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Sent by email to: minister@dcya.gov.ie

Minister Roderic O'Gorman, TD. Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Block 1, Miesian Plaza, 50 – 58 Lower Baggot Street, D02 XWI4

Re: Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022

Dear Minister,

We acknowledge your letter of 16 January 2023 and thank you for the consideration you have given to the substantive outstanding issues in the Bill raised in our letter. While we appreciate your engagement with our observations and your detailed responses, we remain concerned that these issues are not fully addressed within the Bill. We will continue to monitor the Bill as it progresses through the legislative process, and we may engage further with you and your Department in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Sinéad Gibney Chief Commissioner Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission