



Maeve O'Rourke

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**Meeting Notes**

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**Forwarded Conversation****Subject: Meeting Notes**

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From: **Claire McGettrick**

Date: Sat, 10 Sep 2011 at 14:25

To: James Smith, Mari Steed

Maeve O'Rourke, Angela Murphy

Hi folks,

My notes from yesterday's meeting are attached -corrections/additions welcome as usual!

Jim and I spoke briefly earlier and we feel that while a press release is unwarranted, a quick paragraph about the meeting would be appropriate to put up on the website, Facebook and (link to) Twitter (maybe we should forward the paragraph to [redacted] though, just so they're in the loop). Jim indicated that there might also be a need to limit expectations about the interim report (see notes). With that in mind, I've taken a stab at a first draft below:

"Yesterday, JFM had its first meeting with the Interdepartmental Committee to establish the facts of State involvement with the Magdalen Laundries. In addition to the JFM delegation, present at the meeting were Senator Martin McAleese, his advisor Nuala Ní Mhuircheartaigh as well as representatives from the departments of Justice, Education, Environment, Health and Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. JFM presented the Interdepartmental Committee with evidence of state complicity in incarcerating women and girls in Magdalene Laundries as well as JFM's recommendations as to where records may be present. JFM says the meeting was a constructive first step in assisting the work of the Interdepartmental Committee and that communications will be ongoing. The Interdepartmental Committee told JFM that its interim report is due in late October, though this report will not draw any conclusions and will merely indicate progress to date."

Claire

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From: **James Smith**

Date: Sat, 10 Sep 2011 at 18:43

To: Claire McGettrick, Mari Steed

katherine.odonnell@ [redacted] mary.mcaulif@ [redacted]

Maeve O'Rourke [REDACTED] Angela Murphy [REDACTED]

Hi Folks,

In Sligo and just popped into an internet cafe ...

I think the paragraph is fine ... some small changes below ..

Katherine and Maeve, I hope to be back in Dublin by 4:30 on Monday ... let me know if you would like to get together.

Jim

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From: Claire McGettrick [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 9:25 AM  
To: James Smith; Mari Steed; [katherine.odonnell@ucd.ie](mailto:katherine.odonnell@ucd.ie); [REDACTED] Maeve O'Rourke; Angela Murphy  
Subject: Meeting Notes

Hi folks,

My notes from yesterday's meeting are attached -corrections/additions welcome as usual!

Jim and I spoke briefly earlier and we feel that while a press release is unwarranted, a quick paragraph about the meeting would be appropriate to put up on the website, Facebook and (link to) Twitter (maybe we should forward the paragraph to Patsy and Claire/Conall though, just so they're in the loop). Jim indicated that there might also be a need to limit expectations about the interim report (see notes). With that in mind, I've taken a stab at a first draft below:

"Yesterday, JFM had its first meeting with the Government's Interdepartmental Committee to establish the facts of State involvement with the Magdalen Laundries. In addition to the JFM delegation, present at the meeting were Senator Martin McAleese, his advisor Nuala Ní Mhuircheartaigh [REDACTED] as well as representatives from the departments of Justice, Education, Environment & Local Government, Health, Children & Youth, and Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. JFM presented the Interdepartmental Committee with evidence of state interaction with the Laundries across eight government departments, as well as JFM's recommendations as to where additional records may be present. JFM says the

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From: **Katherine O'Donnell** [REDACTED]  
Date: Sun, 11 Sep 2011 at 18:19  
To: James Smith [REDACTED]  
Cc: Claire McGettrick [REDACTED], Mari Steed [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Maeve O'Rourke [REDACTED] Angela Murphy [REDACTED]

Paragraph looks good- thanks Claire.

Meeting up sounds good Jim- Maeve,

are you free to meet at my house tomorrow at 3?

Jim- could you join us there?

Dr Katherine O'Donnell  
Women's Studies Centre Director

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From: **Maev O'Rourke**  
Date: Sun, 11 Sep 2011 at 18:29  
To: Katherine O'Donnell  
Cc: James Smith, Claire McGettrick, Mari Steed, Angela Murphy

Hi there

Yes I can come to yours for 3 Katherine, and Jim hopefully we'll see you there later.

Thanks,  
Maev

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From: **Katherine O'Donnell**  
Date: Sun, 11 Sep 2011 at 18:31  
To: Maeve O'Rourke  
Cc: James Smith

Great!

Dr Katherine O'Donnell  
Women's Studies Centre Director

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From: **Katherine O'Donnell**  
Date: Sun, 11 Sep 2011 at 19:01  
To: Claire McGettrick  
Cc: James Smith, Mari Steed, Maeve O'Rourke, Angela Murphy

Excellent notes!

I gathered that Denis O'Sullivan is from Frances Fitzgerald's side of Health

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I suggest that we ask that the interim report contains the terms of reference -

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[REDACTED]

Extremely loathe though I am to say it-- I think We need high quality survivor testimony to blow them way way off this course.

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