**Lynn Boylan (GUE/NGL).** – Madam President, recently the deeply concerning news broke that there has been a data breach at the largest news organisation in Ireland: Independent News and Media. Potentially hundreds of thousands of emails may have been compromised, and to date we know that 19 individuals were singled out for a data interrogation. Included on that list were investigative journalists and lawyers who worked on one of the biggest tribunals in the history of the state. The protection of privacy for journalists is not just fundamental to how they do their work, but it is also critical to their safety, and the safety of their sources.

The recently retired chairman of that media company, Leslie Buckley, ordered that interrogation. Why would the Chair of a media company order such a data interrogation, why were those specific individuals singled out and why was the tab for that interrogation picked up by a company which is based in Wales? I would hazard a guess that if you draw a line between all these questions, you will find one single common denominator: Denis O’Brien.