

317. O’Rahilly (Cecile): Notes on Irish idioms: 1. *d’fhóbair dom tuitim*.
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Discusses *is ed mod*, *is ing*, *is ar éigin* ‘scarcely, hardly’, and *is obair* ‘it is hard, difficult’. Suggests that ModIr. *fhóbair*, *(fh)obair* ‘almost’ represents a confusion of impersonal verb *fóbair* and use of *obair* replacing earlier *mod*.

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