

Baxter, Clare

From: Trevor Birney [tbirney [REDACTED]]
Sent: 09 November 2004 12:05
To: 'Baxter, Clare'
Subject: RE: Statement

Clare,

It is now over a week since the Minister announced her plans to hold an inquiry. Yet, the Department have not given any further details.

In the meantime, I've these questions for the Department:

Will this inquiry have the scope and remit to examine how the department, right to the Permanent Secretary, handled the deaths of the children?

Will it be held in public?

Will the families be allowed legal representation?

And, when will the Minister be available for interview on her decision to call an inquiry?

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Trevor Birney
Editor, Current Affairs
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From: Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter [REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 November 2004 15:13
To: 'Trevor Birney'
Subject: RE: Statement

Hi Trevor, we don't have anything new today I'm afraid. I'm not in tomorrow so speak to Leona Edgar (leona.edgar [REDACTED] or tel: [REDACTED] to check up on what's happening. I'll be back in on Monday.

Clare

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From: Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney [REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 November 2004 13:29
To: 'Baxter, Clare'
Subject: RE: Statement

Clare,

Anything new today?

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We're still looking for statement from Minister, also the terms of reference for the inquiry.

Also, specific question:

When does the minister intend meeting with the three mothers of the children involved?

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From: Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter@[REDACTED]]
Sent: 03 November 2004 17:20
To: 'tbirney@[REDACTED]'
Subject: Statement

Trevor, here's the line.

The Police investigation is more narrow than ours - theirs concentrates on criminal matters. We are looking at the totality of issues, for example, the complaint's procedure and information given to the families. John O'Hara is aware of the above issues and is happy to proceed with the investigation.

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