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Department of Health and Children Residential Institutions

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Ruairi Quinn (Dublin South East, Labour)

Question 232: To ask the Minister for Health and Children if she has received correspondence from a group ([details supplied](#)); if the former Department of Local Government and Public Health ever acceded to the transfer of women from State, local government or county funded homes into Magdalene laundries despite the lack of a statutory basis for confining women within these institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. **[7684/10]**



Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

Question 247: To ask the Minister for Health and Children if the practice of transferring women from State funded mother and baby homes to Magdalene laundries was State policy, as outlined in the Department of Local Government and Public Health Annual Report 1932-33; the length of time this policy was in place; the number of women that were transferred or referred; the length of time they remained in the laundries; the outcome for their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. **[7764/10]**



Mary Harney (Minister, Department of Health and Children; Dublin Mid West, Independent)

I propose to take Questions Nos. 232 and 247 together.

I have received correspondence from the group concerned. I will be checking the historical position in relation to the matters raised and they will be given consideration, in consultation as appropriate with my Government colleagues. I will revert to the Deputies when this process has been completed.

Comments

No comments