



Case Number: REPS-2022-29981

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Dear Miriam,

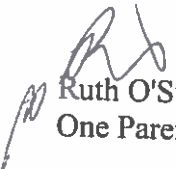
Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Motion agreed at a meeting of South County Dublin County Council on 9 May 2022 in relation to the introduction of a General Maintenance Collections Agency. The Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys TD, has asked me to reply to you on her behalf.

In line with the Programme for Government commitment, the Government established a Child Maintenance Review Group to examine certain issues in regard to Child Maintenance in Ireland. The Group was chaired by former Circuit Court Judge Catherine Murphy, and included legal, policy and academic professionals as well as officials from the Department of Social Protection and the Department of Justice. The Group asked to consider and make recommendations on three terms of reference, including the potential establishment of a Child Maintenance Agency in Ireland.

As part of its work, the Group conducted an extensive public consultation process and examined the international position.

The Group has completed its work and its report was submitted to the Minister on 22 April. Once the report has been fully considered by the Minister and other Government colleagues, the intention is to bring it to Government, at which time a decision regarding its publication date will be made.

Yours sincerely


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