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To survivors, former residents, their families and advocates,

Last week I wrote to you all to inform you that the Birth Information and Tracing Bill 2022 had been published and that the Bill is available on the Oireachtas website [here](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oireachtas.ie%2Fen%2Fbills%2Fbill%2F2022%2F3%2F&data=04%7C01%7Camallon%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce2b2f64d28a24c1cf5c408d9dc197015%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637782824074774003%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=X1BNUg%2B2Nbm1%2BxMnrYj2CLnOV%2F0hlZ6ddIGv22xc%2Bw8%3D&reserved=0) and explanatory material can be found [here](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.ie%2Fen%2Fpress-release%2F4ac84-minister-ogorman-publishes-birth-information-and-tracing-bill%2F&data=04%7C01%7Camallon%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce2b2f64d28a24c1cf5c408d9dc197015%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637782824074774003%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=vgkJ3eNLvXJ%2FF1emfWMZU0M4TF6atlb%2BUZHlELyROYg%3D&reserved=0)

I also advised that as the first stage of introducing the Bill to the Dáil was now complete, the next step would be to commence second stage this week. I am happy to say that this began yesterday in the Dáil where I opened the second stage proceedings on the Bill. You can read a copy of my Second Stage Opening Speech which explains the provisions of the Bill [here](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.ie%2Fen%2Fpublication%2F2664a-access-to-information%2F&data=04%7C01%7Camallon%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce2b2f64d28a24c1cf5c408d9dc197015%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637782824074783963%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=v2F%2Fann7Y8nivpvbXFLB1X7plS92hPbTVNRtDKL%2Fuf8%3D&reserved=0). The debate will continue over the days ahead and can be accessed in full on the Oireachtas website.

I look forward to continuing the debate on the Bill, and having the opportunity to describe the additional provisions we have included in the Bill, since the Heads of Bill were published and the pre-legislative scrutiny took place last year.

Once this second stage is complete, the next step is the Committee stage where the individual provisions within the Bill are debated in more detail. The steps involved in bringing the legislation through each House of the Oireachtas are set out [here](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oireachtas.ie%2Fen%2Fvisit-and-learn%2Fhow-parliament-works%2Fhow-laws-are-made%2F&data=04%7C01%7Camallon%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce2b2f64d28a24c1cf5c408d9dc197015%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637782824074793923%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=6Mfd1wwyUMUEYgXbsox%2FPBDWwyM%2BYUUmvwoX7Wsm7JI%3D&reserved=0)

As I promised before I will keep you updated on progress through the Houses in the period ahead.

Best wishes,

Roderic O’Gorman T.D.

Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

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