



Northern Ireland
Assembly

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

Notice of Amendments tabled on
8 May 2026 for Consideration Stage

Clause 4, Page 3, Line 16

At end insert—

‘(ia) a woman or girl who had become pregnant while she was under the care of the workhouse;’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 5, Page 3, Line 35

Leave out from ‘either’ to end of line 36

First Minister and deputy First Minister

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 as soon as reasonably practicable.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

New Clause

After clause 12 insert—

‘Contributions to payments

12A.—(1) The Department must publish a report on a scheme to seek financial contributions from any prescribed institution, public body or other person in relation to which the inquiry determines that there were any systemic failings such as referred to in section 2(2)(a) or (c).

(2) For the purposes of this section, “financial contributions” means contributions towards the funding of any statutory scheme for the making of payments in connection with admission to, or treatment by, institutions, bodies or persons.

(3) Where a charity makes a financial contribution, the making of that contribution is to be treated for all purposes as—

- (a) being in furtherance of the charity’s charitable purposes and consistent with its constitution,
- (b) providing public benefit,
- (c) not being contrary to the interests of the charity, and
- (d) being within the powers exercisable by the charity trustees of the charity.

(4) Expressions used in subsection (3) have the same meaning as in the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 15, Page 9, Line 18

At end insert—

‘(e) the extent to which any restrictions might impede the participation of relevant persons in the inquiry.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 18, Page 11, Line 18

Leave out ‘a report’ and insert ‘one or more reports’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 22, Page 12, Line 31

Leave out ‘assessor’ and insert ‘expert adviser’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 25, Page 14, Line 24

Leave out ‘assessor’ and insert ‘expert adviser’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 29, Page 16

Leave out line 7

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 29, Page 16, Line 11

At end insert—

“‘expert adviser’ means an expert adviser appointed under section 9;’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 31, Page 17, Line 23

Leave out subsection (3)

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 31, Page 17

Leave out line 34 and insert ‘and the conditions in subsection (4A) are met.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 31, Page 17, Line 34

At end insert—

‘(4A) The conditions are that—

- (a) the person was born during the relevant years for the institution, and
- (b) the primary purpose of his or her mother’s admission to the institution was for the mother to receive shelter or maintenance (or both) from the institution.

(4B) In subsections (2) to (4A)—

- (a) the references to admission include admission as an adult or as a child and (in the case of a child) whether or not accompanied by an adult;
- (b) the references to the receipt of shelter or maintenance do not include the receipt of shelter or maintenance incidental to the provision of medical, surgical or maternity services.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 32, Page 18, Line 26

Leave out subsection (3) and insert—

‘(3) Regulations under subsection (2) may not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 33, Page 18, Line 31

Leave out subsection (2) and insert—

‘(2) The President of the Service must make arrangements for each application to be assigned, for the purposes of determination, to—

- (a) the secretary to the Service,
- (b) a member of the Service (and that may be the President himself or herself), or
- (c) a panel of members of the Service.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 38, Page 21, Line 18

Leave out ‘30’ and insert ‘90’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 39, Page 22, Line 3

Leave out ‘The Service may make arrangements for facilitating’ and insert ‘The Executive Office must make such arrangements as it considers appropriate for ensuring that there is’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 39, Page 22, Line 3

At beginning insert—

‘(A1) The Service must make such arrangements as it considers appropriate for—

- (a) bringing the effect of this Part to the attention of eligible persons, and
- (b) encouraging eligible persons to apply for payments.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 39, Page 22, Line 7

At end insert—

‘(1A) The arrangements may include provision for the Service to meet the cost of legal advice or assistance given to persons who have made an application or brought an appeal.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Clause 39, Page 22, Line 12

Leave out ‘this section’ and insert ‘subsection (1A)’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

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.

(7) Only the President of the Service 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.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 1, Page 26, Line 21

At end insert—

‘Tenure of office

5A.—(1) A member of the Service is to hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the member’s appointment; but this is subject to the following sub-paragraphs.

(2) A judicial member may at any time resign by notice in writing to the Lady Chief Justice.

(3) A non-judicial member may at any time resign by notice in writing to the Executive Office.

(4) The Executive Office may remove a non-judicial member from office if—

(a) the member has been convicted of a criminal offence;

(b) the member has become bankrupt, or is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief order or a debt relief restrictions order, or has made a voluntary arrangement;

(c) the member has, without reasonable excuse, failed to discharge the functions of the office for a continuous period of 3 months; or

(d) it is satisfied that the member is unfit or unable to exercise the functions of the office.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 2, Page 29, Line 18

Leave out ‘House’ and insert ‘Hostel’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 30, Line 17

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

‘(a) in the definition of “qualifying person”, for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 31, Line 1

Leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

‘(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 31, Line 5

Leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

‘(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), for “or miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, miscarriage of justice compensation payment or Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 31, Line 15

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

‘(a) in the definition of “qualifying person”, for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 31, Line 35

Leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

‘(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 31, Line 39

Leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

‘(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), for “or miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, miscarriage of justice compensation payment or Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 32, Line 15

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

‘(a) in the definition of “qualifying person”, for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 32, Line 26

Leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

‘(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), for “or miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, miscarriage of justice compensation payment or Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 32, Line 36

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

‘(a) in the definition of “qualifying person”, for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 33, Line 8

Leave out ‘an LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme payment’ and insert ‘a miscarriage of justice compensation payment’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 33, Line 17

Leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

‘(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 33, Line 21

Leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

‘(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), for “or miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, miscarriage of justice compensation payment or Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 33, Line 32

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

‘(a) in the definition of “qualifying person”, for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 34, Line 1

Leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

‘(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), for “or miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, miscarriage of justice compensation payment or Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 34, Line 11

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

‘(a) in the definition of “qualifying person”, for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 34, Line 31

Leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

‘(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister

Schedule 4, Page 34, Line 35

Leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

‘(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), for “or miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, miscarriage of justice compensation payment or Truth Recovery Redress payment”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), for “or a miscarriage of justice compensation payment” substitute “, a miscarriage of justice compensation payment or a Truth Recovery Redress payment”.’

First Minister and deputy First Minister