## Trish Daily Black (60p NI) But Kate could learn a lot from Mrs Clooney

The Government doesn't want large families, says dad facing huge charge

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ONE family is facing the prospect of a water bill of almost €4,000 a year – once the cap is lifted.

The Mahers – with 13 children – will run up the startling cost on their day-to-day usage, the Irish Daily Mail can reveal.

They have given a detailed account of the amount of water they use every week and, By **Eamon Donoghue** 

based on official usage figures supplied by Irish Water, this will cost €3,930 a year. Paul Maher told the Mail it seems the Gov-

ernment just 'doesn't want large families'.

He and his wife Edel live in a six-bedroom detached bungalow in Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan with their 13 children. The couple

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## Noonan calms the waters on crony row

**MICHAEL Noonan last night** warned TDs in his own party not to blunder into an unwanted election by focusing on the McNulty affair.

The Finance Minister told a meeting of the Fine Gael parliamentary party that they should instead concentrate on the economic good news expected from the Exchequer today.

Mr Noonan made his conciliatory comments after another stormy day for Taoiseach Enda Kenny, who came under further pressure over the botched attempt to appoint failed local FG politician John McNulty to the Seanad and the Irish Daily Mail revelations about the appointment of his neighbour to the board of Solas.

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## Mortgage payback hope for thousands

UP to 10,000 struggling mortgage holders could be in line for financial windfalls after what has been dubbed a 'massively significant' High Court ruling.

Judge Gerard Hogan ruled against a finding by the financial ombudsman in dismissing a couple's complaint at Danske Bank raising their mortgage rates.

The watchdog is now being asked to look at the case again.

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