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Dear Ms Bradshaw,

**MOTHER AND BABY AND MAGDALENE LAUNDRY INSTITUTIONS – UPDATE ON REDRESS SCHEME.**

During question time on Monday 24 January, you requested details as to how the redress scheme for victims and survivors of Mother and Baby and Magdalene laundry institutions was being brought forward, and whether legislation was being drafted. The deputy First minister undertook to provide an update in writing.

As you are aware, on 15 November 2021, the Executive agreed to implement the Truth Recovery Design Panel Report in full. A programme of work is underway to take forward implementation of the Report's recommendations however bespoke legislation is required in order to introduce the redress scheme as recommended. Whilst legislation cannot be progressed in the current mandate given the time that is available, preparatory work on the Bill will commence as soon as possible with a view to its introduction early in the next mandate. In addition, initial discussions have already taken place with HMRC regarding the issue of benefits disregard that has been recommended as part of the redress scheme.

We trust that you find this response helpful.



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