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## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

Thursday, ~~25th~~ July, 1996.

Put down by:—

Deputy Mary Harney

### Question

**Description:**

QUESTION NO: \*

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**DÁIL QUESTION** addressed to the Taoiseach  
by Deputy Mary Harney  
for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on Thursday, 25th July, 1996.

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**REPLY.**

The Government had a very useful meeting on 15 July with a SDLP delegation led by the Party Leader.

The meeting took place against the background of violence in the aftermath of the decisions on marches through the Garvaghy Road and the Lower Ormeau Road. The SDLP placed particular emphasis on the very strong sense of anger which these decisions had caused in the Nationalist community. For our part, the Government assured the delegation of our full understanding of Nationalist concerns in Northern Ireland and that these concerns had been forthrightly conveyed to the British Government at the highest level.

The Government and SDLP delegations were at idem in our condemnation of violence and we reaffirmed our strong determination to restore the primacy of the



political process.

**ENDS**

(25/07/96 09:49:15)

Jyc

Dear Betty,

Following further discussion with John Stone, you may be interested to see the attached further letter from the F&N, relating to the above. As before, I would be grateful if knowledge of this could be restricted as far as possible. Politeness at this stage can only be helpful.

Yours sincerely  
John

JOHN STONE

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