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Department of Health and Children Magdalene Laundries

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Michael Kennedy (Dublin North, Fianna Fail)

Question 213: To ask the Minister for Health and Children if she will respond to a letter from Justice For Magdalenes, first submitted on 8 February and again on 29 March 2010; if she will clarify her Department's role in transferring women from State-funded mother and baby homes into Magdalene laundries as outlined in the Department of Local Government and Public Health Annual Report, 1932, and paying capitation grants in the amount of £9.90 per week for problem girls confined at an institution (details supplied) in Dublin 9 as late as 1972; if similar capitation grants were paid to other similar convent institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. [16796/10]



Mary Harney (Minister, Department of Health and Children; Dublin Mid West, Independent) I met with a delegation from the Justice for Magdalenes group recently, together with officials from the HSE and from my Department. The HSE has undertaken to make inquiries regarding the various matters which have been raised by the group with regard to the role of the health boards. I will revert to the group on the completion of those inquiries.

Comments

No comments

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