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- Army Laundry.


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Mr. Doyle:  asked the Minister for Defence if he will state (1) what arrangements have been made for the [1118] laundry work previously performed by the Dublin District Laundry, Parkgate, Dublin, which was closed down on the 31st December last; (2) if a decision has yet been arrived at regarding the payment of gratuities to the laundry staff disemployed as a result of the closing down of the Parkgate laundry; if so, if he is in a position to announce the amount of the gratuity to be paid to each former employee of the Army laundry; and, if not, whether a decision in the matter will be expedited.

Minister for Defence (Mr. Aiken):  (1) The laundry work previously performed by the Dublin District Laundry, Parkgate, Dublin, is ~~now being carried out by contract entered into on a competitive basis~~. The question of the payment of gratuities to the disemployed staff is still under consideration. Every effort is being made to have a decision in the matter expedited.

Mr. Doyle:  Arising out of the Minister's reply, can the Minister say when he will be able to arrive at a decision?

Mr. Aiken:  As quickly as possible. We are trying to get the matter expedited.