

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE OF THE BRITISH
ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES, JUNE 1ST 1991, LONDON

SECTION A

Since the last Executive meeting I have:

- a. Attended Officers meetings as required
- b. Acted as Local Secretary at the BAIS biennial conference at St. Mary's College
- c. Contributed to a new 'promotions brochure' for the organisation
- d. In consultation with the Executive Director and the Treasurer, drawn up recommendations concerning the future direction and organisation of the BAIS given its current financial situation. These proposals have been accepted by the Officers and will be presented to the Executive at today's meeting

SECTION B

- e. Given the proposals outlined in (d) and assuming they are ratified I have entered into a preliminary set of negotiations with the Executive Director concerning the terms and conditions of any future employment of him by the BAIS
- f. It is part of my responsibility as Secretary to provide an overview of the organisation. It is clear to me that the BAIS now must enter a new phase of organisation and structure if we are to provide an effective service to members and have any chance of obtaining the goals outlined in our 'mission statement'. Much of today's meeting must be concerned with formulating strategies to bring this about.
- g. The very least we should obtain today is an agreed strategy to best utilise the now increasingly limited resources available to us. Realistically this will involve greater demands being made on both the Executive and the wider membership in terms of commitment. May I refer colleagues to the Executive Director's report, para.3, points (i)-(iii) and para.5, points (i)-(ii) which I fully endorse.

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Hon. Sec.