



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

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

Notice of Amendments tabled on  
29 January 2026 for Consideration Stage

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Clause 2, Page 2, Line 4

At end insert—

‘(1A) The terms of reference must be published no later than six months after the coming into operation of this Part.’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 30

At end insert—

‘(6) In subsection (2), ‘other persons’ includes but is not limited to private hospitals, private maternity homes and private nursing homes; general practitioners; social workers; clergy; and private businesses.’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 4, Page 3, Line 25

After ‘Office’ insert ‘, having consulted the chairperson,’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 9, Page 6, Line 8

Leave out ‘assessors’ and insert ‘expert advisers’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 9, Page 6, Line 10

Leave out ‘assessor’ and insert ‘expert adviser’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 9, Page 6, Line 14

Leave out ‘assessor’ and insert ‘expert adviser’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 10, Page 6, Line 16

After ‘chairperson’ insert ‘, having consulted the other members of the inquiry panel,’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 13

Leave out subsection (6) and insert—

‘(6) Where the First Minister and deputy First Minister give a notice under subsection (1), they must make an oral statement to the Assembly on the next sitting day.

(6A) In subsection (6), “sitting day” means a day on which the Assembly sits in plenary.’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

## **New Clause**

After clause 12 insert—

### **‘Contributions to redress payments**

**12A.**—(1) As soon as is reasonably practicable following the date on which the inquiry comes to an end, the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly shall publish a report on a scheme to pursue financial contributions from prescribed institutions.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), ‘financial contributions’ include contributions to the cost of the Truth Recovery Redress Service established in Part 2 of this Act, and any future redress schemes arising from the inquiry.

(3) The report set out in subsection (1) must—

(a) set out the process through which any scheme would be brought into operation,

- (b) specify that contributions will only be sought from a prescribed institution where the inquiry has found systemic failings at that institution,
- (c) be laid before the Assembly.’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 20, Page 12, Line 8

Leave out from ‘either’ to end of line 9

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 21, Page 12, Line 12

Leave out ‘with the approval of’ and insert ‘having consulted with’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 26, Page 15, Line 3

Leave out ‘14’ and insert ‘21’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 27, Page 15, Line 23

At end insert—

‘(2A) Rules under subsection (1)(a) must in particular make provision for the designation of persons as core participants, and for consequent arrangements, similar to provision in the Inquiry Rules 2006.’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 27, Page 15, Line 36

Leave out subsection (5) and insert—

‘(5) Rules under this section may not be made unless a draft of the rules has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 31, Page 17, Line 23

After ‘(2)’ insert ‘and (4)’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 31, Page 17, Line 30

Leave out ‘under the care of’ and insert ‘receiving shelter or maintenance (or both) from’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 31, Page 17, Line 32

Leave out ‘under the care of’ and insert ‘receiving shelter or maintenance (or both) from’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 31, Page 18, Line 1

Leave out paragraph (b)

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

### **New Clause**

Before clause 39 insert—

#### **‘Promotion of Truth Recovery Redress Service**

**38A.**—(1) The Service must take reasonable steps to promote awareness of the Service.

(2) The Executive Office shall provide such amounts as it may determine to the Service, to enable any steps taken under subsection (1).’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*

Clause 40, Page 22, Line 34

At end insert—

‘(6) A person is guilty of an offence if the person, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a restriction order imposed under subsection (1).

(7) Only the President may institute proceedings for an offence under subsection (6).

(8) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (6) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.’

*Chair, Committee for The Executive Office*