



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Inquiry (Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries
and Workhouses) and Redress Scheme Bill
Notice of Withdrawal of Amendments tabled on
12 May 2026 for Consideration Stage

The following amendments tabled by the Chair of the Committee of the Executive Office on 29 January 2026, have now been withdrawn:

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.’

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.’

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.’

Clause 31, Page 17, Line 23

After ‘(2)’ insert ‘and (4)’

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).’

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.’