Note for the Minister for Finance in response to a Dáil Question on whether all Irish government departments and offices were closed on 2 February 1972 to allow civil servants attend religious services in memory of the victims of the Derry shootings on 31 January 1972.
Note for Minister

In accordance with a statement issued by the Department of the Taoiseach, Government Departments were authorised to give time off to civil servants on 2 February to enable them to attend religious services in memory of the Derry riot victims.

In implementing this, Departments closed as follows:

- **Education**
  - Position in Hawkins House closed for 2 hours

- **Posts and Telegraphs**
  - GPO closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Local Offices generally fell into line with what was being done in their locality

- **Revenue**
  - Some local offices closed

- **Patents Office**
  - Closed for the morning

- **Passport Office**
  - Closed for the morning

- **Government Publications Sales Office**
  - Closed all day

- **Ordnance Survey**
  - Closed for the morning

- **State Laboratory**
  - Closed for the morning

On the day in question, other closures occurred because of bomb scares and possible danger from protest meetings and marches. These were:

- **Labour**
  - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again at 4 p.m.

- **Lands**
  - 3 p.m.

- **Local Government**
  - Position in O'Connell Bridge House closed for the afternoon

- **Revenue**
  - O'Connell Street branch closed at 3.30 p.m.

- **Charitable Donations and Bequests Office**
  - 4 p.m.

- **Patents Office**
  - 4 p.m.

- **Valuation Office**
  - 4.15 p.m.