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MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.  
Report for 1953 on the work of the Factory Inspection Service.

1. Under Section 118 (7) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 an annual report of the proceedings of Inspectors of Factories must be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas.

2. A formal report is prepared each year indicating the number of premises on the Register of Factories and Workshops; the percentage inspected; the number of young persons examined by certifying Surgeons for fitness for employment; the number of accidents classified according to industry, age, sex and causation; the number of prosecutions; the number of premises covered by special regulations for dangerous or unhealthy trades, together with a list of the Acts relating to conditions of work in factories and workshops.

3. The particulars given in the report fulfil the requirements of Convention No. 81 of the International Labour Organisation concerning Labour Inspection in Industry, ratified by Ireland on 16th June, 1951.

4. The following summary shows the position in 1953 as compared with 1952, as regards the inspection of factories:-

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
Number of premises on register	12,755	13,362
Number of premises visited	9,512	11,692
Prosecutions	11	18
Number of accidents reported	1,175	1,273
Number of these which were fatal	10	11
Number of young persons examined by certifying Surgeons for fitness for employment	4,525	7,200
Percentage of these rejected as unfit	0.9%	3.4%

5. The report is being submitted to the Government prior to its being laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas.