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Department of Justice, Equality and Defence Magdalene Laundries

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

Question 472: To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of funding he has paid in each of the past five years to the four religious orders involved in the Magdalene laundries (details supplied); the purpose of the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. [9712/11]

Alan Shatter (Minister, Department of Justice, Equality and Defence; Dublin South, Fine Gael)

I can advise the Deputy that no funding was provided by my Department in the past five years to the religious orders to which he refers.