

Inquiry (Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses) and Redress Scheme Bill: Summary report

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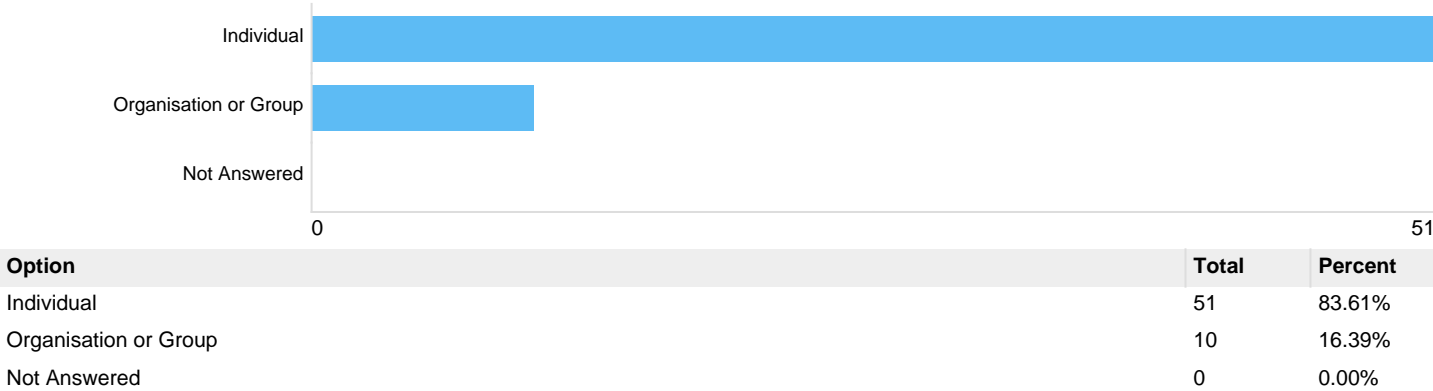
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Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group?

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Organisation or Group

There were 13 responses to this part of the question.

What is your name?

Name

There were 60 responses to this part of the question.

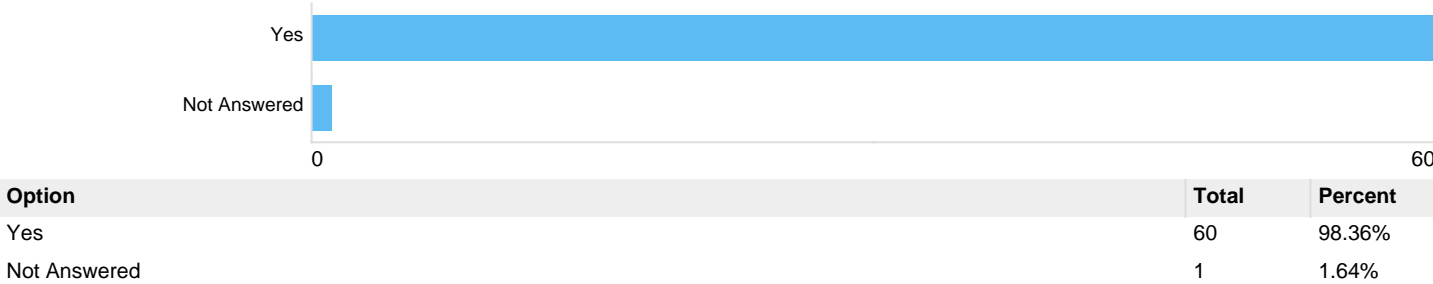
What is your email address?

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There were 61 responses to this part of the question.

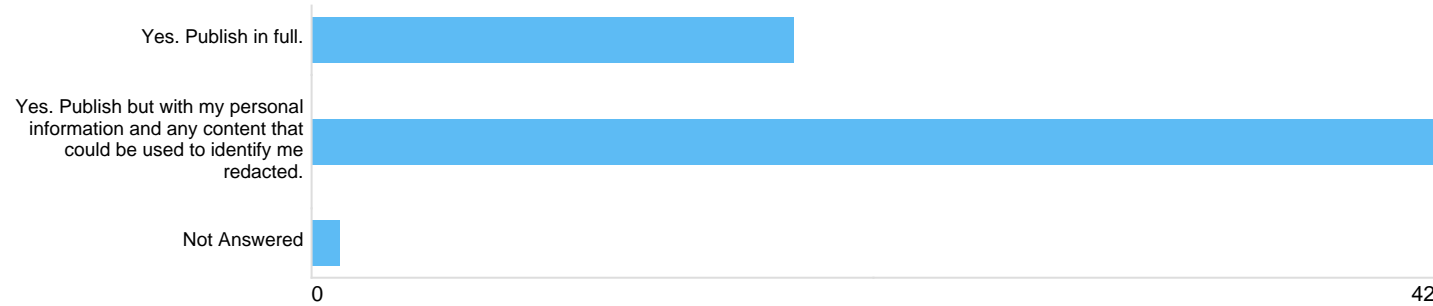
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How would you like your submission to be published?

Publication preference



Option	Total	Percent
Yes. Publish in full.	18	29.51%
Yes. Publish but with my personal information and any content that could be used to identify me redacted.	42	68.85%
Not Answered	1	1.64%

Do you have any overall comments or views in relation to this Clause?

There were **46** responses to this part of the question.

Clause 1 (4) – The Bill intends the Inquiry to cover the timespan 1 January 1922 – 31 December 1995. Is this timespan appropriate, and if not, what are your suggested dates?

There were **47** responses to this part of the question.

Clause 1 (5) – Should someone who may have been affected after 1995 be included in the Inquiry if their experiences are relevant?



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Yes	46	75.41%
No	6	9.84%
Not Answered	9	14.75%

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There were **47** responses to this part of the question.

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There were **51** responses to this part of the question.

Clause 2 (3). The Bill gives the First Minister and deputy First Minister the power to amend the 'terms of reference' of the Inquiry (after consulting with the Chairperson of the Inquiry and considering relevant documents). Do you agree with this provision? If not, please explain your reasons.

Do you have any comments or views in relation to this Clause?

There were **44** responses to this part of the question.

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Clause 4 (1). Have all 'relevant persons' (people on whom the Inquiry will focus) been included in this clause? If not, who else should be included?

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There were **48** responses to this part of the question.

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Clause 10(1). Has the term 'advisory panel' been clearly defined? If not, what should be included in a definition?

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There were **40** responses to this part of the question.

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There were **36** responses to this part of the question.

Clause 13(5). The Bill allows for the Inquiry to be able to take evidence from people who are not physically present in the Inquiry room (via 'live links'). Do you agree with this power? And if not, why not?

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Clause 14. The Bill allows the Chairperson to decide who can and cannot be present to watch the Inquiry in the room? (have the power to determine public access to the inquiry proceedings and information (including media)). What is your view on who should or should not be given access to the Inquiry?

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Clause 31(5)(b) – The Bill states that a relative of an person who died before 29 September 2011 (and if alive would have been eligible for payment) will not be entitled to a payment. Do you agree with this date being used? If you disagree, what date (if any) should be used and why

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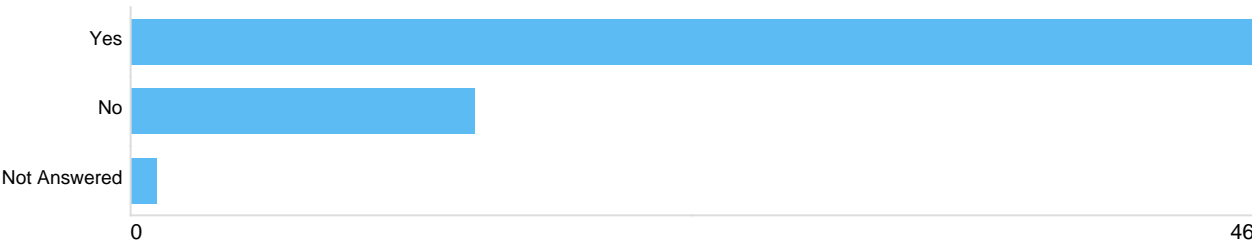
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