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**Wednesday, 16 May 2012**

## **Department of Justice, Equality and Defence** **Interdepartmental Committees**

8:00 pm



**Maureen O'Sullivan** (Dublin Central, Independent)

*Question 157:* To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to the statutory instrument circulated regarding the inter-department committee on the Magdalene Laundries, his views on the way in which the statutory instrument empowers the committee to carry out its work; if the statutory instrument refers to privacy issues only and from those raised by records and or does it empower the committee to compel discovery of records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. **[24549/12]**



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

I presume that the Deputy is referring to Statutory Instrument No. 486 of 2011 - Data Protection Act 1988 (Section 2B) Regulations 2011. This instrument deals only with data protection issues and in particular allows sensitive personal data to be disclosed to and processed by the inter-departmental committee charged with establishing the facts of State involvement with the Magdalen Laundries.

### **Comments**

No comments

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