First Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 7 October 1993. The President Dr. P. McGowan, was in the Chair.

Mr. Gabriel Fagan presented a paper entitled “Measuring the Size of Ireland's Black Economy”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Michael Lucey (Central Statistics Office) and seconded by Mr. Sean Moriarty (Office of the Revenue Commissioners). The following also spoke: Dr. Miriam Hederman O'Brien, Professor Louis Smith, Rev. John Brady, Mr. Paul Haran, Professor Dermot McAleese, Professor Bob O'Connor, Mr. Brian Lucey and Mr. Tom Healy.

Mr. Fagan replied to the discussion.

Second Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 18 November 1993. The President, Dr. P. McGowan, was in the Chair.

Mr. Brian Lucey, Trinity College, winner of the Barrington Prize, presented his award-winning paper entitled “Profits, Efficiency & Irish Banks”. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. John Hogan (Riada & Co.) and seconded by Mr. Pat Massey (Member of the Competition Authority). The following also spoke: Mr. Francis O'Toole, Mr. Michael McGinley, Dr. John Fingleton, Professor Louis Smith, Mr. John Frain, Professor Alan Matthews, Dr. J. Higgins, Dr. Padraig McGowan, Mr. Paul Haran, Mr Joe Doherty and Rev John Brady

Mr. Lucey replied to the discussion.

Third Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 9 December 1993. The President, Dr. P. McGowan, was in the Chair.

Mr. Francis O'Toole, Trinity College, presented a paper entitled “Tax Reform Since the Commission on Taxation”. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel
O’Gorman (Department of Finance) and seconded by Mr. Jim O’Leary (Davy Stockbrokers). The following also spoke: Professor John O'Hagan, Professor Louis Smith, Mr. Norman Gillanders, Dr. Don Thornhill, Professor John Fitzgerald, Rev. John Brady, Mr. Paul Haran, Dr. Donal de Buitleir and Mr. Liam Murphy.

Fourth Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 20 January 1994. The President, Dr. P. McGowan, was in the Chair.

Dr. Christopher Duffy and Professor John O’Hagan presented a paper entitled “Access and Admission Charges to Museums: A Case Study of the National Museum”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Patrick Wallace, Director of the National Museum and seconded by Mr. Raymond Keaveney, Director of the National Gallery. The following also spoke: Mr. Seamus Mac Pilib, Dr. Patricia Donlon, (Director, The National Library), Mr. Michael McGinley, Mr. Pat Cooke, Mr. Michael O’Mahony, Mr. Tadg O'hEalaíthe, (Secretary, Department of Arts Culture and the Gaeltacht), Ms. Aideen Ireland, (National Archives), Professor Dermot McAleese, Miss Ann-Marie Diffléy, Mr. Andrew Burke, Mr. Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Ms. Tara Murphy and Mr. Charles Horton.

Professor O’Hagan replied to the discussion.

Fifth Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 3 March 1994. The President, Dr. P. McGowan, was in the Chair.

A symposium was held on Competition Policy. Papers were read by Dr. John Fingleton (Department of Economics, Trinity College), Mr. Denis Cagney (Head of EU/Competition Department, Matheson, Ormsby and Prentice, Solicitors) and Mr. Myles O'Reilly (Myles O'Reilly & Associates, Competition Consultants). The following also spoke: Dr. Tom McCarthy, Mr. William Scally, Mr. Pat Massey (Member, The Competition Authority), Mr. John Markham, Mr Noel Palmer, Mr Jim Higgins and Mr. Michael O'Mahony.

Mr. Cagney, Mr. O'Reilly and Dr. Fingleton replied to the discussion.

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Sixth Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 5 May 1994. The President, Dr. P. McGowan, was in the Chair.

Mr. Edgar Jardine, Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel presented a paper "Demographic Structure in Northern Ireland and its Implications for Constitutional Preference". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Brendan Walsh and seconded by Dr. Garret Fitz Gerald.

The following also spoke Mr. Michael McGinley, Mr. Tom Healy, Rev. John Brady, Mr. Donal Garvey, Professor Bob O'Connor, Mr. Gerry O'Hanlon, Mr. Tom Linehan and Mr Henry McClave.

Mr. Jardine replied to the discussion.