

QUESTION NO: *70

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Taoiseach

by Deputy John Brady

for WRITTEN ANSWER on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016.

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To ask the Taoiseach if he has used any private unsecured email accounts for official business.

REPLY.

I have a private email account that I use for personal correspondence. I generally use my corporate email account for official purposes but I have on occasion used my private email account for official purposes for operational reasons.

QUESTION NO: 96

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Justice and Equality (Deputy Frances Fitzgerald)

by Deputy John Brady

for **WRITTEN** on **Tuesday, 13th December, 2016.**

* To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she has used any private unsecured email accounts for official business; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

- John Brady

REPLY.

The Deputy will wish to be aware that access for all staff to web based emails is restricted by security infrastructure deployed by the Department of Justice and Equality. The Department provides a secure remote access service to staff who require access to Departmental emails and other applications outside of work hours. I use my Departmental email address to conduct official business related to my role. I also operate an Oireachtas email account which is primarily used by my constituency office. Like most people, I also have a personal email address and have, on very rare occasions, used this address in relation to my role.

DAIL QUESTION

NO. 642

To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she has used any private unsecured email accounts for official business; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

- John Brady.

* For WRITTEN answer on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016.

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REPLY

Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Ms Mitchell O'Connor)

ICT provision is made by my Department for the official business of Ministers to be conducted through official email accounts, and equipment is provided with appropriate security protocols to enable confidentiality to be maintained to the best standards possible and in so far as is possible within a challenging technological environment.

There is no set policy in place regarding use of personal accounts for official business by members of Government but this is currently under review. Whilst I have on occasion in the past used my personal email for account for non-sensitive correspondence, my official business is done through official email accounts.

QUESTION NO: 543

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Deputy Michael Creed)

by Deputy John Brady

for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on **13/12/2016**

To ask the Minister for Agriculture; Food and the Marine if he has used any private unsecured email accounts for official business; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY.

The Deputy may wish to note that my official business is carried out in the main through secure official email accounts. I have occasionally used my personal Gmail account for official correspondence that is not sensitive.

There is currently no policy preventing members of Government from using personal accounts for official business, however this situation is under review.

QUESTION NO: 431

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Health (Simon Harris T.D.)

by Deputy John Brady

for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on **13/12/2016**

* To ask the Minister for Health if he has used any private unsecured email accounts for official business; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

John Brady T.D.

REPLY.

I conduct official business through my official Department of Health secure email account. The Department's email policy does not allow access to webmail services from its network. I have on occasions used my gmail account for non-sensitive correspondence. While a review is underway, there is currently no policy preventing members of Government using personal accounts.

DAIL QUESTION

NO.392

To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she has used any private unsecured email accounts for official business; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

- John Brady.

* For WRITTEN answer on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016.

Identical Question(s): to all Depts.

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R E P L Y

Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Heather Humphreys, T.D.)

Official email business in my role as Minister is conducted via Department and Oireachtas email accounts. On occasion, when outside the office, I make use of a private gmail account on my mobile phone to forward information of a non-sensitive nature, generally relating to diary appointments or constituency matters, to my private office.

QUESTION NO: 198

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Education and Skills (Deputy Richard Bruton)

by Deputy John Brady

for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on **13/12/2016**

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has used any private unsecured email accounts for official business; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY.

I have several email addresses including an Oireachtas address, a number of Department of Education & Skills addresses and a personal email address, each of which is used as appropriate. On occasion in the past I have used my personal email account for non sensitive official correspondence.