



Tomorrow ...

**Forwarded Conversation**

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From: **James Smith** [redacted]  
Date: Mon, 13 Jun 2011 at 21:39  
To: Mari Steed [redacted], Claire McGettrick [redacted] Katherine O  
Donnell [redacted], Maeve O'Rourke [redacted] Mary McAuliffe [redacted]

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Date: Mon, 13 Jun 2011 at 21:47  
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Cc: Mari Steed [redacted], Claire McGettrick [redacted], Maeve O'Rourke [redacted], Mary McAuliffe [redacted]

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Date: Mon, 13 Jun 2011 at 21:51  
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That's my gut, too. I'm going to expect nothing and hopefully be blessedly surprised. But ready for anything.

Signing off now for an early evening program (on Iran...talk about violations of womens' rights!) Will check later when I'm home for any news/word...

Mari

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From: Katherine O'Donnell [redacted]  
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 4:47 PM  
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Cc: Mari Steed; Claire McGettrick; Maeve O'Rourke; Mary McAuliffe  
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To: Katherine O'Donnell [redacted]  
Cc: James Smith [redacted], Mari Steed [redacted], Maeve O'Rourke [redacted], Mary McAuliffe [redacted]

I'm not getting hopes up either...though, having said that, I think some of the ministers were down at the British Irish Parliamentary Assembly in Cork - couldn't figure out who was there other than Enda Kenny though....

If we get no response is it time to consider putting together some

reminders of what people said in opposition?

On 13/06/2011 21:47, Katherine O'Donnell wrote:

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I'm fried now and can't quite think of strategy. I think we'll be given some kind of position on the back burner but should request a meeting with skype for Mari, Jim & Maeve if they cant make it and we should hold out for a meeting with the minister.

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