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Is the Taoiseach satisfied with Mr. Adams/ Sinn Féin's response to the first of the two questions put to Sinn Féin by the Government (Has Sinn Féin yet gone to the IRA to ask for a cease fire, and if not, why not?)?

*G. Adams response to this question
One O' Clock News - 18 June*

"I don't even see the sense and I have to query even whether the anonymous spokesperson who was talking to the media, who was briefing the media did so with the full knowledge of, of the Taoiseach, because the Taoiseach's Department is fully aware and is involved in the efforts of the Sinn Féin leadership to restore the Peace Process and I don't think that its helpful for me to speculate about exactly where that is at this time. my answer to the question is that I'm not going to speculate about exactly where we are. What people I think want to know at the end of , of this is that we have had a successful conclusion to this phase, and that we have brought about the restoration of the process and an end to armed actions, ... that's what I think is the sense of what people want to know. ... Sinn Féin wants to see an end to the armed struggle, that's our position in one sentence we're not involved in it, we do not advocate it.....

Sean O' Rourke:- "at the minimum it could be said that you at least acquiesce in it [armed struggle]"

Adams:- "Well, well Sean, we understand how, in certain conditions armed actions are seen as legitimate, that's been the international experience".

*G. Adams response to this question
Six - One - News - 18 June*

"The Taoiseach's Department is fully aware of where we are on this issue and is fully aware of the efforts of Sinn Féin to try and bring about a restoration of the peace process and end all armed actions. And is not only fully aware but is involved in these efforts. I want to see an end to all armed actions.

The Taoiseach's Department is fully aware of where we in the Sinn Féin leadership are at this moment in time on the whole issue of restoring the peace process and of an end to all armed actions.

Irish Times Article by Gerry Adams, published Thursday 20 June 1996

"The Government knows that I have been in regular contact with representatives of the IRA leadership in an effort to restore the peace process".

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Is the Taoiseach satisfied with Mr. Adams/ Sinn Féin's response to the second of the two questions put to Sinn Féin by the Government ("Does his party continue to support the "armed struggle" of the IRA ?) ?

*G. Adams response to this question
One O' Clock News - 18 June*

SINN Féin wants to see an end to the armed struggle, we are not involved in it, we do not advocate it[when pressed he went on to say] we understand, how, in certain conditions armed actions are seen as legitimate, I want to see, and SINN Féin wants to see an end to the armed struggle.

*G. Adams response to this question
Six - One - News - 18 June*

I want to see an end to all armed actions

Irish Times Article by Gerry Adams, published Thursday 20 June 1996

I want to see an end to all armed actions. Some members of SINN Féin, like those in other parties, may have a different view, but SINN Féin's policy on the conflict is contained in our peace strategy. SINN FÉIN is not the IRA. SINN FÉIN is not involved in armed struggle. SINN FÉIN does not advocate armed struggle. We are totally and absolutely committed to democratic and peaceful methods of resolving political problems.