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Department of Health and Children Magdalene Laundries

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Michael Kennedy (Dublin North, Fianna Fail)

Question 131: To ask the Minister for Health and Children if she is in a position to respond in public to the letters from Justice for **Magdalenes** seeking clarification on the special provision, as outlined in the Department of Local Government and Public Health Annual Report 1932-33, of transferring women who had multiple births outside of marriage from a State-funded mother and baby home to a **Magdalene** laundry; if she will state the duration that this special provision remained in place; if her Department can produce records documenting the numbers of women so transferred; and if it can account for the fate of the children born to such women; and if she will make a statement on the matter. [28561/10]



Michael Kennedy (Dublin North, Fianna Fail)

Question 132: To ask the Minister for Health and Children if she will comment on the payment of capitation grants by the former boards of health for the placement of problem girls in religious convents, including **Magdalene** laundries; if she will make public the statutory basis for such capitation grants; the names of the religious convents in receipt of such grants; the numbers of problem girls involved in this scheme; the records for all these women and problem girls verifying that they left these institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. [28562/10]



John Moloney (Minister of State, Department of Education and Science; Minister of State, Department of Health and Children; Minister of State, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment; Minister of State, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform; Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail)
I propose to take Questions Nos. 131 and 132 together.

I met with a delegation from the Justice for **Magdalene** group recently, together with officials from the **HSE** and from my Department. The **HSE** has undertaken to make enquiries 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 enquiries.

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