

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

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

### Type of respondent



### 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?

#### Email

There were 61 responses to this part of the question.

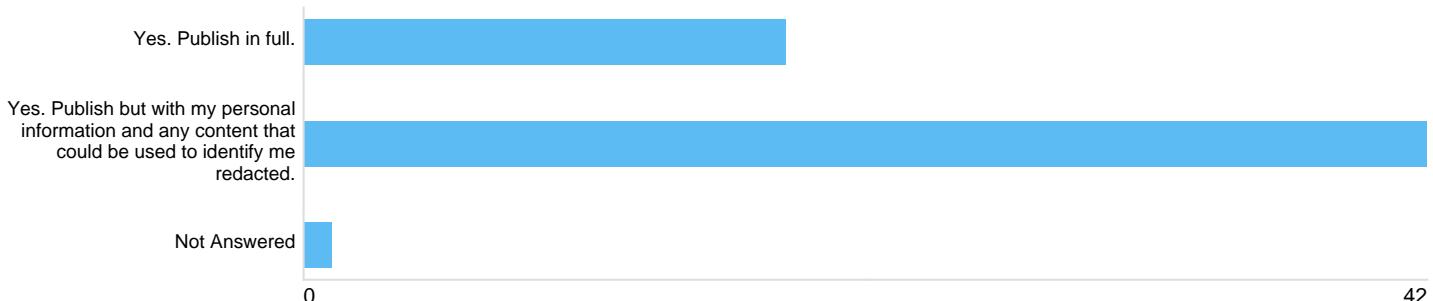
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### How would you like your submission to be published?

#### 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?

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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?**



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	46	75.41%
No	6	9.84%
Not Answered	9	14.75%

### Do you have any overall comments or views on this Clause?

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There were 47 responses to this part of the question.

**Clause 2 (2). The Bill intends for the Inquiry to find out if, and to what extent, there were failings in the system (also referred to as systemic failings) by an agreed list of organisations and public bodies (these are organisations that are funded with public money to deliver a public or government service). Is it sufficiently clear what is meant by 'systemic failings', or do you believe this term requires further definition? Would you include other organisation in this clause?**

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

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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There were 41 responses to this part of the question.

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There were 43 responses to this part of the question.

**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?**

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

There were 48 responses to this part of the question.

**Do you have any overall comments or views on this Clause?**

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There were 39 responses to this part of the question.

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There were 38 responses to this part of the question.

**Clause 6(4)(b). The Bill gives the power to appoint the Inquiry Panel to the First Minister and deputy First Minister. Do you agree that this power should rest with the First Minister and deputy First Minister? If not, how should the panel be appointed and by whom?**

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

There were 42 responses to this part of the question.

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There were 41 responses to this part of the question.

**Clause 7(1). The Bill states that panel members must not have a direct interest in the subject of the Inquiry or a close association to someone who has. Has the term 'close association' been clearly defined under the requirement of impartiality? If not, what should be included in a definition?**

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There were 42 responses to this part of the question.

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There were 43 responses to this part of the question.

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

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

There were 40 responses to this part of the question.

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There were 38 responses to this part of the question.

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There were 35 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 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?**

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

There were 44 responses to this part of the question.

**Do you have any overall comments or views on this Clause?**

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There were 37 responses to this part of the question.

**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?**

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

There were 40 responses to this part of the question.

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There were **28** responses to this part of the question.

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There were **49** responses to this part of the question.

**Clause 31: Does this clause adequately identify all those who should be entitled to payments? If not, who else should be included and why?**

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

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

**Clause 31(5)(b) – The Bill states that a relative of a 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?**

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

There were **50** responses to this part of the question.

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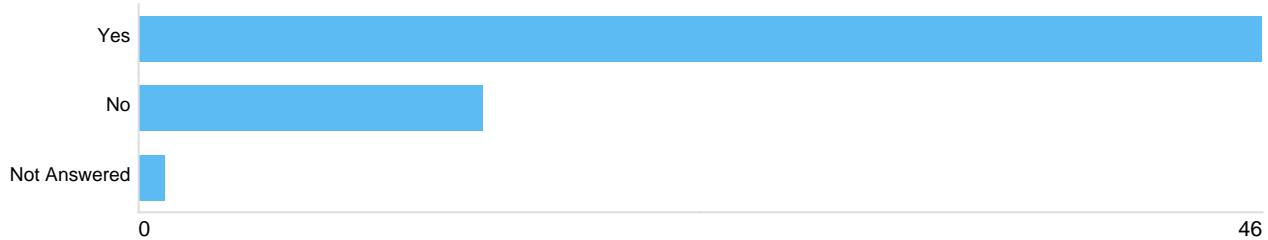
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