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"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of judicial review cases her Department has defended in each of the past ten years; the number in relation to which proceedings are pending or continuing; the number of cases which were lost and won, respectively, in the same period; the number of cases that settled in the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Bacik,

I refer to the parliamentary question above and apologise for the delay in responding to you.

In the past ten years, my Department has defended 25 judicial review cases, all of which were settled. This includes ten cases related to the Magdalen Ex-Gratia Scheme which rested with the then Department of Justice and Equality, responsibility for which then transferred to my Department.

My Department is current defending two cases which are ongoing.

Additionally, a judicial review was initiated regarding Residential Support Services Maintenance and Accommodation Contributions (RSSMAC), which was to be defended by my Department. However, the applicant withdrew the case prior to the High Court hearing (Q3, 2025).

I hope that this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

Norma Foley
Minister for Children, Disability and Equality