



Opening Statement

We are representatives of a group, called “relevant persons” in the proposed Bill, and share one thing, each of our birth certificates contain false information making them illegal, not just “Incorrect”. We are not, as claimed by some groups, illegal adoptees but the victims of kidnap, child trafficking and identity theft.

We fall into three distinct but related groups

Group 1 Tusla File Discoveries -This group currently stands at 151 with an assortment of records being held by Tusla.

Group 2 Other & DNA Discoveries-This group currently accounts for 10% of our total with no paperwork to be found but incontrovertible proof of identity through DNA.

Group 3 Descendants-This is actually the largest group as these are the descendants of groups 1 & 2. The impact of this group will continue ad infinitum until this Bill is enacted.

THE FALSE REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL OCCURRING NOW.

The state’s inability to provide a solution is now causing each of us to continually break the law while knowingly using false identities.

The number of acknowledged cases of false birth registrations is 151 but this doesn’t take into account groups 2&3. Based on our estimates that number is actually **1544** false birth records known to date. If the suspected cases identified in the Shadow Cast Long report are used this equates to a potential **178,000** false birth records, if you then add false Marriage & Death records you have close to **half a million** false records being held at the GRO.(Note 1)

The Bill only deals with False Birth Registrations when in fact the GRO also holds False Marriage and Death Certificates.

The State has maintained that the GRO records must be corrected, alterations without the immediate issue of a certificate of identity coupled with a cut-off date for births at 31st December 1970 creates the potential for even more family trauma with identities in use.

In an ideal world all the records would be held by one easily accessible organisation, until that is possible, a detailed service level agreement must be put in place with these organisations to include key performance indicators to be regularly monitored by the Departments of Children & Justice.

The use of DNA is critical in both verifying the information held in files and vital in proving identity. Most of the record files held by the State are either incomplete, partially or totally false, and some cannot be found.

So in addition to making counselling available to all, the State needs to provide access to qualified Genealogists to work with us to enable us to find our identity.

Without DNA the Act is of no use to us – these amendments must be changed NOW

There is nothing in the current Bill to allow the members of this group to access their family data, even when their ancestors are deceased, nor to rectify those false entries. This is leading to a continuation of false certification as the false information is carried forward by each new generation.

Despite declaring at the start of the Bill that we would all be included, the addition of clause c in Head 29 Interpretation you are excluding a very large cohort from their right to rectify their false records.



If this isn't changed the State is merely continuing the conspiracy of silence that has brought your predecessors into such disrepute. **SHAME ON YOU.**

Justice has been excluded from this bill while putting a heavy burden to provide resources on the Irish taxpayer. Seize the assets of the organizations who committed the crimes and use that to properly resource and fully implement the bill. (Note 2)

I'm sure the Irish taxpayers would approve.

As Aldous Huxley once said, *"Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored."*





Notes to support our opening statement

1) Illegal Birth Registration - False records

Starting with facts in May 2018 the then minister for Children Katherine Zappone stated 126 Illegal/False birth records had been discovered by Tusla in a review of the St Patrick Guild’s records. This has grown to at least 151 today. (Tusla figure at 10/8/21)

Reading the report “A Shadow Cast Long” 53% were male which is 82 males and 72 females.

No account has been taken of the other records held at the GRO ie Marriage & Death Certs which must also be false.

Taking that a step further if we look at the impact downward from those 151 each of the females’ children’s registrations must also contain false information making them illegal too. On the male side it doesn’t just stop at the first generation but continues across multiple ones.

Therefore, if we take the current number of 151 and take a very simple average of 2 children per family (from census data) and a 25-year generation gap the following are the number of people that are currently known about, without searching for files or records.

There is also another group who are finding themselves with false birth registrations via a random DNA test but no file is to be found by either Tusla or AAI. This cohort is about 10% of our group.

	Female	Male	Total	DNA	Grand Total
1st Generation (1940)	71	80	151	15	165
2nd Generation (1965)	142	160	302	30	332
3rd Generation (1990)		320	320	32	352
4th Generation (2015)		640	640	64	704
Total (2021) now known	213	1200	1413	141	1554

That is 1554 known false registrations with a similar number of marriage records and a smaller number of death records.

In the “Shadow Cast Long” report it states that the number of potential illegal birth registrations at the start point is between 4,900 & 18,900 if we extrapolate that to include the following generations then the numbers become 46,158 to 178,035. A number larger than Mother & Baby Homes (56,000), Magdalene Laundries (10,000) & Adoptions from 1953-2019 (44,763) added together.

Each of the 178,035 can have up to 3 certificates lodged at the GRO that is 534,105 records, but we should exclude those of us still living but add those who are into their second marriage and those unmarried couples who are still giving birth today therefore half a million records held at the GRO seems a reasonable estimate of those needing to be amended.

2) Justice & Resources

Many of the organisations who are known to have committed these criminal acts against us are still in operation. The Church, the Religious Orders and the Legal firms who were complicit in the cover up of these activities are still benefitting from those crimes. Why can’t you include a balance to the immunity by showing that justice can and will be done by referencing the Proceeds of Crime Acts 1996/2016 to allow the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) to seize some of their assets without convictions.