

No 105: Mary Lou McDonald TD to Alan Shatter TD, Minister for Justice, 4th July 2012

194. Deputy Mary Lou McDonald asked the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that his Department has failed to meet the UNCAT deadline for follow-up on its report of June 2011 which recommended reparation for the Magdalene survivors; if he or the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva have responded to Felice D. Gaer's Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations UNCAT letter of 1 June 2012; if it his intention to disengage from the UNCAT process and his views on the impact this will have on Ireland's reputation in the international arena of human rights. [32759/12]

Minister for Justice and Equality (Deputy Alan Shatter): There is no intention to disengage from the UNCAT process. As requested in the Concluding observations of the UN Committee against Torture, comprehensive follow up information is being provided in response to the Committee's recommendations in paragraphs 8, 20, 21 and 25 of those observations.