

## Inter-Departmental Committee

*to establish the facts of State involvement with the Magdalen Laundries*

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**Re: Inter-Departmental Committee to establish the facts of State involvement with the Magdalen Laundries**

Dear Mr Smith

I refer to your letter dated 12 July 2011 on behalf of the Justice for Magdalenes (JFM) advocacy group; and my earlier response of 14 July 2011.

As previously indicated, the input of JFM and other relevant groups will be an important element in this process.

I have already been supplied with the JFM Report entitled "A Narrative of State Interaction with the Magdalene Laundries" and also with your book on the subject of the Magdalen Laundries. These are useful resources as the Committee begins its work.

Your further input to the Committee's work would be very welcome and I would be glad of an opportunity to meet with you, if possible in September.

I look forward to meeting with you and to our future cooperation.

Best wishes



Senator Martin McAleese  
Chair of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Magdalen Laundries

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