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## QUESTION NO. 18

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha: To the Minister for Foreign Affairs

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he has been or will be represented at the inquest proceedings concerning the death, outside the jurisdiction, of an Irish citizen who was resident in County Donegal.

- Neil T. Blaney

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To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the enquiries he has made into the circumstances surrounding the shooting of an Irish citizen (name supplied) who was resident in County Donegal and who was shot on a concession road near the Donegal border recently; and whether he has taken or proposes to take any action in the matter.

- Neil T. Blaney

For answer on Wednesday, 25th July 1973

## REPLY

With your permission, a Cheann Comhairle, I propose to take Questions No. 18 and 19 together.

We have asked the British authorities for a full report about the circumstances in which the person concerned lost his life. They have indicated that police investigations into the incident are incomplete and that a date for the inquest has not yet been fixed. In these circumstances it would not be appropriate for me to make any comment on the matter.