 1988–13 March 1994

c150pp

Section 31—Broadcasting Act

Statements, information literature, newspaper cuttings, correspondence, and reports.

Includes:

- Statement concerning the Workers' Party motion to annul Section 31. (21 January 1986, 2pp).
- Statement by the Workers' Party criticising the renewal of Section 31. (20 January 1987, 1p).
- Copy of a private members motion signed by Tomás Mac Giolla, Proinsias de Rossa, Joe Sherlock and Pat McCartan calling on the government to withdraw the Ministerial Order made under Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act and 'to replace it by legislation that would make it an offence to incite, advocate or promote racial or religious hatred or violence, including statements made during the course of radio and television broadcasts.' (18 March 1987, 1p).
- Essay written by Eoghan Harris entitled 'Television and Terrorism'. The author describes it as a 'critique of the liberal case for the abolition of Section 31: a commentary on the crucial concept of consensus which together with a leaky national consensus is certain to offer major propaganda victories to Provisional mouthpieces; some proposals for assisting the emergence of a less leaky consensus in Southern attitudes to the North.' The essay was written to be read alongside a videotape of a role-playing exercise on Section 31 carried out by the staff of the RTE training department. (15 November 1987, 29pp).
- Copy of a memorandum from Eoghan Harris to the General Secretary, Workers' Party TDs and the Executive Committee concerning the policy of the Party in relation to Section 31 and referring to his treatise 'Terrorism and Television'. Expresses

his strength of feeling regarding Section 31 and states unequivocally that the Provisional IRA should not be given the opportunity to have their voice heard. Asks 'Is it not our major task to smash the Provos? If the answer is yes, then the Party should be demanding that RTÉ and Commercial Radio have strong safeguards against propaganda for the "armed struggle" ... I mean a cause that specifically forbids anyone to broadcast or be interviewed, who by word, act, or silence promotes the politics that led to the atrocity at Enniskillen.' Outlines the steps he thinks the Workers' Party should take. Asks why the Party appears so 'soft' on the question of the Provisional IRA. Continues 'I'm not some kind of garage mechanic to be rung up when you want someone to fix a media car. I'm not a fixer. I'm a philosopher ... The document I attach is rocking RTÉ management because it is the result of years of study. Media and images and public opinion is what I do best. So when I tell you that your image is very bad you should listen to me as carefully as when I give you a party political that you like. My main objective in life is to smash the Provos.' Criticises the Party's image in relation to the North and asserts that the Workers' Party is 'lagging behind'. Continues '... it looks weak on extradition, low key on Enniskillen, ambivalent to the Anglo-Irish Agreement and generally projects an image of a Party poodling along behind Fianna Fáil.' Concludes 'What happens if the Workers' Party demands tough laws against terror propaganda? Every journalist Tony Heffernan knows screams, all the lawyers Pat McCartan knows screams, all the producers Eoghan Harris knows screams and then what? The public cheers it's ass off and votes for us—that's what.' (18 November 1987, 3pp).

- Summary by Tony Heffernan of the main points of a discussion held by the Publicity and Communications Committee of the Workers' Party concerning the question of Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act and the document entitled 'Terrorism and Television'. (14 January 1988, 3pp).

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Other Legislation

Speeches, statement, and proposed amendments to bills.

Includes:

- Proposed amendments to the coalition government's budget. (Not dated, 18pp).
- Speech at the second reading of the Urban Development Areas Bill. (1982, 20pp).
- Proposed amendments to the Finance Bill. (1982, 6pp).
- Statement by Deputy Joe Sherlock on the second reading of the Finance Bill. ([1983], 15pp).
- Speech by Deputy Paddy Gallagher on the second reading of the Postal and Telecommunications Bill. ([1983], 5pp).

- P180/131** ■ Proposed amendments for the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Bill and the Companies Bill. (16 May 1983, 3pp).

2.5.2 Administration, 1982–92

P180/132 June 1989–January 1992

37pp

Workers' Party Dáil Group

Minutes of meetings. Discussions mostly concern Dáil business, office space, staffing, the performance of Workers' Party TDs, and planning ahead.

Includes:

- Decision to hold briefing sessions in order to prepare for economic issues as they arise in the Dáil. Also agreed that the Workers' Party should respond to recent attacks on the Party by the Fine Gael leader Alan Dukes through an interview with the *Sunday Press*. (20 September 1989, 2pp).
- Review of the Party's performance in the Dáil. Acknowledged that the absence of Proinsias de Rossa on European business had been a 'significant drawback' but that de Rossa felt that he could not resign his European Parliament seat before the end of 1990. Agreed that Mac Giolla should act as the group leader while de Rossa is absent. (19 January 1990, 2pp).
- Discussion regarding the next Dáil session and how the Workers' Party might show leadership with regard to new legislation. Agreed that they would examine the possibility of a programme of Dáil reform. (11 April 1990, 2pp).
- Discussion regarding the importance of integrating the work of the Party in the Dáil with the work of the Party on the ground. Decision taken by Pat McCartan to withdraw from the Working Group on Dáil reform as a result of the failure of the government to put forward any proposals. (24 September 1991, 1p).
- Discussion, led by Proinsias de Rossa, concerning the difficulties being experienced by the Party and the intense media speculation. (9 January 1992, 2pp).

P180/133 May 1983–December 1985

64pp

Dáil Reform/CPP (Committee on Procedure and Privileges)

Correspondence, press statements, parliamentary questions.

Includes:

- Announcement by John Bruton of the extended Oireachtas committee system. Includes a list of the new committees and a description of their functions. (27 May 1983, 12pp).
- Copy of a letter from Proinsias de Rossa to John Bruton

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concerning the Joint Committee on State Sponsored Bodies. Refers to his membership of this committee under the previous administration and expresses his interest in continuing his membership. (2 June 1983, 1p).

- Copies of letters from Proinsias de Rossa to Seán Barrett, Government Chief Whip expressing his concern over the lack of Private Members time allocated to the Workers' Party in the Dáil. (23 June, 1 July 1983, 2pp).
- Dáil question by Tomás Mac Giolla concerning proposals for reform of Dáil procedures, and reply. (7 July 1983, 3pp).
- Copy of a press statement issued by Tomás Mac Giolla concerning the decision by the Coalition and Fianna Fáil not to allocate any positions on the Oireachtas committees to the Worker's Party or Independent TDs and remarking that this 'placed considerable doubt on the seriousness of their commitment to the principle of Dáil reform. (14 July 1983, 1p).
- Further Dáil questions tabled by Tomás Mac Giolla concerning Dáil reform and the role of smaller parties in a reformed Dáil. Includes a reply to the questions. (26, 27 October 1983, 2pp).
- Copy of a submission by Proinsias de Rossa and Tomás Mac Giolla to John Bruton concerning the composition of Oireachtas committees and Dáil reform. Annotated. (30 November 1983, 3pp).
- Copy of a letter from Proinsias de Rossa to Tom Fitzpatrick TD, Chairman of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges concerning a claim by the Workers' Party that the Minister for Health misled the Dáil over the withdrawal of certain dental services from the Ballymun Health Centre and two contradictory statements concerning the matter made by the Minister. Requests the CPP to investigate the matter. (2 February 1984, 1p).

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28pp

Dáil Business

Reports, motions, parliamentary questions initiated by the Workers' Party.

Includes:

- List of motions, bills and amendments put down by Workers' Party TDs. (28 April–9 July 1982, 5pp).

P180/135 27 January–4 June 1984

40pp

Visit of President Reagan

Newspaper cuttings, press releases, Dáil questions, statements, protocols.

Includes:

- Press statement by the Workers' Party urging opposition to US foreign policy during President Reagan's visit to Ireland. (27 January 1984, 1p).
- Text of a radio interview with Tomás Mac Giolla broadcast on the 'This Week' programme RTÉ Radio 1 concerning the government's assurance that they will make their views known to President Reagan about US policy in Central America. (19 April 1984, 3pp).
- Press statement by Mac Giolla accusing President Reagan of 'crimes against humanity'. (27 May 1984, 3pp).
- Copy of the protocol issued to each member of Leinster House in advance of President Reagan's visit. (1 June 1984, 4pp).

2.6 Printed Matter

2.6.1 Publications, [1980s]–92

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c60items (c1350pp)

Party publications mostly relating to policy.

Includes:

- 'A programme for Women's Rights.' (Not dated, 4pp).
- 'Rapid Rail. For a Greater Dublin.' (Not dated, 16pp).
- 'Welcome to the Workers' Party.' (Not dated, 8pp).
- 'Security in Northern Ireland.' (Not dated, 11pp).
- 'Back to Business. The Real Crisis is Unemployment.' (Not dated, 13pp).
- 'The Workers' Party and the Tax Question.' (Not dated, 21pp).
- Draft copies of general election manifestos entitled 'Workers Unite!' Annotated. (Not dated, 50pp).
- 'An End to the Crisis. A Plan for Recovery and Full Employment in the 80s.' ([October 1980], 40pp).
- 'Election Manual. Sinn Féin The Workers' Party.' (December 1980, 43pp).
- 'Getting Northern Ireland Back to Work.' [October 1981], 18pp).
- 'A State Construction Company A Study of the Building Industry.' ([1983], 70pp).
- 'Farming and the Food Industry.' ([1983], 50pp).
- 'Class Politics'. Journal of The Workers' Party. (Autumn 1983, 30pp).
- Document supporting the Workers' Party candidate Des

- Geraghty in the upcoming European Parliament elections entitled 'Workers Unite! For a Voice in Europe'. ([1984], 24pp).
- Text of Tomás Mac Giolla's reply in the debate on the National Economic and Social Plan. (10 October 1984, 17pp).
 - [Draft] of a document relating to the establishment of a metropolitan council for Dublin and the four new Dublin councils. ([1985], 22pp).
 - Programme for local government entitled 'For a Better Future.' (1985, 14pp).
 - 'A Profile of Urban Unemployment.' (April 1985, 12pp).
 - 'The Case for Devolved Government in Northern Ireland.' (April 1985, 24pp).
 - 'Northern Ireland Economy. A Plan for Recovery.' ([April 1985], 28pp).
 - Document supporting the Workers' Party candidates in the local government elections entitled 'Workers Unite for a Dublin that Works!' (June 1985, 22pp).
 - 'The Road to Prosperity. Studies in Political Economy.' Published by the Research Section, The Economic Affairs Committee of the Workers' Party. ([1986], 25pp).
 - 'Ireland and the Single European Act.' ([1986], 23pp).
 - 'Westminster By-Elections Manifesto'. (January 1986, 12pp).
 - 'The Socialist Perspective on Northern Ireland and the Anglo-Irish Agreement.' (November 1986, 12pp).
 - 'Public Health versus Private Wealth. Health Care: Costs and Priorities.' ([1987], 27pp).
 - 'Tax the Greedy Not the Needy. A Plan to Reduce PAYE by 10%. The Workers' Party and the Tax Question.' (January 1987, 43pp).
 - 'Action Plan for Jobs.' (February 1987, 18pp).
 - General election manifesto 'No Job? Over Taxed? Welfare Cut? Forced to Emigrate? Fight Back with the Workers' Party.' Annotated (February 1987, 2 copies).
 - 'Workers' Party Report'. (Spring 1987, 24pp).
 - General Election Manifesto. (November 1987, 28pp).
 - 'The Plan for Dublin: A Strategy for Modern Urban Renewal.' ([December 1987], 33pp).
 - Workers' Party response to the Book of Estimates. ([1988], 7pp).
 - 'Urban Ireland in Crisis.' ([February 1988], 8pp).
 - 'General election manifesto entitled 'The Socialist Alternative.' (1989, 27pp).
 - European election manifesto entitled 'A Breath of Fresh Air.' (1989, 16pp).
 - 'Action Against Poverty. Ending Poverty Before 1992. Workers' Party Policy on the Harmonisation of Living Standards, Tax and Social Welfare, Economic and Social Development.' (June 1989, 10pp).
 - Drafts of articles by Pat Rabbitte and Proinsias de Rossa to be published in *Fortnight* magazine concerning current events and the election of Mary Robinson as President of Ireland. ([1990], 4pp).
 - Document relating to the Industrial Relations Act entitled 'Bertie's Bill.' (1990, 10pp).

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- 'A Programme for Democratic Socialism.' ([1990], 30pp).
- 'Strategies for Peace. The Workers' Party Northern Ireland Regional Conference, Belfast.' (February 1990, 40pp).
- Discussion paper on the Arts entitled 'Towards a Cultural Democracy.' (April 1990, 15pp).
- Published speech by de Rossa on the Eleventh Amendment of the Constitution to amend Articles Two and Three. (4 December 1990, 16pp).
- Discussion document 'Making it Work A Framework for Industrial Development.' ([1991], 22pp).
- Discussion Document 'Getting Dublin Going. How to get around the city quickly, cheaply and comfortably.' (1991, 39pp).
- 'US Foreign Policy and the Gulf War.' By John de Courcy Ireland. (February 1991, 11pp).
- 'The Programme for Economic and Social Progress. Dáil Éireann Debates.' (19&20 February 1991, 8pp).
- 'Culture is for Everyone. Dublin—City of Culture 1991.' (April 1991, 28pp).
- Draft and final copy 'Equal to the Best. The Workers' Party Submission to the Second Commission on the Status of Women.' (April 1991, 2 copies, 124pp).
- 'The Workers' Party in the Dáil. The First Ten Years.' (June 1991, 26pp).
- Programme for local government reform entitled 'From the Bureaucratic to the Democratic'. (June 1991, 14pp).
- 'Local Government. A Third Force for Jobs'. (June 1991, 12pp).
- 'A New Deal for Dublin.' (June 1991, 11pp).
- 'Programme for a Democratic Future.' (July 1991, 7pp).
- 'Focus'. Internal bulletin of the Workers' Party. (July/August 1991&October 1991, 32pp).
- 'Putting our House in Order'. The Workers' Party Proposals for reform of the Dáil. ([October 1991], 14pp).
- 'Towards a Democratic Europe.' (November 1991, 19pp).
- 'A New Deal for Developing Countries. Ireland and Development Aid.' (December 1991, 9pp).
- 'The DART. A User's Guide.' (Spring 1992, 32pp).
- Discussion document 'Why there is no alternative to reconstitution.' (7 February 1992, 4pp).

2.6.2 Newsletters, [1983–91]

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Newsletters published by various Workers' Party branches/constituencies in Dublin and other counties.

Includes:

- *Insight*, Workers' Party local news. (Not dated, 6 issues).
- Newsletter from the Ringsend branch. (Not dated, 1 issue).
- Newsletter from the Dublin North Central constituency council

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- of the Workers' Party. (Not dated, 2 issues).
- Newsletter from the Dublin North West branch. (Not dated, 1p).
- Newsletter from the Kimmage/Terenure branch. (Not dated, 2pp).
- *South Inner City News* published by the Liberties branch. (Not dated, 2 issues).
- Newsletter from the Dundalk branch. (Not dated, 2 issues).
- Newsletters from the Workers' Party in Wexford. ([June 1983; January 1986, 4 issues).
- Various newsletters of the Workers' Party in the Finglas/Ballymun area. (January 1984–September 1987, 5 issues).
- Communications from Tralee, county Kerry Workers' Party Councillor, Tommy Foley. ([May 1984], 5pp).
- Newsletter from the Dublin South Central branch. (January 1985, 2pp).
- Newsletter from the Workers' Party in Dublin North East. (3 February 1985–17 January 1987, 13 issues).
- Various newsletters from branches of the Workers' Party in Cork. ([November 1985–January 1986], 8 issues).
- Newsletters from the South Finglas branch. (December 1985, December 1990, 4 issues).
- Newsletters from the Kilbarrack West branch. (11 April 1986–12 February 1988, 10 issues).
- *Organise*, internal newsletter of Worker's Party youth. (September/October 1987, 1 issue).
- *Workers' Party Report* published by the Dublin South West Constituency. (September 1987&June 1988, 2 issues).
- Newsletter from the Blanchardstown branch. (July 1988, 2pp).
- *Workers' Party Newsletter*. (April 1988–April 1989, 3 issues).
- *Notes and Comments*. (January 1990, 1 issue).
- *The Waterford People*. Also Waterford Constituency organiser's report. (January–July 1990, 13pp).
- *News & Views*. ([July 1990& September 1991], 5 issues).
- *Finglas East News*. Bulletin of the Finglas East Branch of the Workers' Party. (February 1991, 2pp).
- Newsletter from the Tallaght branch. ([December 1991], 3 issues).

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Workers' Party Internal Newsletters—Notes & Comments; Dáil Call

Summaries of parliamentary sessions, achievements and contributions made by Workers' Party TDs in the Dáil. Also constituency matters, elections and Workers' Party organisation:

Includes:

- Refers to the Workers' Party Private Members Bill on Divorce and the efforts by Tomás Mac Giolla and Proinsias de Rossa to

have it discussed. Refers also to the objection, by the Workers' Party, to the proposed constitutional amendment relating to abortion. (17 February 1983, 2pp).

- Refers to the Criminal Justice Bill, questions on a variety of topics by the two Workers' Party TDs, the opposition by the Workers' Party to the salary increases for Ministers, TDs, Senators and members of the Judiciary. Remarks 'The debate in the Dáil said a lot about Irish politics. TD after TD queued up to justify their increases and hurl abuse at Tomás Mac Giolla for daring to suggest that members of the Dáil might forego their salary increases in order to allow for the payment of an extra week to social welfare recipients at Christmas. The Workers' Party has always stood alone in the Dáil, but this has never been more clearly emphasised than in the debate on the salary increases' (4 November 1983, 2pp).
- Refers to the disclosure of the costs of providing state cars and the continuing practice of TDs drawing ministerial pensions along with their Dáil salaries. ([November 1983], 1p).
- Refers to the bitter rows in the Dáil chamber over a 'moderately reforming piece of legislation' under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Bill to curb the appointment of political nominees to An Bord Pleanála. ([November, 1983], 1p).
- Accusing the coalition government of a 'cowardly performance' on the abortion referendum and failing to follow through with its promise to make progress towards legislating for marital breakdown. ([June 1984, 1p).
- Criticising Fianna Fáil's contribution to the debate on the Finance Bill and their strident attack on those sections which sought to include more farmers in the tax net. Also refers to Fianna Fáil's attempts to alter measures in the bill aimed at reducing tax evasion and avoidance and the opposition of Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil to the proposed property tax. (30 May 1983, 1p).
- Objecting to the rushing in of legislation to give government ministers, TDs, Senators and members of the judiciary 'generous salary increases' and the total lack of opposition to the proposals. (4 November 1983, 1p).

2.6.3 Serial Publications, 1988–91

The Wealth of the Nation

Series of a journal edited by Eamonn Smullen.

P180/139 Spring 1988

29pp

P180/140 Autumn 1988

25pp

P180/141 Winter 1990

16pp

Special edition entitled 'The Necessity of Social Democracy' by Eoghan Harris.

Making Sense

Theoretical review published by the Workers' Party.

P180/142 January 1989

30pp

Number 6. 'Time for Peace 1969–89'.

P180/143 May/June 1989

30pp

Number 10. 'Which way for Socialism'.

P180/144 July/August 1989

30pp

Number 11. 'The Year of Liberty'.

- P180/145** May/June 1990
30pp
Number 16. 'World Class'.
- P180/146** November/December 1990
32pp
Number 19. 'No Problem'.
- P180/147** January/February 1991
30pp
Number 20. 'No Solution'.
- P180/148** March/April 1991
31pp
Number 21. 'The End of an Era'.
- P180/149** May/June 1991
30pp
Number 22. 'Ulster's 1916'.
- P180/150** September/October 1991
30pp
Number 24. 'Back to Work'.

2.6.4 Leaflets, Handbills, Flyers 1990–91

P180/151 [September]1990–February 1991

72 items

Assorted campaign and information leaflets relating to national and local constituency issues. Also includes handbills and flyers circulated by the party during local, national and European elections.

3 DEMOCRATIC LEFT

3.1 Establishment, 1992

P180/152 January–April 1992

139pp

New Agenda

Lists, notes, reports, press releases, circular letters, and the constitution of the new political party.

Includes:

- Notes explaining what the new party is 'about'. (Not dated, 1p).
- List of possible names for the new party. (Not dated, 1p).
- Note from Tony Heffernan, Publicity Officer, explaining that he cannot be at the steering committee meeting and states his preference for the name of the new party. Remarks that he would be willing to 'agree to almost anything, in order to get a decision.' Cautions that the name chosen should be one that is not likely to be rejected at the conference and remarks that 'New Agenda' would be likely to fall into this category. (Not dated, 1p).
- Strategy document entitled 'Left Initiative' detailing the campaign prior to the launch of the new party. (Not dated, 8pp).
- Notes concerning the proposal to form a new party. (Not dated, 14pp).
- Circular letter from Proinsias de Rossa, Party President and Des Geraghty, General Secretary, to party members informing them of party decisions and developments. Refers to media speculation about the party and the efforts being made by the party president and press officer to combat this. Remarks that two reports relating to claims that the party received funds from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and that some Workers' Party TDs might join the Labour Party are particularly disturbing. Concludes 'We must reject rumour and gossip ... Democratic practice and open debate ... will ensure that we can go forward with a fundamental renovation of our Party, North and South and enable us to win ever greater support for our Party Programme of Democratic Socialism.' (2

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January 1992, 3pp).

- Document outlining the arguments in favour of calling the new party 'New Agenda'. (28 February 1992, 5pp).
- Programme for the founding conference entitled 'Setting a New Agenda' held in the RDS, Dublin outlining the aims, objectives and policies of the new political party, including the draft interim constitution and draft interim rules. (28 March 1992, 22pp).
- Constitution of Democratic Left adopted at the founding conference. (28 March 1992, 5pp).
- Drafts and copy of Proinsias de Rossa's keynote address at the founding conference. (28 March 1992, 29pp)

3.2 Elections, 1992-98

P180/153 November 1992-[September] 1998

21 items

Election Campaigns

Pamphlets, leaflets, flyers promoting Democratic Left during general, local and European elections, referenda

P180/154 December 1992

127pp

Democratic Left/Labour Party Talks—Election 1992

Newspaper cuttings, drafts of discussion documents, and press releases.

Includes:

- Notes by [Tony Heffernan] concerning talks with the Labour Party indicating 'good progress' and 'very constructive'. ([1992], 1p).
- Analysis by Peter Connell, Dublin South Central, of the outcome of the general election and the move towards the Left and more particularly to the Centre Left. Focuses on the Labour Party and the huge increase in support they received from the electorate. ([1992], 4pp).
- Analysis by Peter McDermott, Dublin South East outlining the various considerations for coalition and the effect this may have on Democratic Left. Expresses the opinion that the Party should not enter a coalition government. ([1992], 4pp).
- List of key policy objectives for Democratic Left entering a coalition government. ([1992], 2pp).
- Working paper of policy proposals emphasising social and economic justice. ([1992], 20pp).
- Drafts of discussion documents presented by Democratic Left as a basis for dialogue with the Labour Party. ([4 December 1992], 52pp).

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- Notes by Michael Taft outlining the options for Democratic Left in the post-election scenario. The notes are divided into two parts. Part one is structured under the following headings—mould of Irish politics, coalitions, dealignment and realignment, the renewal of Fianna Fáil, Labour's new contradictions. Part two focuses on Democratic Left and the options available to the Party under the following headings—rainbow coalition, opposition, maximizing our demands. Concludes by outlining a sample list of negotiating demands. ([1992], 6pp).
- Copy of a memorandum from Mick Enright to Des Geraghty and Proinsias de Rossa concerning a possible coalition with Fianna Fáil in light of Fianna Fáil's response to the Labour-Democratic Left programme. Remarks: 'Strategically, for Democratic Left, we would be in a relatively stronger position in a Fianna Fáil/Left coalition than in a Fine Gael/Left one. In the case of the latter, if we found that continuation in government after a year was untenable, our withdrawal would precipitate another election and the possible wrath of the electorate. But in a Fianna Fáil/Left government we could withdraw without causing an election ... In the subsequent opposition position, we could then embarrass the more left-wing Labour TDs on the government benches. If the government eventually collapsed it would have been precipitated by Labour.' Concludes 'A dangerous but acceptable strategy might be to enter a coalition with FF and Labour and, if the worst comes to the worst, withdraw after one or two years with our integrity intact and with a couple of Senators well-placed to win seats in the next General Election.' (11 December 1992, 1p).

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General Election and Abortion Referendum—1992

Press statements, media strategy, campaign strategy, broadcast scripts, correspondence, correspondence from special interest groups, correspondence with RTÉ.

Includes:

- Fax message from Michael White to Tony Heffernan, Press Officer, Democratic Left concerning the script for a broadcast by Proinsias de Rossa and Liz McManus. Remarks that RTÉ has objected to a phrase in the script which he has underlined. Includes an alternative wording as suggested by RTÉ's legal advisors. ([November] 1992, 5pp).
- Suggestions for remarks relating to the formation of a coalition after the election. ([November] 1992, 2pp).
- Themes for the general election campaign. ([November] 1992, 3pp).
- Script for a party political broadcast. ([November] 1992, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to Tony Fahy, Secretary,

Election Steering Group, RTÉ, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 objecting to the allocation of time for a party political broadcast and a broadcast concerning the constitutional referenda. Remarks that despite the PDs having the same number of TDs, they have been allocated more time. Objects also to the scheduling of the Democratic Left broadcasts and the exclusion of Democratic Left TDs from RTÉ programmes. (7 November 1992, 2pp).

- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to Tony Fahy, Secretary, Election Steering Group, RTÉ, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 enquiring about RTÉ's plans to include Proinsias de Rossa in a televised debate. (9 November 1992, 1p).
- Briefing notes for target constituencies. (11 November 1992, 6pp).
- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to Tony Fahy, Secretary, Election Steering Group, RTÉ, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 objecting again to the exclusion of Democratic Left from some of RTÉ's election programmes. Remarks 'It appears to me that a policy decision has been taken at some level in RTÉ that the PDs are entitled to a higher level of coverage than Democratic Left. Could I please have an explanation ...(and) an assurance that this discriminatory practice will end. (11 November 1992, 1p).
- Fax message from Peter Feeney, Editor Current Affairs, RTÉ confirming his telephone invitation to Proinsias de Rossa to take part in an RTÉ interview with party leaders. (12 November 1992, 1p).
- Press statement outlining the reasons why a Democratic Left referendum broadcast to be transmitted by RTÉ did not go ahead. Remarks that Democratic Left refused to alter the text demanded by RTÉ and the very serious consequences for party political broadcasts. (16 November 1992, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to Tony Fahy, Secretary, Election Steering Group, RTÉ, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 reluctantly agreeing to allow the altered version of the Democratic Left broadcast to be transmitted. (16 November 1992, 1p).
- Further communication marked 'urgent' now confirming that Democratic Left do not wish the broadcast to go ahead. (16 November 1992, 1p).
- Copy of a fax from Tony Fahy to Tony Heffernan confirming that the broadcast will not be transmitted and that he hopes that some resolution can be found so that a broadcast can be transmitted. (16 November 1992, 1p).
- Further letter from Tony Heffernan to Tony Fahy concerning a meeting between Democratic Left's legal advisors and RTÉ's legal advisors. Remarks that as a compromise Democratic Left would be prepared to allow the broadcast to be transmitted with the disputed phrase 'bleeped' out. Asks for confirmation that this compromise is acceptable and an indication of when the broadcasts will be transmitted. (18 November 1992, 1p).
- Fax message from Tony Fahy to Tony Heffernan confirming the times of the broadcasts. (20 November 1992, 1p)
- Original version and revised version of the Democratic Left broadcast. (20 November 1992, 1p).

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Cork By-election—1994

Campaign literature, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, press statements, analysis of votes/voter behaviour.

Includes:

- Profile of Kathleen Lynch, Democratic Left candidate for Cork North-Central. (Not dated, 1p).

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c80pp and 1 voice recording

European Election—1994

Campaign literature, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, press releases, correspondence, and election broadcast on behalf of Pat Rabbitte.

Includes:

- Press release announcing Kathleen Lynch's nomination as the Democratic Left candidate for the European elections. (27 February 1994, 1p).
- Profile of Kathleen Lynch. (23 March 1994, 1p).
- Notes issued to canvassers suggesting responses to some commonly asked questions. ([March 1994, 4pp).
- Script for a radio broadcast as part of the media campaign for the European elections. ([March 1994, 3pp).
- Strategy for the campaign in Dublin. ([March 1994], 3pp).
- Press release announcing Pat Rabbitte as the Democratic Left candidate for the Dublin constituency in the forthcoming European elections. (15 April 1994, 3pp).
- Election broadcast by the Dublin candidate Pat Rabbitte. Begins 'This broadcast is on behalf of Pat Rabbitte, Democratic Left candidate in the European Elections.' Ends 'On June ninth vote Pat Rabbitte number one.' (April/May 1994, running time 2mins 40secs).
- Copy of a poll result compiled by Irish Marketing Surveys concerning first preference voting in European elections. (12–13 May 1994, 2pp).
- Letter from Eamon Gilmore, Director of Elections to Tony Fahy, Secretary, Election Steering Group, RTÉ, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 expressing his dismay at the Party's exclusion from the panels in the series of Questions and Answers. Asks the steering committee to review their decision. (25 May 1994, 2pp).

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Dublin South-Central By-Election—1994

Campaign literature, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, press statements, correspondence, analysis of votes/voter behaviour.

Includes:

- Results of a private poll carried out by another political party and obtained by Democratic Left. Indicates a positive performance for the Democratic Left candidate, Eric Byrne. (Not dated, 1p).
- Press release declaring Eric Byrne as the Democratic Left candidate chosen to contest the Dublin South Central by-election. (24 March 1993, 1p).
- Copy of a judicial review between Eugene Dudley, applicant and the Taoiseach, the Government of Ireland, Dáil Éireann and the Attorney General concerning the movement of a writ through Dáil Éireann to permit the Dublin South central by-election to be held. (18 April 1994, 6pp).
- Copy of a Letter from Michael Taft Democratic Left Director of Elections, Dublin South Central to Councillor Michael Mulcahy, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12 concerning voting cards offered for use to people willing to impersonate. Expresses grave concern and asks that all political parties remain vigilant on voting day and that any suspicions about attempts to impersonate should be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities. ([May 1994], 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Eric Byrne to Councillor Michael Mulcahy, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12 and copy circulated to others including Minister Bertie Ahern TD lodging a formal complaint regarding Michal Mulcahy's behavior towards two members of Democratic Left canvassing on behalf of the Party. Appeals to the councillor not to repeat this type of behaviour. (3 May 1994, 1p).
- Press cuttings from the *Irish Press* reporting on Eric Byrne's success in the Dublin South Central by-election. (11 June 1994, 2pp).

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435pp

Democratic Left/Labour Party Talks—Election 1994

Press cuttings, press releases, policy documents, discussion documents, notes, draft programmes and programme for government.

Includes:

- Notes by Tony Heffernan concerning possible positions for Democratic Left members in a new government. ([November 1994], 4pp).
- Comparison between Democratic Left and Fine Gael's

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proposals for a programme for government. ([November 1994, 5pp).

- Strategic document outlining Democratic Left negotiating strategy, in particular obtaining major concessions on their 'core' demands. ([November 1994], 3pp).
- Drafts and copies of a document entitled 'Democratic Left A Reforming Government That Puts People First' outlining Democratic Left's principles for an alternative government and their key requirements for participation in government. (November 1994, 95pp).
- Notes concerning the Labour Party's response to the Democratic Left position paper on the formation of a government. ([November/December 1994], 3pp).
- Document outlining Democratic Left proposals for key issues of negotiation. ([November/December 1994], 5p).
- Copy of the Fianna Fáil and Labour programme for a new partnership government. (November/December 1994], 48pp).
- Drafts of a document entitled 'Proposals for a Government of Renewal.' The document was prepared in order to draw together the ideas from papers prepared collectively or individually by the different political parties. ([December] 1994, 75pp).
- Comments by Ellen Hazelkorn on the document. (12 December 1994, 3pp).
- Publication entitled 'A Government of Renewal. A Policy Agreement Between Fine Gael, the Labour Party and Democratic Left.' (December 1994, 85pp).
- Summary of the agreed programme for government between Fine Gael, The Labour Party and Democratic Left entitled 'A Government of Renewal.' (December 1994, 13pp).

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Wicklow By-election—1995

Campaign literature, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, press statements, analysis of votes/voter behaviour.

- Press release announcing John McManus as the Democratic Left candidate to contest the Wicklow by-election. (21 May 1995, 1p).
- Statement by John McManus launching the Democratic Left campaign in Wicklow. ([May 1995], 2pp).
- Profile of John and Liz McManus. (8 June 1995, 2pp).
- Copy of a script used as part of the Democratic Left media campaign for the by-election. (July 1995, 2pp).
- Compilation of the final tally in the Wicklow by-election. ([July 1995], 1p).
- Statement by Próinséas de Rossa congratulating Mildred Fox on her outstanding performance in the Wicklow by-election. (30 June 1995, 1p).

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1 item (82cmx61cm)

Election poster

Colour election poster for the Limerick East by-election promoting the candidacy of John Ryan. The by-election was held following the death of Labour Party TD Jim Kemmy. This was the last election fought by Democratic Left before their merger with the Labour Party. The seat was retained by the Labour Party candidate Jan O'Sullivan.

3.3 Annual Delegate Conference 1993–97

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Annual Delegate Conference 1993

Newspaper cuttings, press releases, circulars, correspondence, constitution, and scripts of speeches.

Includes:

- Copy of the constitution of Democratic Left adopted at the founding conference and confirmed at the 1993 annual delegate conference. ([October], 1993, 9pp).
- Conference guide and timetable. (15-17 October 1993, 10pp).
- Copy of the President's (Proinsias de Rossa) address. (16 October 1993, 14pp).

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Annual Delegate Conference 1995

Newspaper cuttings, press releases, circulars, correspondence, speech scripts.

Includes:

- Address by Proinsias de Rossa, leader of Democratic Left, to the conference. ([April] 1995, 20pp).

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24pp

Annual Delegate Conference 1996

Guide and timetable.

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108pp

Annual Delegate Conference 1997

Notes from steering committee meeting, circular letter, proposals, report, agenda, statement of income and expenditure, order of motions, press coverage.

Includes:

- Summary of decisions taken at the steering committee meeting in preparation for the forthcoming Annual Delegate Conference (ADC). (6 March 1997, 1p).
- Copy of a circular letter to branch and constituency secretaries concerning the ADC. ([March 1997], 2pp).
- Proposed standing orders. ([March 1997], 2pp).
- Text of the address by Proinsias de Rossa to the conference. (26 April 1997, 31pp)

3.4 Policy Development, 1992–98

P180/166 November 1992—May 1998

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File of reports, manifestos, discussion documents, submissions, position papers.

Includes:

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- 'Rebuilding Politics. Setting the Agenda for Conciliation.' (Not dated, 24pp).
- 'Irish Neutrality and the Challenge of World Security.' (Not dated, 10pp).
- 'Kicking the Habit.' Strategies for reducing drugs demands. (Not dated, 17pp).
- 'Community Employment Programme. Strategies for Hope and Useful Work.' (Not dated, 10pp).
- 'Europe Deserves Better.' Maastricht Treaty referendum manifesto. ([January] 1992, 18pp).
- 'Is There Life After Masstricht.' ([January] 1992, 13pp).
- 'Women's Life, Health and Welfare.' (October 1992, 18pp).
- 'General Election, November 1992 A Programme for Change and Progress.' (November 1992, 30pp).
- Democratic Left submission to 'Initiative '92', established to allow interested groups, organisations and individuals to make submissions on 'anything to do with the future and ways forward for Northern Ireland.' (February 1993, 7pp).
- 'Work in Progress.' Discussion Journal no. 1 of Democratic Left. (Spring 1993, 31pp).
- 'Socialism and Social Democracy. A Political Economy of Ideologies and Strategies.' By David Jacobsen. First in a discussion series. (March 1993, 30pp).
- 'Work in Progress.' Discussion Journal no. 2 of Democratic

- Left. (Summer 1993, 29pp).
- 'The United Nations. A Force for Peace?' Policy document on reform of the UN. (July & September 1993, 16pp).
 - 'Education Green Paper. A Response from Democratic Left.' (April 1993, 7pp).
 - 'Towards a Democratic Europe'. European election 1994. (1994, 22pp).
 - Response by Democratic Left to the SACHR (Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights) discussion paper 'The Twilight Zone' concerning Abortion Law in Northern Ireland. (January 1994, 5pp).
 - 'Proposals for a National Health Strategy.' (January 1994, 26pp).
 - 'Setting a New Agenda. A Framework for Agreement on Northern Ireland.' (September 1994, 16pp).
 - Discussion document 'Lifting the Veil: Crisis Pregnancies and the Need for Research.' (9 March 1995, 15pp).
 - 'Putting the Competition into Banking.' (May 1995, 24pp).
 - 'Human Rights are Women's Rights. Women and Marital Breakdown: The Facts.' (November 1995, 4pp).
 - 'Bridging the Gap.' A policy document authored by Kathleen Lynch TD concerning her constituency area of Cork North Central. (November 1995, 31pp).
 - Submission to Ministerial Task Force on Measures to Reduce Demand for Drugs.' (August 1996, 7pp).
 - 'Democratic Left and Residential Property Tax.' (3 September 1996, 4pp).
 - 'Tax Reform. Making it Work.' Papers from a public seminar organized by Democratic Left. (18 November 1996, 36pp).
 - Drafts of a document outlining Democratic Left's taxation policies. ([1996/1997], 4pp).
 - 'The Case for a Minimum Wage.' ([1996/97], 9pp).
 - 'Monkey Business? Working for Peanuts.' The case for a minimum wage and minimum income. ([1996/1997], 9pp).
 - 'Make the Future Work'. General election 1997. (26pp).
 - 'Meeting Housing Needs. Planning for the 21st Century' General election 1997. (10pp).
 - 'At the Coalface. Policing into the 21st Century.' General election 1997. (9pp).
 - 'The Bottom Line...is what you take home.' Democratic Left's tax proposals. General election 1997. (24pp).
 - 'Education Matters. Investing in our Future. General election 1997. (7pp).
 - 'Unemployment. Breaking the Circle.' A Democratic Left policy statement on long-term unemployment and skills shortages. General election 1997. (41pp).
 - 'Rights and Remedies. Crime, the Causes of Crime and the Right to Safety.' A Democratic Left discussion document on the criminal justice system. (1997, 112pp).
 - 'Quality and Equality.' A discussion document on the need for change in our acute hospital services. (1998, 24pp).
 - 'Crisis Pregnancy. Prevention and Termination.' Produced by the Health Committee of Democratic Left. (March 1998, 22pp).
 - 'Reaching Accommodation. Key Issues for the Northern Ireland

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- Negotiations. (March 1998, 7pp).
- Position paper on the Amsterdam Treaty. (May 1998, 23pp).
- 'New Century Socialism: Fighting for Justice in the Jungle.' By Des Geraghty. (May 1998, 14pp).

3.5 Publicity

3.5.1 Press Statements, 1992-94

Comprehensive series of files of press statements, occasional speeches/addresses and correspondence issued by the Democratic Left (formerly Workers' Party) Press Officer, Tony Heffernan. The statements cover a wide range of topics commenting on domestic and international events and topics, local issues, policy. The following is a detailed but not exhaustive list of the subject matters covered by the statements.

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Press Statements 1992

Includes:

- Announcement of a working title 'New Agenda' for the planned new political party. (2 March 1992, 1p).
- Referring to the Greencore Report and insisting that a debate be held in the Dáil and referral to the DPP. (3 March 1992, 1p).
- Describing the Supreme Court judgment concerning the 'C' case as a 'watershed in Irish legal and social history.' (5 March 1992, 1p).
- Criticising the government in failing to proceed with the Family Planning Bill and claiming that it raises questions about the government's commitment to the legislation particularly in the areas of travel and information. (24 April 1992, 1p).
- Extract from an address by Proinsias de Rossa to the Association of European Journalists on Maastricht. (27 April 1992, 3pp).
- Announcement of the launch of the new Party logo on 1 May. (29 April 1992, 1p).
- Announcing May Day as a 'red letter day' for Democratic Left at the launch of the Party's new logo, Party registration and the publication of the Party's new programme. (1 May 1992, 2pp).
- Announcing the Democratic Left campaign urging a 'No' vote for the Maastricht Treaty. (3 May 1992, 3pp).
- Urging the government to make public money available to both sides for the Maastricht campaign. (10 May 1992, 1p).
- Extract from a statement by Pat Rabbitte at the opening meeting of the Joint Committee on Employment. (12 May 1992, 3pp).
- Statement by Pat Rabbitte in the Dáil concerning the Adelaide

Hospital and implications for the proposed regional hospital at Tallaght. (12 May 1992, 1p).

- Extract from a contribution by Proinsias de Rossa on the Labour Party Bill on Travel and Information for women seeking access to information regarding pregnancy termination services available in other EC countries. (13 May 1992, 4pp).
- Calling on all local authorities to remove a prejudiced and discriminatory provision in mortgage insurance policies for local authority tenants which becomes invalid if the householder becomes disabled as a result of HIV infection or AIDS. (15 May 1992, 1p)
- Welcoming the government's decision to introduce legislation to provide for the decriminalization of homosexual acts. (15 May 1992, 1p).
- A letter from Councillor Kathleen Lynch to the Editor, *Cork Examiner* relating to the compulsory mortgage insurance policy that local authority householders must take out and the clause which invalidates the policy if the householder becomes disabled as a result of HIV or AIDS. (18 May 1992, 1p).
- Response by Proinsias de Rossa to the Taoiseach's speech concerning Irish neutrality and Maastricht. (19 May 1992, 1p).
- Claim by Proinsias de Rossa of the withholding of copies of the *Guardian* newspaper containing an advertisement for the Marie Stopes clinics as the latest 'ludicrous consequence of the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution.' (21 May 1992, 1p).
- Calling on the Minister for Social Welfare to deal with an anomaly in the payment of supplementary welfare to families of postal workers who have not been paid their wages due to a dispute in An Post. (21 May 1992, 2pp).
- Cautious welcome for the CAP deal. (22 May 1992, 1p).
- Declaration by Proinsias de Rossa that Democratic Left will continue to use every opportunity to read into the Dáil record the telephone numbers of clinics which offer information on pregnancy terminations. (22 May 1992, 1p).
- Announcing the priorities of the Democratic Left Party for the Dáil jobs committee. (24 May 1992, 3pp).
- Contribution by Proinsias de Rossa to the Dáil debate on the CAP Reform Package. (27 May 1992, 3pp).
- Welcoming the reported outcome of the Danish referendum on the Maastricht Treaty. (2 June 1992, 1p).
- Expressing disappointment but not surprise on the outcome of the McKenna case concerning government spending on the Maastricht campaign. (8 June 1992, 1p).
- Criticising recent comments by Jacques Delors claiming that they were an attempt to influence voting in the Maastricht treaty. (11 June 1992, 1p).
- Claiming that the decision by RTÉ not to grant Proinsias de Rossa a right of reply to the Ministerial broadcast advocating a 'yes' vote in the Maastricht Treaty as 'seriously compromised.' (14 June 1992, 1p).
- Text of a broadcast by Proinsias de Rossa delivered to a number of independent radio stations. Democratic Left was invited to make the broadcast following a directive to the independent radio stations by the Taoiseach to carry a

- Ministerial broadcast. (16 June 1992, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Eamon Gilmore, Maastricht Campaign Director to the Editor, *Sunday Independent*, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1 referring to a column written by the Fine Gael Senator Shane Ross and disputing claims in the column made by Senator Ross about the recent Maastricht referendum and the Democratic Left campaign. (23 June 1992, 2pp).
 - Extract from a speech by Pat McCartan claiming that the legal aid system is in a 'shambles'. (26 June 1992, 2pp).
 - Claim that the exclusion of Proinsias de Rossa from a group of Party leaders to welcome President Mary Robinson to the Oireachtas next week 'an act of petty, political vindictiveness.' (3 July 1992, 1p).
 - Calling for a Freedom of Information Act. (13 July 1992, 1p).
 - Address by Pat Rabbitte to the MacGill Summer School entitled 'Can Irish Industry Compete in the Single Market?' (12 August 1992, 19pp).
 - Letter from Marian White, Chairperson of the National Women's Committee Democratic Left to the Editor, *Sunday Tribune*, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2 raising concerns over the unregulated private arrangements for child-minding in the Irish state. Refers to the Child Care Act passed by the Dáil and calls on the Minister to implement those sections of the Act that relate to the registration and regulation of pre-school services. (19 August 1992, 1p).
 - Calling on the Chairman of the Beef Tribunal to refer the Supreme Court decision to the Oireachtas and urging Mr Justice Liam Hamilton to continue the inquiry with 'renewed vigour and determination in the interests of our democracy.' (23 August 1992, 1p).
 - Response by Democratic Left to the Green Paper on Education 'Education in a Changing World.' Published by the Minister for Education Seamus Brennan. (26 August 1992, 6pp).
 - Announcing the reallocation of a number of areas of responsibility among Democratic Left Dáil Deputies. (28 August 1992, 1p).
 - Calling on the government to state their position should France vote 'No' to the Maastricht Treaty. (3 September 1992, 1p).
 - Remarking that developments at the Beef Tribunal have confirmed the 'worst fears' of the Supreme Court ruling. Urges the government to request the Law Reform Commission to examine the legal position regarding cabinet confidentiality and the need for reform. (10 September 1992, 1p).
 - Calling for a full investigation into the circumstances of the tapping of the phone of the Fine Gael leader John Bruton. (14 September 1992, 1p).
 - Announcing the intention of Democratic Left to table a motion of 'no confidence' in the Minister for Social Welfare, Charlie McCreevy. Outlines the areas of most concern to the Party. (18 September 1992, 2pp).
 - Comment by de Rossa on the contents of a letter published in the *Irish Times*, also the subject of an article published in the *London Independent*. Declares absolutely that he did not sign

the letter or any similar letter and that he did not have any knowledge of such a letter. Remarks 'Indeed, although it is not a matter for me as Leader of Democratic Left, I can also confirm that while I was a member of the Executive Political Committee of The Workers' Party, no such application was ever discussed, and nor was I ever requested to associate my name with any such application.' (27 October 1992, 1p).

- Announcing the selection of Eamon Gilmore as the Democratic Left candidate in Dun Laoghaire. (5 November 1992, 1p).
- Announcing the selection of Joe Sherlock as the Democratic Left candidate in the Cork East constituency. (6 November 1992, 1p).
- Launching the Democratic Left general election campaign. (8 November 1992, 3pp).
- Outlining the principal features of Democratic Left's 'Programme for Progress and Change'. (November 1992, 2pp).
- Summary of the Democratic Left economic programme as part of the general election campaign. (November 1992, 3pp).
- Response to the publication of the Fianna Fáil election manifesto. (15 November 1992, 3pp).
- Explaining the decision by the Party not to allow RTÉ to make changes in the text of referendum broadcasts on behalf of Democratic Left. RTÉ objected to wording in the broadcasts which referred to the 'X' case. (16 November 1992, 2pp).
- Accusing the government of 'cynical betrayal' of the PAYE sector and announcing the launch of a Democratic Left document on tax reform. (19 November 1992, 2pp).
- Commenting on the results of the general election and the three referenda. (27 November 1992, 2pp).
- Launching a Democratic Left policy document on women. (27 November 1992, 3pp).
- Announcing the selection of Pat Rabbitte as the Party's candidate in Dublin South West for the next general election. (2 October 1992, 1p).
- Outlining the fifteen oral questions to be put by Proinsias de Rossa to the Taoiseach when the Dáil resumes business. (5 October 1992, 3pp).
- Extract from a contribution made by Proinsias de Rossa in the Economic debate. (8 October 1992, 3pp).
- Comments made by Pat Rabbitte in the Dáil on industrial policy. (9 October 1992, 4pp).
- Response of Democratic Left to the government's proposed amendments to Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution. (14 October 1992, 4pp).
- Text of a speech by Eamon Gilmore Democratic Left spokesperson on education during the Dáil debate on the Green Paper. (16 October 1992, 3pp).
- Extract from a speech by Eamon Gilmore to the Dáil debate on the Constitutional Referenda. (October 1992, 3pp).
- Second stage speech by Proinsias de Rossa on the Constitutional Amendment Bills. (20 October 1992, 11pp).
- Dáil statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the Birmingham Summit, convened in response to turmoil in the currency markets. (23 October 1992, 11pp).

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- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to the Editor, *Sunday World*, Rathfarnham Road, Dublin 6 concerning an article published in the paper attributing comments to Tony Heffernan which he describes as totally misrepresenting him. (2 November 1992, 2pp).
- Commenting on the decision of the Progressive Democrats to pull out of coalition government with Fianna Fáil. (4 November 1992, 1p).
- Copy of a speech by Proinsias de Rossa during a confidence debate in the Dáil. (5 November 1992, 9pp).
- Confirming that arrangements for a delegation of Democratic Left members to meet with members of the Labour Party have been made. (1 December 1992, 1p).
- Announcing that Proinsias de Rossa has written to the leader of the Fine Gael Party John Bruton suggesting a meeting between the two to discuss the general political situation. (10 December 1992, 1p).
- Regretting Bruton's decision not to meet with de Rossa. (10 December 1992, 1p).
- Contribution by Proinsias de Rossa to the debate on the Edinburgh Summit. (16 December 1992, 6pp).

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Press Statements 1993

Includes:

- Detailed response to the government programme and the coalition between Fianna Fáil and Labour. (8 January 1993, 2pp).
- Statements by Pat Rabbitte and Liz MacManus on the nomination of government. (12 January 1993, 6pp).
- Announcing the allocation of areas of responsibility for the new Dáil. (26 January 1993, 2pp).
- Criticising the inaction of the government for the devaluation of the Irish pound. (1 February 1993, 1p).
- Announcing the formation of a Dáil group made up of members of Democratic Left, the Green Party and four independent deputies. (1 February 1993, 1p).
- Outlining questions tabled by Proinsias de Rossa for an oral answer from the Taoiseach. (3 February 1993, 2pp).
- Calling on either the Governor of the Central Bank or the Minister for Finance to resign following the devaluation of the Irish pound. (10 February 1993, 7pp).
- Extract from a speech by Pat Rabbitte on the further delay of the Tallaght Hospital project. (16 February 1993, 2pp).
- Extract from a statement by Pat Rabbitte to a debate on Dáil reform. (18 February 1993, 3pp).
- Speech by Pat Rabbitte, Democratic Left spokesperson on finance concerning the budget. (24 February 1993, 10pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the report of the Commission on

- the Status of Women. ([February] 1993, 9pp).
- Text of an address by Eamon Gilmore to a Studies Seminar on Unemployment. (3 March 1993, 4pp).
 - Extract from a speech by Eamon Gilmore on juvenile crime. (5 March 1993, 3pp).
 - Speech by Proinsias de Rossa contributing to the Dáil debate on Aer Lingus. (12 March 1993, 6pp).
 - Extract from a speech by Proinsias de Rossa on the Social Welfare Bill. (23 March 1993, 5pp).
 - Announcing the selection of Eric Byrne to contest the Dublin South Central by-election. (24 March 1993, 1p).
 - Announcing the marking of the first year of Democratic Left following its establishment at a conference in the RDS in March 1992, 1p).
 - Extracts from speeches at a Democratic Left conference 'Building a Jobs Economy.' (27 March 1993, 4pp).
 - Speech by Liz McManus on the Fine Gael motion on health charges. (31 March 1993, 8pp).
 - Statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the Northern Ireland debate. (1 April 1993, 8pp).
 - Statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the European Affairs debate. (2 April 1993, 7pp).
 - Speech by Eamon Gilmore proposing the Democratic Left private members motion on Aer Lingus. (6 April 1993, 7pp).
 - Extract from a contribution by Proinsias de Rossa to the Democratic Left motion on equity for Aer Lingus. (6 April 1993, 6pp).
 - Announcing the tabling of motions by Democratic Left to move the writs for the by-elections in Dublin South Central and Mayo West. (20 April 1993, 2pp).
 - Urging the government to exercise caution on calls for increased international military intervention in the former Yugoslavia. (22 April 1993, 2pp).
 - Describing John Hume's talks with Gerry Adams as an 'error of judgment.' (26 April 1993, 2pp).
 - Extract from second stage speech by Proinsias de Rossa on the Broadcasting Bill, 1993. (4 May 1993, 5pp).
 - Extract from a speech by Democratic Left Finance spokesperson Pat Rabbitte on the Davy/Greencore affair. (6 May 1993, 2pp).
 - Call by Pat Rabbitte to establish an independent body to regulate and monitor the stockbroking area. (10 May 1993, 1p).
 - Extract from a contribution by Liz McManus on the agricultural estimates. (11 May 1993, 5pp).
 - Criticising the government's complacency which led to the EC to initiate legal action against the Irish abuse of energy monopoly. (13 May 1993, 1p).
 - Declaring that, in light of the outcome of the second Danish referendum on Maastricht, Ireland could have negotiated a better deal. (18 May 1993, 1p).
 - Accusing the ESB board of panicking under EC pressure by breaking up the ESB into five independent divisions. (18 May 1993, 1p).

- Referring to the outcome of the local elections in NI and remarking that they give little hope for optimism for future political developments. (21 May 1993, 1p).
- Extract from a speech by Liz McManus on the Kilkenny Incest case report. (25 May 1993, 21pp).
- Copy of a letter from Des Geraghty, MEP to Brian Lenihan, Chairman of the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs requesting that the committee take a more active role in the preparation of the National Development Plan in light of the proposed changes to the EC structural funds. (26 May 1993, 2pp).
- Urging the Taoiseach to 'scrap' the tax amnesty plan. (30 May 1993, 2pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Health (Family Planning) Amendment Bill, 1993. (3 June 1993, 6pp).
- Address by Proinsias de Rossa at the ninth Oliver Goldsmith Summer School entitled 'Citizen of the World.' (5 June 1993, 6pp).
- Extract from second stage speech by Eamon Gilmore on the Local Government Planning and Development Bill. (9 June 1993, 3pp).
- Criticising the Taoiseach on the GATT farm deal. (11 June 1993, 2pp).
- Urging a review of procedures for nominations during a debate on the Presidential Election Bill. (15 June 1993, 2pp).
- Statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the National Development Plan. (17 June 1993, 8pp).
- Extract from second-stage speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Industrial Development Bill. (23 June 1993, 3pp).
- Dáil statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the European Council Meeting in Copenhagen. (24 June 1993, 6pp).
- Copy of Proinsias de Rossa's contribution to the Adjournment Debate on EC Structural Funds. (1 July 1993, 5pp).
- Extract from a speech by Eamon Gilmore on the Dublin/Monaghan Bombings 1974 in light of recently broadcast television programme. (7 July 1993, 3pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus to the Social Affairs Committee and the role of the AG in abortion injunction. (21 July 1993, 9pp).
- Asking the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications, Brian Cowen for his reaction to a top secret British Government memo which revealed that large amounts of radioactive material had been discharged into the Irish Sea by the Sellafield nuclear plant during the 1950s. (23 July 1993, 1p).
- Launching a Democratic Left policy document on reform of the UN. (29 July 1993, 5pp).
- Urging the government to consider suspension of diplomatic relations following Israeli strikes on Irish positions in Southern Lebanon. (29 July 1993, 1p).
- Describing the re-zoning of land owned by Fianna Fáil politician Liam Lawlor as 'bizarre.' (18 August 1993, 1p).
- Urging the Minister for Justice, Máire Geoghegan Quinn to look again at the Public Order Bill. (23 August 1993, 2pp).
- Urging the Irish government to resist the German scheme for

- Europe in proposals to be put before an extraordinary EC summit. (26 August 1993, 2pp).
- Launching a policy document on divorce. (30 August 1993, 2pp).
 - Criticising the failure of the Irish Stock Exchange to publish the outcome of the Davy/Greencore inquiries. (1 September 1993, 1p).
 - Commenting on the upcoming Anglo-Irish Conference and the urgent need to address the escalation in the murder campaign of loyalist paramilitaries. (8 September 1993, 2pp).
 - Urging Irish support for the new Palestinian territories. (13 September 1993, 1p).
 - Announcing the launch of Democratic Left Irish-language documents and logo. (16 September 1993, 1p).
 - Announcement by Democratic Left students that they will hold a vigil in solidarity with the people of East Timor on the occasion of the visit of Australian PM Paul Keating. (17 September 1993, 1p).
 - Address by Liz McManus, Democratic Left spokesperson on health concerning a national health strategy and issues of equality at a conference organised by Democratic Left. (23 September 1993, 4pp).
 - Urging dialogue between politicians and health professionals on a new health strategy. (24 September 1993, 2pp).
 - Contribution by Des Geraghty to the Democratic Left conference on the United Nations entitled 'A Peace Strategy for Europe: Constructing a New Model of Security.' (25 September 1993, 5pp).
 - Commenting on the Hume/Adams statement following meetings and agreements between the two parties. Cautions the Irish government about their response. (25 September 1993, 1p).
 - Calling on Hume and Adams to publish the report of their talks that they have submitted to the Irish government. (27 September 1993, 1p).
 - Claiming that the Hume/Adams process is now 'in a shambles.' (29 September 1993, 1p).
 - Dáil question to the Taoiseach concerning the Hume/Adams talks. (1 October 1993, 2pp).
 - Claiming that French and German proposals will create a two tier Europe. (1 October 1993, 1p).
 - Calling on the Irish and British governments to re-state their commitment to principles outlined in Article 1 of the Anglo Irish Agreement. (3 October 1993, 1p).
 - Commenting on Des O'Malley's decision to retire from politics. (5 October 1993, 1p).
 - Extract from second stage speech by Eamon Gilmore on the Criminal Procedures Bill. (6 October 1993, 4pp).
 - Extract from second stage speech by Proinsias de Rossa on the International Development Agency Bill. (6 October 1993, 2pp).
 - Launching a task force report on the development of Democratic Left. (13 October 1993, 2pp).
 - Statement by Eamon Gilmore on the National Development Plan. (14 October 1993, 16pp).

- Dáil statement by Proinsias de Rossa commenting on the shortfall in promised EC funds. (20 October 1993, 2pp).
- Joint statement by John Bruton, Mary Harney and Proinsias de Rossa concerning a notice of a motion of 'No Confidence' in the government regarding the ministerial statements on the National Plan and EC Fund. (October 1993, 1p).
- Statement by Eamon Gilmore on Northern Ireland. (27 October 1993, 5pp).
- Extract from an address by Pat Rabbitte to the Dáil confidence debate. (28 October 1993, 7pp).
- Calling on the Irish government for unequivocal recognition of the right of Northern Ireland to remain within the UK. (29 October 1993, 2pp).
- Dáil statement by Pat Rabbitte concerning the Brussels Summit and the meeting between the Taoiseach and the British PM and their joint statement. (4 November 1993, 8pp).
- Extract from a speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Local Government (Dublin) Bill. (4 November 1993, 2pp).
- Announcing the intention of Democratic Left to table a Bill concerning Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act. (4 November 1993, 4pp).
- Urging all democratic parties to support the initiative of the Irish and British governments to work out a framework for political progress and peace in Northern Ireland. (6 November 1993, 2pp).
- Second stage speech by Senator Joe Sherlock on the Refugee Bill. (10 November 1993, 2pp0).
- Speech by Eamon Gilmore during Private Members Time calling on the government to abolish the 1% Income Levy and to reverse a number of social welfare cuts. (23 November 1993, 7pp).
- Speech by Rabbitte criticizing the abandonment of the talks for a new PESP (Programme for Economic and Social Progress). (23 November 1993, 5pp).
- Closing speech by Proinsias de Rossa on a Private Members Motion on the Income Levy and Social Welfare cuts. (24 November 1993, 6pp).
- Comments by Proinsias de Rossa on reports of contact between the Provisional IRA and the British government. (28 November 1993, 1p).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte to the Literary and Debating Society of UCG on divorce. (2 December 2012, 5pp).
- Comments by de Rossa on a meeting between the Taoiseach Albert Reynolds and the British Prime Minister John Major. (3 December 1993, 2pp).
- Accusing the Taoiseach of 'obstinacy' over Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution. (6 December 1993, 1p).
- Extract from a speech by Eamon Gilmore on the Criminal Justice (No 3) Bill. (9 December 1993, 4pp).
- Announcing that Proinsias de Rossa will meet with Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Sir Patrick Mayhew for talks. (12 December 1993, 2pp).
- Commenting on the meeting with Sir Patrick Mayhew. (13 December 1993, 1p).

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- Commenting on the Downing Street Declaration. (15 December 1993, 5pp).
 - Extract from a speech in the Dáil by de Rossa on the Downing Street motion. (17 December 1993, 6pp).
 - Extract from a speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Oireachtas (Allowance to Members) Bill. (16 December 1993, 2pp).
 - Dáil statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the Brussels EC Summit. (16 December 1993, 10pp).
 - Commenting on the IRA ceasefire. (23 December 1993, 1p).

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Includes:

- Commenting on the growing likelihood that Sinn Féin and the IRA would reject the terms of the Downing Street declaration. (3 January 1994, 1p).
- Announcing the tabling of a Private Members Bill by Proinsias de Rossa requiring Dáil approval for an extension to Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act. (4 January 1994, 2pp).
- Warning by Des Geraghty, MEP that the Irish Sea is in danger of becoming a nuclear dumping site unless the UK authorities are persuaded to reverse their decision about the THORP nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield. (5 January 1994, 1p).
- Calling on John Hume and Gerry Adams to state if a document was agreed by them at the end of the negotiations in September and, if so, to publish it. (7 January 1994, 1p).
- Calling on the government to state their commitment to a third banking force. (9 January 1994, 1p).
- Welcoming the government's decision to allow the current order made under Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act to lapse. (11 January 1994, 1p).
- Statement by de Rossa that the decision not to renew the Ministerial Order under Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act must not be misinterpreted as an indication of a weakening in the opposition of democratic society in the republic to the Provisional IRA. (12 January 1994, 1p).
- Commenting on the leaked UDA document 'doomsday plan' and emphasizing the urgency that a solution on Northern Ireland must have cross community support. (17 January 1994, 1p).
- Speech by Liz McManus launching a Democratic Left policy document on a national health strategy. (19 January 1994, 5pp).
- List of question tabled by Proinsias de Rossa for the Taoiseach regarding the Downing Street declaration and developments since it was signed. (24 January 1994, 2pp).
- Text of a speech by Pat Rabbitte on the budget. (26 January 1994, 14pp).
- Text of a statement or contribution to a debate by Proinsias de

Rossa entitled 'That the Downing Street Declaration Rewards Violence.' ([January] 1994, 5pp).

- Text of a speech by Liz McManus on the budget. (2 February 1994, 15pp).
- Extract from a speech by Proinsias de Rossa on a PD motion on Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act. (2 February 1994, 4pp).
- Demand by Des Geraghty MEP, addressing a Greenpeace rally at Westminster, for EU action on THORP. (7 February 1994, 1p).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the County Roads Private Members Bill. ([February] 1994, 8pp).
- Extract from a speech by Proinsias de Rossa during the budget debate. (10 February 1994, 8pp).
- Speech by Proinsias de Rossa to the AGM of the Northern Ireland region of Democratic Left concerning the possibility of the IRA rejecting the Downing Street declaration. (12 February 1994, 3pp).
- Urging the Taoiseach and Prime Minister to revitalise the Downing Street process. (18 February 1994, 1p).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Stillbirth Registration Bill. ([February] 1994, 10pp).
- Dáil statement by Liz McManus on Anti D, an injection administered to pregnant women. (22 February 1994, 6pp).
- Extract from second stage speech by Eamon Gilmore on the National Bureau of Crime Statistics Bill. (23 February 1994, 3pp).
- Second stage speech by Eamon Gilmore on the Extradition (Amendment) Bill 1994. (23 February 1994, 5pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Family Law Bill. ([February] 1994, 7pp).
- Extract from second stage speech by Proinsias de Rossa on the Social Welfare Bill 1994. (1 March 1994, 6pp).
- Speech delivered in Dublin City University by Proinsias de Rossa entitled 'Unionist Capitulation Sinn Féin/IRA Objective.' (1 March 1994, 2pp).
- Letter from Anne Ferris, Chairperson, National Women's Committee, to The Editor, *Sunday Tribune*, Dublin 2 raising concerns over the total lack of any female representative on the Committee on Jobs for Dublin recently established by the Lord Mayor of Dublin. (3 March 1994, 1p).
- Criticising the Taoiseach and Tánaiste over their negative reaction to the Ulster Unionist proposal for the establishment of a devolved Assembly for Northern Ireland backed up by a Bill of Rights. (4 March 1994, 2pp).
- Des Geraghty MEP calling on the UK Government to revoke the Prevention of Terrorism Act claiming that it is now counter-productive. (7 March 1994, 1p).
- Extract from second stage speech by Eamon Gilmore on the Solicitors Bill. (10 March 1994, 3pp).
- Dáil statement by Proinsias de Rossa condemning the IRA mortar attack on Heathrow Airport. (10 March 1994, 3pp).
- Commenting on the latest statement by the IRA, claiming that it represents a rejection of the Downing Street Declaration. (14 March 1994, 2pp).

- Extract from a speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Fine Gael Private Members Motion on the Residential Property Tax. (22 March 1994, 3pp).
- Extract from a speech by Liz McManus on the National Monuments Bill. ([March] 1994, 5pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte to the Democratic Left selection convention for the Dublin Euro constituency. (27 March 1994, 7pp).
- Announcement by Des Geraghty that he has decided not to contest the Democratic Left Euro Selection Convention. (27 March 1994, 1p).
- Announcing the selection of Pat Rabbitte as the Democratic Left candidate for the Dublin Euro constituency. (27 March 1994, 1p).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Family Law Property Bill. ([March] 1994, 8pp).
- Joint statement by the leaders of Democratic Left, Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats calling for a permanent cessation of violence by the IRA. (1 April 1994, 3pp).
- Joint statement by the leaders of Democratic Left, Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats responding to comments by John Hume about the opposition parties and reiterating their commitment to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. (10 April 1994, 1p).
- Response by Pat Rabbitte to the Inaugural Address of the University Philosophical Society entitled 'Does the Media set the Political Agenda'. (8 April 1994, 6pp).
- Extract from a speech by Pat Rabbitte at the Committee Stage of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Bill 1994. (13 April 1994, 2pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Health (Amendment) Bill. (13 April 1994, 6pp).
- Extract from second stage speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Finance Bill. (20 April 1994, 8pp).
- Urging stronger international action concerning the continuing conflict in Bosnia. (20 April 1994, 1p).
- Extract from Eamon Gilmore's contribution to the adjournment concerning the requirement by the US Embassy for Irish citizens to apply for a visa to visit America. (20 April 1994, 2pp).
- Extract from second stage speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Irish Shipping Bill. (21 April 1994, 4pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Irish Horse Racing Industry Bill. (21 April 1994, 5pp).
- Calling on the government to pay the Social Welfare arrears due to women following the out of court settlement. (25 April 1994, 1p).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Fine Gael motion on Anti D and Breast Cancer. ([May] 1994, 3pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Leinster House Development. ([May] 1994, 6pp).
- Calling for UN intervention in Rwanda. (5 May 1994, 2pp).
- Extract from a contribution by Pat Rabbitte on the ESRI Report. (5 May 1994, 2pp).

- Launching the Democratic Left Euro Campaign. (9 May 1994, 2pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the An Bord Bia Bill. ([May] 1994, 7pp).
- Paying tribute to the leader of the UK Labour Party John Smith who died suddenly. (12 May 1994, 1p).
- Speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Democratic Left motion calling for the payment of Social Welfare arrears to married women. (17 May 1994, 7pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on Social Welfare equality payments. (18 May 1994, 2pp).
- Concluding speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Democratic Left motion to pay Social Welfare arrears. (18 May 1994, 4pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Health Estimates. (31 May 1994, 4pp).
- Dáil statement by Pat Rabbitte on the business investment/passports for sale scheme. (31 May 1994, 7pp).
- Series of questions on the 'Passports for Sale' issue. (5 June 1994, 2pp).
- Commenting on the Democratic Left performance in two by-elections and the European and local elections. (13 June 1994, 1p).
- Extract from a speech by Proinsias de Rossa criticising the handling by the Minister for Health of the SW arrears issue. (16 June 1994, 4pp).
- Statement by Pat Rabbitte on the National Development Plan. (16 June 1994, 3pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Health (Amendment) Bill 1994. (16 June 1994, 6pp).
- Extract from second stage speech by Proinsias de Rossa on Ethics in Public Office Bill. (23 June 1994, 3pp).
- Statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the Team Aer Lingus crisis. (23 June 1994 2pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Maintenance Bill 1994. (24 June 1994, 4pp).
- Calling on the government to honour commitments in the Programme for Government to introduce legislation to regulate the position arising from the 'X' case. (27 June 1994, 1p).
- Extract from a speech by Proinsias de Rossa on a Dáil motion on Team Aer Lingus. (29 June 1994, 4pp).
- Extract from a speech by Senator Joe Sherlock in a Seanad debate on Northern Ireland. (7 July 1994, 2pp).
- Letter from Pat Rabbitte to the Editor, *Irish Times* clarifying Ireland's EU funding allocations. (14 July 1994, 2pp).
- Urging action on the escalating drugs problem in Dublin and the increase in crime. (20 July 1994, 1p).
- Condemning Sinn Féin's rejection of the Downing Street declaration. (24 July 1994, 1p).
- Announcing the reallocation of responsibilities amongst Democratic Left Dáil deputies. (26 July 1994, 1p).
- Urging the Minister for Education, Niamh Breathnach, to clear up the confusion over third level fees and the reported intention to abolish fees. (27 July 1994, 1p).
- Commenting on the Report of the Inquiry into the Beef

- Industry. (3 August 1994, 2pp).
- Commenting on the shooting of one of Dublin's most notorious criminals, Martin Cahill aka 'The General' and the role the Minister for Justice and the Gardaí must play in tackling serious crime. (19 August 1994, 1p).
 - Address by Proinsias de Rossa to the Parnell Summer School entitled 'IRA Ceasefire. A Suspect Device'. (19 August 1994, 4pp).
 - Questioning US policy towards Cuba and urging a statement from the Irish government. (23 August 1994, 1p).
 - Commenting on the arrest warrant issued for Susan O'Keeffe, the journalist who contributed to the *World in Action* programme on irregularities in the beef industry. Describes the decision to issue the warrant as 'bizarre.' (29 August 1994, 1p).
 - Dáil statement by Proinsias de Rossa concerning the IRA ceasefire. (31 August 1994, 1p).
 - Lengthy Dáil [statement] by Pat Rabbittee concerning the Beef Tribunal and the Taoiseach Albert Reynolds' reaction following the publication of the report. (1 September 1994, 57pp).
 - Statement by Proinsias de Rossa during the debate on the report of the Beef Tribunal. (2 September 1994, 12pp).
 - Launching a new policy document on Northern Ireland. (8 September 1994, 5pp).
 - Urging new independent procedures for judicial appointments. (13 September 1994, 1p).
 - Urging the Taoiseach to raise the subject of East Timor with the Australian Prime Minister during his visit to Australia. (13 September 1994, 1p).
 - Expressing the view that the proposed Forum for Peace and Reconciliation should be sufficiently broadly-based to allow for a wide range of representation. (14 September 1994, 2pp).
 - Welcoming the lifting of the British Broadcasting ban on members of Sinn Féin. (16 September 1994, 1p).
 - Announcing a submission by Democratic Left to the Taoiseach on the proposed Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. Includes a copy of the submission. (19 September 1994, 4pp)
 - Describing the 1994 Refugee Bill as deeply flawed. (22 September 1994, 1p).
 - Letter from Tony Heffernan to the editor, *Daily Telegraph*, concerning an article published in the newspaper alleging that Democratic Left represented the Official IRA. Informs him that Democratic Left is a relatively new political party with six members in the Dáil 'and it has been unqualified in its rejection of paramilitarism ... It has no links whatsoever with the Official IRA or any other paramilitary group. Includes a copy of the article. (27 September 1994, 2pp).
 - Criticising the Russian President Boris Yeltsin for the discourtesy shown by him to Ireland at a stopover in Shannon and the indisposition which prevented him from leaving his airplane. (30 September 1994, 1p).
 - Contribution by Proinsias de Rossa to a meeting of New Consensus in Blackpool organised by the British Labour Party and commenting on the Irish government's strategy for the

- post ceasefire period. (2 October 1994, 3pp).
- Praising the British Labour Party's endorsement of the Downing Street Declaration. (5 October 1994, 1p).
- Extract from a speech by Pat Rabbitte on motions concerning Ministerial pay increases. (12 October 1994, 4pp).
- Dáil statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the Loyalist ceasefire. (13 October 1994, 2pp).
- Commenting on new figures showing a widening of the tax gap between farmers and PAYE workers. (13 October 1994, 5pp).
- Statement by Pat Rabbitte on the moving of the Cork by-election writ. (18 October 1994, 4pp).
- Second stage speech by Pat Rabbitte on the ACC Bank Bill, 1994. ([18] October 1994, 4pp).
- Statement by Eamon Gilmore on the motion concerning the enlargement of the EU. (20 October 1994, 7pp).
- Adjournment speech by Liz McManus on the Clonmannon Retirement Village Saga. ([October] 1994, 3pp).
- Speech by Liz McManus on the Maternity Leave Bill. (26 October 1994, 6pp).
- Address by Proinsias de Rossa at the opening session of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. (28 October 1994, 4pp).
- Commenting on the mishandling of the extradition of the paedophile priest Fr Brendan Smyth and continuing concerns over the appointment of Harry Whelehan to the position of President of the High Court. (31 October 1994, 1p).
- Requesting an emergency debate concerning the delay by the Attorney General's office in processing the extradition of the paedophile priest Fr Brendan Smyth. (1 November 1994, 1p).
- Second stage speech by Eamon Gilmore on the Court and Court Offices Bill 1994. (2 November 1994, 6pp).
- Statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the Heritage Council Bill 1994. ([November] 1994, 2pp).
- Calling for Harry Whelehan's resignation as Attorney General. (6 November 1994, 1p).
- Claiming that Taoiseach's question time will not be adequate to deal with the complexities arising from the Fr Brendan Smyth warrants, the appointment of Harry Whelehan as President of the High Court and the withdrawal of Labour ministers from the Cabinet. (14 November 1994, 1p).
- Commenting on the resignation of the Taoiseach and his government and seeking talks with the leaders of the other political parties to discuss the situation and consider the options open to the Dáil. (17 November 1994, 2pp).
- Statement by Proinsias de Rossa on the appointment of the president of the High Court. (15 November 1994, 6pp).
- Statement by Proinsias de Rossa during the confidence motion in the government. (16 November 1994, 4pp).
- Commenting on the resignation of Harry Whelehan as President of the High Court. (17 November 1994, 1p).
- Statement by Proinsias de Rossa congratulating Bertie Ahern on his election as Leader of Fianna Fáil. (22 November 1994, 5pp).

3.5.1 Visual Material 1992

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1 item (60cmx42cm)

Maastricht Treaty referendum poster

Democratic Left campaign poster in colour urging a 'No' vote in the Maastricht Treaty referendum. The poster depicts a child. Caption reads 'Maastricht means her future in in a nuclear, military Europe' Text on the poster reads 'The big-gun Eurocrats want an aggressive, military super-state. While we want to shape a Europe which is peace-promoting, just and non-nuclear. Make a proud and democratic stand for that kind of Europe.'

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1 item (60cmx42cm)

Maastricht Treaty referendum poster

Democratic Left campaign poster in colour urging a 'No' vote in the Maastricht Treaty referendum. The poster depicts a man dressed as a judge. Caption reads 'With Maastricht, women will have to deal with a new kind of travel agent.' Text on the poster reads 'With Maastricht, Irish women will not have the same rights that men have, to information, travel and access to European justice. We have to let them know, with our vote, that Europe must include Irish women as equals.'

3.6 Dáil Eireann—Rainbow Coalition

3.6.1 Northern Ireland, 1994–96

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Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Establishment

Newspaper cuttings, press release, correspondence, membership, agenda, proposals.

Includes:

- Draft and copy of a letter from Proinsias de Rossa to the Taoiseach Albert Reynolds commenting on the Forum, its purpose, terms of reference, procedures and representation. (15, 19 September 1994, 7pp).
- Fax message issued by the Taoiseach's office outlining the terms of reference for the Forum. (2 October 1994, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from the Taoiseach Albert Reynolds to John Bruton Leader of Fine Gael expressing the opinion that by

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organising a meeting of the representatives of the main political parties an impression of a 'Southern Bloc' may be given. (14 October 1994, 1p).

- Copy of a letter from Tony Heffernan to Wally Kirwan, Assistant Secretary, Department of An Taoiseach advising him of the names of the Democratic Left members of the Forum. (26 October 1994, 1p).
- List of the members and alternate members of the Forum. ([October] 1994, 4pp).
- Proposed agenda of the [first] meeting of the Forum. (3 November 1994, 1p).
- Remarks by the Chairperson of the Forum, Judge Catherine McGuinness, on the procedures of the Forum. (2 November 1994, 3pp).
- Possible programme of work for the Forum, issued by the Forum Secretariat. (3 November 1994, 3pp).
- Annotated list of topics for consideration by the Forum and a schedule of meetings and agenda items for the Forum to the end of February 1995. (10 November 1994, 4pp).

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Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Correspondence

Includes:

- Letter from John Bruton, Leader of Fine Gael to Proinsias de Rossa outlining Fine Gael's proposals for the Forum and seeking the support of Democratic Left for these proposals. (7 September 1994, 17pp).
- Draft paper outlining the agreed position between Fine Gael, the PDs and Democratic Left parties on the Forum. ([September 1994], 3pp).
- Letter from John Bruton to Proinsias de Rossa enclosing a confidential summary of the points raised at their meeting concerning the logistics of the Forum. (21&22 September 1994, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Proinsias de Rossa to the Taoiseach Albert Reynolds reiterating the opinion that one to one consultation with the various Party leaders is 'wasteful and inadequate'. (26 September 1994, 1p).
- Note from Tony Heffernan to Proinsias de Rossa concerning a telephone conversation with Wally Kirwan, Department of the Taoiseach, and the organisation of a meeting between the Taoiseach and other Dáil parties. ([September 1994], 1p).
- Letter from Brian Lenihan TD to Proinsias de Rossa expressing his gratitude to the Democratic Left Leader for his assistance and that of Seamus Lynch during a recent visit to Belfast. (26 September 1994, 2pp).
- Letter from the Taoiseach Albert Reynolds to Proinsias de Rossa explaining that he will be conducting a number of bilateral meetings with parties, North and South, as a method

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- of consultation concerning the Forum. (3 October 1994, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from John Bruton, Leader of Fine Gael, Mary Harney, Leader of the PDs and Proinsias de Rossa, Leader of Democratic Left to the Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds requesting a joint meeting as soon as possible. (7 October 1994, 1p).
- Reply from the Taoiseach reiterating his view that such a joint meeting may give the wrong impression of a 'Southern bloc' which could 'prove to be counter-productive and unhelpful ...'. (14 October 1994, 1p).
- Letter from the Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds to Proinsias de Rossa informing him of the establishment of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, confirmation of the Chair, arrangements for the inaugural meeting, a briefing note on arrangements. (21 October 1994, 6pp).
- Copy of a memorandum from Wally Kirwan to each delegation coordinator concerning the draft of the final report of the Forum's Sub-Committee on Obstacles in the South to Reconciliation. (23 August 1996, 3pp).

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Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Democratic Left Press Statements

Includes:

- Text of the address by Proinsias de Rossa to the opening session of the Forum. (28 October 1994, 4pp).
- Text of an address by Proinsias de Rossa introducing the Democratic Left submission to the Forum. (2 December 1994, 5pp).
- Statement by Seamus Lynch on constitutional issues arising from the Joint Framework Document. Also includes a copy of a document issued by the British Government entitled 'Accountable Government in Northern Ireland', published alongside 'A New Framework for Agreement' in February 1995, 19pp. (5 May 1995, 4pp).
- Draft statement on North-South Structures. (19 May 1995, 4pp).
- Statement on East-West Structures. (9 June 1995, 3pp).
- Statement on political structures in Northern Ireland. (16 June 1995, 3pp).

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Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Co-ordinating Committee

Notices of meetings, agendas, minutes, record of decisions, notes.

Includes:

- Detailed background note on the programme and pattern of work of the Forum. (16 November 1994, 5pp).
- Information note concerning the expert hearings on the social and economic consequences of peace. (23 November 1994, 2pp).
- Copy of a [report] on the social and economic consequences of peace and economic reconstruction. (30 November 1994, 4pp).
- Information note requested by the co-ordinating committee on international support for economic development and reconstruction in Ireland both North and South. (7 December 1994, 4pp).
- Paper issued by the Chairperson, Judge Catherine McGuinness on the issue of representation in the Forum. (7 December 1994, 4pp).
- Note outlining the concept of 'Parity of Esteem.' (8 December 1994, 3pp).
- Paper presented to the Co-ordinating Committee in response to a request concerning procedures on how statements by delegations on topical issues should be handled (6 December 1994, 3pp).
- Note on the Parity of Esteem. (8 December 1994, 3pp).
- Note concerning the analysis and selection of over 300 submissions from individuals, groups and organisations to the Forum. (11 January 1995, 1p).
- Summary of developments and positions to date of the impact on and outreach of the Forum to the Unionist tradition in Northern Ireland. Includes a supplementary note. (12, 25 January 1995, 5pp).
- Review of the work of the Co-ordinating Committee and future work programme. (12 January 1995, 2pp).
- Analysis of public submissions to the Forum. (24 January 1995, 2pp).
- Supplementary note concerning a possible visit to Belfast. (25 January 1995, 2pp).
- Timescale and procedures for oral submissions to the Forum. (1 February 1995, 2pp).
- Background note for the plenary session on policing. (10 March 1995, 5pp).
- Outline of the programme of work of the Forum up to July 1995. (20 March 1995, 4pp).
- Proposal to establish a sub-committee to oversee work on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms. (28 March 1995, 2pp).
- Note prepared for the Co-ordinating Committee concerning the sub-committee on Obstacles in the South to Reconciliation. (25 September 1995, 4pp).

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Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Plenary Sessions and Secretariat

Agendas, record of decisions, notes, reviews, communications.

Includes:

- Chairperson's note on the procedures of the Forum. (November 1994, 3pp).
- Note on the Parity of Esteem. (10 November 1994, 2pp).
- Two versions of the terms of reference for the Forum in its examination of the nature of the problem and the principles underlying its resolution. (10 November 1994, 2pp).
- Note on the social and economic consequences of peace and economic reconstruction. (14 November 1994, 3pp).
- Further note by the Chairperson on procedures of the Forum. (14 November 1994, 3pp).
- Note on the modalities of debate on the nature of the problem. (23 November 1994, 2pp).
- Further note on the social and economic consequences of peace and economic reconstruction. (30 November 1994, 4pp).
- Decision to establish a sub-committee on Obstacles in the South to Reconciliation. (8 March 1995, 2pp).
- Paper compiled to assist the discussion on fundamental rights and freedoms. (20 March 1995, 3pp).
- Paper compiled to assist the debate on justice issues. (28 March 1995, 7pp).
- Review of the Forum's work and future programme of work. (5 July 1995, 16pp).
- Second draft of a paper entitled 'A Review and Analysis of Constructive Approaches to Group Accommodation and Minority Protection in Divided or Multicultural Societies' by Asbjørn Eide, Director, Norwegian Institute of Human Rights. (22 September 1995, 19pp).
- Copy of a media release concerning the deferment of any further meetings of the Forum until 19 March 1996. (12 March 1996, 1p).
- Copy of a memorandum to each delegation co-ordinator and delegation secretary confirming that meetings of the Forum have been suspended until the end of March and that this position will be reviewed as the date approaches. Outlines the basis on which it was decided to suspend meetings of the Forum and the availability of Secretariat facilities during the suspension. (12 March 1996, 2pp).
- Memorandum from Walter Kirwan, Secretary-General of the Forum to each delegation co-ordinator and delegation concerning the necessity of conducting a review on the future of the Forum and how it should proceed. Encloses copies of letters from the PD delegation and Green Party delegation outlining their views about the future of the Forum. Refers to the payment of allowances. (28 March 1996, 5pp)

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145pp

Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Sub Committee on Obstacles in the South to Reconciliation.

Reports, discussion papers.

Includes:

- Document establishing the sub-committee, the background to its formation, membership, proposals of work to be undertaken and issues to be addressed. (31 March 1995, 3pp).
- Document outlining the general views of the sub-committee. (3 May 1995, 2pp).
- Draft discussion paper prepared as an aid to the sub-committee. (3 May 1995, 21pp).
- Proposed schedule of meetings and programme of work. (5 May–14 July 1995, 1p).
- Presentation by Sinn Féin to the sub-committee entitled ‘The “Protestant View”—is there one?’ (5 May 1995, 7pp).
- Copy of a press release on Equal Status Legislation in Non-Employment areas. (15 May 1995, 10pp).
- Copy of the draft interim report of the sub-committee. (3 July 1995, 18pp).
- Copy of Sinn Féin comments on the draft interim report of the sub-committee. (7 July 1995, 10pp).
- Copies of the progress report of the sub-committee. (11 July 1995, 15pp).

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4pp

Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Drafting Committee

Summary note concerning the first meeting of the Drafting Committee. Outlines the purpose of the committee to ‘explore the extent to which agreement could be reached on, and to seek to draft, a set of Realities relating to the nature of the problem and the Principles upon which a resolution might be based.’

P180/179 7 July–9 October 1995

6pp

Forum for Peace and Reconciliation—Sub-committee on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

Report, work programme.

Includes:

- Report of a meeting of the sub-committee. (11 July 1995, 2pp).
- Programme of work for the sub-committee. (3 October 1995, 3pp)

3.6.2 Press Office, 1995–97

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Government Press Statements—1995–1997

Statements are from a number of different departments and from ministers and government deputies from all parties serving in the Rainbow Coalition.

Includes:

- Announcing the appointment of Justice Declan Costello as President of the High Court. (9 January 1995, 1p).
- Notice of a motion by John O'Donoghue calling on the government to review and apply the necessary resources and effect legislation in order to tackle the rising crime levels in the aftermath of the Brinks raid and the shooting dead of the journalist Veronica Guerin. (26 January 1995, 18pp).
- Speech by Proinsias de Rossa in favour of the motions to lift the State of Emergency. ([February] 1995, 4pp).
- Speech by the Taoiseach John Bruton at a presentation of 'Man of the Year Award' to John Hume. (3 February 1995, 4pp).
- Text from a press conference with Sir Patrick Mayhew following the meeting of the Anglo-Irish Conference. (20 February 1995, 6pp).
- Commenting on the National Economic and Social Forum's sixth report. (6 March 1995, 2pp).
- Comment by the Justice Minister Nora Owen on the report by Mr Justice Finlay on the violence that occurred during the football match between the Republic of Ireland and England in Lansdowne Road. (4 April 1995, 2pp).
- Announcing the early release of seven Provisional IRA prisoners. (11 April 1995, 1p).
- Announcing the government's legislative programme. (25 April 1995, 8pp).
- Comment by the Minister for Health Michael Noonan on the Supreme Court decision that the Regulation of Information (Services Outside the State for the Termination of Pregnancies) Bill, 1995 is constitutional. (12 May 1995, 1p).
- Remarks by the Taoiseach, John Bruton, to the Forum Debate on North-South Structures in light of the Joint Framework Document and other documents. (19 May 1995, 5pp).
- Speaking points from a speech delivered by the Taoiseach, John Bruton, at the IBEC annual business conference. (31 May 1995, 8pp).
- Speeches by Minister of State Avril Doyle in her capacity as Chairperson of the Famine Commemoration Committee. (29 June 1995, 5pp).
- Government programme of Commemoration of the Great Famine, 1845–50. ([June] 1995, 7pp).
- Summary of legislation enacted in 1995. (4 July 1995, 1p).
- Summary of Bills published 24 January–7 July 1995. (4 July 1995, 1p).

- Summary of Bills passed by the 27th Dáil, 24 January–7 July 1995. (4 July 1995, 1p).
- Announcing the early release of 12 prisoners. (28 July 1995, 1p).
- Comment by the Taoiseach, John Bruton, on the resignation of James Molyneaux. (28 August 1995, 1p).
- Comment by the Taoiseach, John Bruton, urging everyone to read the Catholic Bishop's statement on divorce. (27 October 1995, 2pp).
- Speech by Proinsias de Rossa during the Dáil debate on the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution. (November 1995, 9pp).
- Media briefing on the press arrangements for President Clinton's visit. (22 November 1995, 2pp).
- Text of an interview with the Taoiseach, John Bruton after the results of the divorce referendum. (25 November 1995, 6pp).
- Text of a communique following a meeting between Taoiseach John Bruton and British Prime Minister John Major concerning a 'twin-track' approach in order to further progress on decommissioning and all-party negotiations. (28 November 1995, 5pp).
- Announcing the appointment of members of the International Body on Decommissioning. (30 November 1995, 2pp).
- Speech by the Taoiseach, John Bruton, at a dinner in honour of President and Mrs Clinton in Dublin Castle. (1 December 1995, 6pp).
- Announcing an agreed outline for the Freedom of Information Bill. (5 December 1995, 2pp).
- Announcing the dates of the meetings of the Decommissioning Body in Dublin and Belfast. (6 December 1995, 1p).
- Statement by the Tánaiste, Dick Spring, during the Dáil Debate on the International Body on Decommissioning. (13 December 1995, 11pp).
- Text of a press conference with the Tánaiste, Dick Spring, following a meeting of the Anglo-Irish Conference. (20 December 1995, 5pp).
- Department of Foreign Affairs press release concerning the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference. (20 December 1995, 3pp).
- Transcript of an interview with the Tánaiste, Dick Spring, and Sir Patrick Mayhew. (20 December 1995, 2pp).
- Document outlining the Strategic Management Initiative for government departments. (21 December 1995, 22pp).
- Report on the operation of Part III of the Extradition Act, 1965 in the year 1994. (21 December 1995, 14pp).
- Message of sympathy from Taoiseach John Bruton, following the death of Francois Mitterand. (8 January 1996, 1p).
- Summary of the government's legislative programme for 1995. (17 January 1996, 10pp).
- Commenting on the publication of the report of the International Body on Decommissioning. (24 January 1996, 1p).
- Dáil statements by Taoiseach, John Bruton and Tánaiste Dick Spring following the Provisional IRA bombing in Canary Wharf

in London, ending their seventeen month long ceasefire. (13 February 1996, 25pp).

- Summary of the government programme and the commitments which have fully or partially been implemented. (March 1996, 2pp).
- Statement by the Taoiseach, John Bruton, responding to comments by the Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams and his call for Irish democratic consensus. (7 April 1996, 2pp).
- Commenting on a meeting between government officials and senior members of the Gardaí and Defense Forces concerning the security situation in light of the murder of Garda McCabe and serious injuries sustained by Garda O'Sullivan in County Limerick and the Manchester bombing. Refers to the limited contact between Sinn Féin and government officials and their serious concerns over the lack of progress in getting the IRA to restore the ceasefire. Includes a briefing note on the government's relationship with Sinn Féin. ([June] 1996, 5pp).
- Statement by the Minister for Justice, Nora Owen, following the shooting dead of the journalist Veronica Guerin. (26 June 1996, 1p).
- Statement by the Taoiseach, John Bruton following the murder of Veronica Guerin. (26 June 1996, 3pp).
- Commenting on the interim report of the Devolution Committee. (1 August 1996, 6pp).
- Transcript of an interview with Proinsias de Rossa and Bertie Ahern on the RTÉ Radio programme 'Morning Ireland'. (29 November 1996, 7pp).
- Copy of a memorandum from Brian McCarthy, Assistant Secretary to the Government, to the Taoiseach advising him on how he should respond to queries relating to the status of his visit to Northern Ireland. Refers also to potential queries regarding President Mary Robinson's visits to the North. (27 February 1997, 1p).
- Address by the Taoiseach John Bruton to the 13th Plenary Session of the British Irish Interparliamentary Body at Dublin Castle. (3 March 1997, 8pp).
- Statement by President Mary Robinson announcing her decision not to seek a second term. (12 March 1997, 1p).
- Announcing the government's decision to formally nominate President Robinson for the post of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. (19 March 1997, 1p).
- Texts of two broadcasts, one from Channel 4 News, the other from Morning Ireland concerning new evidence emerging about Bloody Sunday and the subsequent Widgery Tribunal set up to investigate the shootings. (18, 19 March 1997, 17pp).

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Press Cuttings—Proinsias de Rossa, Minister for Social Welfare

Press cuttings relating to the Department of Social Welfare covering a number of different topics including the social welfare budget, unemployment, pensions, PRSI, Commission on the Family, anti-poverty strategy.

Includes:

- Profile of Proinsias de Rossa by Emily O'Reilly published in the *Sunday Business Post*. (21 January 1996, 2pp).
- Profile of Proinsias de Rossa by Steven King published in *Review*. (14 August 1996, 2pp).

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Press statements—Proinsias de Rossa, Minister for Social Welfare

Includes:

- Speech by Proinsias de Rossa on the occasion of the publication of the Joint Framework Document. (22 February 1995, 11pp).
- Address by de Rossa at the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen. (8 March 1995, 4pp).
- Announcing the approval for early payment of equal treatment arrears for women and the implementation of the 1979 Equal Treatment Directive. (12 March 1995, 2pp).
- Address by de Rossa at St Patrick's College Maynooth entitled 'Social Welfare: Its Role and the Challenges it Presents'. (23 March 1995, 15pp).
- Speech by de Rossa at the 'Putting Poverty into Policy' conference. (26 April 1995, 12pp).
- Announcing de Rossa's first official visit to Northern Ireland in his capacity as a government minister. (12 May 1995, 1p).
- Speech by de Rossa at the biennial general meeting of the Northern Ireland branch of the European Anti-Poverty Network in Belfast. (22 May 1995, 9pp).
- Second stage speech by de Rossa during the debate on the Social Welfare (No. 2) Bill, 1995. (15 June 1995, 10pp).
- Paying tribute to Senator Gordon Wilson following the announcement of his sudden death. (27 June 1995, 1p).
- Announcing the first step in the implementation of the new National Anti-Poverty Strategy. (18 July 1995, 5pp).
- Transcript of an interview with de Rossa on 'Between the Lines' programme. Other contributors included Thomas Mac Giolla, Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, Eoghan Harris, political correspondent Stephen Collins, Pat Cox MEP, Kathleen Lynch. (9 August 1995, 7pp).

- Transcript of an interview with de Rossa by Seán O'Rourke on the 'News at One' programme, RTÉ Radio 1 concerning his intervention in a row over remarks made by the leader of Sinn Féin Gerry Adams. (15 August 1995, 8pp).
- Commenting on the retirement of James Molyneaux. (28 August 1995, 1p).
- Transcript of an interview with de Rossa by Seán O'Rourke on the 'News at One' programme, RTÉ Radio 1 concerning the decommissioning of arms. (7 September 1995, 8pp).
- Address by de Rossa at a conference on American and European Perspectives on Social Security in Dublin. (7 September 1995, 8pp).
- Congratulating David Trimble on his election as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. (9 September 1995, 1p).
- Launching the Democratic Left campaign on the Divorce Referendum. (31 October 1995, 5pp).
- Paying tribute to Brian Lenihan following his death after a long illness. (1 November 1995, 1p).
- Speech by de Rossa at the first meeting of the Commission on the Family. (9 November 1995, 6pp).
- Transcript of an interview with de Rossa by Áine Lawlor on the 'Morning Ireland' programme, RTÉ Radio 1, concerning the divorce referendum. (10 November 1995, 2pp).
- Speech by de Rossa at a press conference in Government Buildings on the social welfare implication of the divorce referendum. (20 November 2011, 8pp).
- Transcript of an interview with de Rossa by Eamon Lawlor on the 'Six One News' programme, RTÉ Radio 1, concerning the peace process. (27 November 1995, 3pp).
- Commenting on the Joint Communiqué agreed by the Taoiseach and British Prime Minister. (29 November 1995, 4pp).
- Speech by de Rossa on the Joint Communiqué. (13 December 1995, 4pp).
- Urging the British Prime Minister, John Major, to consider a meeting with the leader of Sinn Féin, Gerry Adams. (15 December 1995, 2pp).
- Announcing the members of the new Pensions Board. (20 December 1995, 3pp).
- Transcript of an interview with de Rossa by Seán O'Rourke on the 'News at One' programme RTÉ Radio 1 concerning the peace process. (19 February 1996, 3pp).
- Describing calls for the abolition of PRSI as ill-conceived. (4 December 1996, 1p).
- Transcript of an interview with Proinsias de Rossa and Mary Harney by Richard Crowley on the 'Morning Ireland' programme RTÉ Radio 1 concerning the general election campaign. (21 May 1997, 9pp).

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Press Cuttings—Eamon Gilmore, Minister of State at the Department of the Marine

Press cuttings relating to the Department of the Marine covering a number of different topics including fisheries, ferry routes, harbour development.

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Press Statements—Eamon Gilmore, Minister of State at the Department of the Marine

Includes:

- Announcing measures to control the movement of nuclear ships in the Irish Sea. (1 April 1995, 3pp).
- Announcing an investment programme of £30 million for Dublin Port. (18 May 1995, 4pp).
- Announcing a policy move to ensure that the Irish sea is a nuclear-free sea. (14 June 1995, 3pp).
- Speaking at the launch of a major initiative to overhaul national marine policy. (21 June 1995, 9pp).
- Announcing the reduction of freight levels at Dun Laoghaire harbor. (5 September 1995, 3pp).
- Outlining the government's anti-nuclear strategy. (15 September 1995, 6pp).
- Requesting a full report from the UK Ministry of Defence about alleged dumping of radioactive waste in the Beaufort Dyke between the North East coast of Ireland and Scotland. (10 October 1995, 2pp).
- Announcing 'tough new measures' by the Department of the Marine to protect the marine environment. (1 November 1995, 3pp).
- Announcing a set of proposals, a 13-point plan, to be put before the International Maritime Organisation, to control nuclear shipments. (14 November 1995, 3pp).
- Address to IBEC Irish Marine Federation concerning the potential of the marine sector for the economy. (24 November 1995, 4pp).
- List of funded projects in the marine sector, 1994–9. ([November] 1995, 6pp).
- Addressing a major marine policy seminar in Galway. (16 February 1996, 6pp).
- Outlining policies for inland fisheries development. (11 June 1996, 2pp).
- Announcing the first North-South fisheries project for Lough Erne. (10 September 1996, 3pp).
- Announcing the chairpersons of the eight new port companies. (27 February 1997, 3pp).

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34pp

Press Cuttings—Pat Rabbitte, Minister for State at the Department of Enterprise and Employment

Press cuttings relating to the Department of the Marine covering a number of different topics including new legislation to give Credit Unions more authority, and the Consumer Credit Act.

Includes:

- Profile of Pat Rabbitte published in *The Phoenix*. (13 September 1996, 2pp).

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c650pp

Press Statements—Pat Rabbitte, Minister for State at the Department of Enterprise and Employment

Includes:

- Address by Pat Rabbitte at the public lecture by Professor Michael H Bale in DCU Business School calling for vision in Left politics. (12 May 1995, 14pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs regarding technology and the programme for Industrial Development. (18 July 1995, 24pp).
- Copy of a letter from Pat Rabbitte to Kathleen O'Mara, 'Between the Lines', RTÉ expressing his surprise and dismay at the way his contribution to a profile of the Taoiseach, John Bruton, was misrepresented. (1 September 1995, 1p).
- Announcing the 'Information Society' initiative to the Irish Research Scientists Association. (23 September 1995, 6pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte at the opening of the 'Impact of the Telecommunications Revolution on Business' conference. (28 September 1995, 11pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte at a conference on 'Economic Growth and Social Breakdown'. (30 September 1995, 16pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte at the Democratic Left Autumn School, TCD entitled 'Zero Power: The Case of the Long-Term Unemployed'. (20 October 1995, 8pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte at the Science and Technology Parks Conference entitled 'Global Experience and Irish Practice.' (2 November 1995, 19pp).
- Memorandum for government on the internet. (27 November 1995, 22pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte at a seminar on long-term unemployment. (30 November 1995, 5pp).
- Announcing the creation of an Irish Government site on the internet. (5 December 1995, 3pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte to the Irish section of the Association of European Journalists entitled 'Is Socialism Dead?' (8 March 1996, 15pp).

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- Address by Pat Rabbitte at a conference organized by ICTU 'Preparing Ireland for the Information Age.' (22 March 1996, 18pp).
- Dáil address by Pat Rabbitte concerning BSE and the impact on the Irish beef industry. (26 March 1996, 6pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte on the occasion of the coming into force of the Consumer Credit Act and the opening of the new headquarters of the Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs. (13 May 1996, 10pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte at the inaugural seminar of the Copyright Association of Ireland held in UCD. (3 May 1996, 13pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte to the Humbert Summer School, Ballina entitled 'Towards the Millennium'. (22 August 1996, 13pp).
- Address by Pat Rabbitte to the European Consumer Forum entitled 'The Consumer and the Information Society.' (3 September 1996, 14pp).
- Launching the government's White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation. (29 October 1996, 6pp).
- Keynote address by Pat Rabbitte at the Educational Studies Association of Ireland Conference on 'Technology and the School Curriculum.' (22 November 1996, 7pp).
- Announcing government approval of the text of the Credit Union Bill 1996. (18 December 1996, 12pp).
- Interview with Pat Rabbitte published in Review, a publication of the Irish League of Credit Unions concerning the Credit Union Bill. (February/March 1997, 14pp).
- Second stage speech by Pat Rabbitte on the Credit Union Bill 1996. (20 February 1997, 19pp).
- Announcing a £1 million initiative against drugs. (7 March 1997, 5pp).

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55pp

Press Cuttings—Liz McManus, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal

File of newspaper cuttings relating to urban development, tenants' rights, landlords, local authority housing, and the OPW.

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140pp

Press Statements—Liz McManus, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal

Includes:

- Launching a new policy document on social housing. (2 May

- P180/188** 1995, 13pp).
- Second stage speech concerning the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1996. ([1996], 18pp).
 - Introducing a national register of private rented dwellings. (15 February 1996, 3pp).
 - Announcing a 5 year strategy for Traveller accommodation. (27 March 1996, 6pp).
 - Speech at the Habitat II conference, Istanbul. (5 June 1996, 3pp).
 - Presentation at a meeting of EU Housing Ministers concerning housing for socially excluded people. (24–25 October 1996, 4pp).

3.6.3 Policy, 1995–7

P180/189 9 February 1995

1 item (total running time 6mins 32secs)

Budget—1995

DVD recording of a government parties broadcast and budget broadcast.

Includes:

- Features the Taoiseach John Bruton TD and Ruairi Quinn TD, Minister for Finance speaking about the coalition's budget proposals. (9 February 1995, running time 3mins 4secs).
- Features the leaders of the parties which formed the Rainbow Coalition John Bruton TD, Taoiseach, Dick Spring TD, Tánaiste and Proinsias de Rossa, Minister for Social Welfare concerning the budget proposals. (9 February 1995, running time 3mins 28secs).

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106pp

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Mostly press cuttings relating to concerns over the Sellafield nuclear plant in Wales.

Includes:

- Pamphlet entitled 'Radiation and Cancer in Wales. The Biological Consequences of Low-Level Radiation' by Chris C Busby. (1994, 62pp).
- Copy of an *aide-mémoire* from the office of the Minister for the Environment, Brendan Howlin, entitled 'Action on Sellafield and the Irish Sea'. (4 May 1996, 5pp).

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1 item (total running time 6mins 5secs)

Budget—1997

DVD recording of a government parties broadcast and budget broadcast.

- Features the Taoiseach John Bruton TD and Ruairi Quinn TD, Minister for Finance speaking about the coalition's budget proposals. (23 January 1997, running time 2mins 53secs).
- Features the leaders of the parties which formed the Rainbow Coalition John Bruton TD, Taoiseach, Dick Spring TD, Tánaiste and Proinsias de Rossa, Minister for Social Welfare concerning the budget proposals. (23 January 1997, running time 3mins 52secs).

3.7 Printed Matter 1992-8

P180/192 September 1992–June 1998

26 items

Dissociated Leaflets, Pamphlets and Newsletters

Mostly promoting the Party and policies.

Includes:

- Issues of *Cork Report*, published by Democratic Left in Cork. (August–October 1992, 3 items)
- Democratic Left Party Rules. ([1992], 6pp).
- Issue of *Wexford Now*. (June 1994, 1 item).
- Promotional leaflet for new century socialists, a discussion forum focusing on the issues facing socialist parties. Outlines the topics to be covered. (13 January 1998, 5pp).

Democratic Left Newsletter—*Forum*

A series of newsletters published by the Party and circulated free to members and supporters.

P180/193 September 1992

'Ready, Steady, Go!'

6pp

P180/194 October 1992

6pp

Number 3.

P180/195 November 1992
6pp

P180/196 February 1993
6pp

P180/197 June 1993
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P180/198 July 1993
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P180/199 September 1993
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P180/203 December 1995
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P180/204 March 1996

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P180/205 July 1996

8pp

'Times Change'

Quarterly political and cultural review sponsored by Democratic Left but inclusive of the Irish Left and progressive opinion in Ireland in general. Became an independent publication in 1999.

P180/206 Spring 1994

28pp

Number 1. 'Coalition Tango.'

P180/207 Summer 1994

28pp

Number 2. 'Self-determination?'