

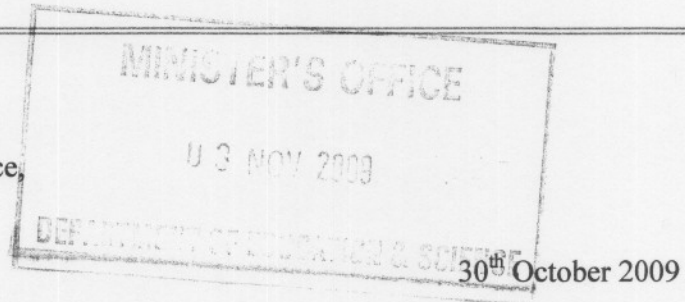
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Mr Batt O'Keeffe T.D.
Minister for Education and Science,
Department of Education and Science,
Marlborough Street,
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Dear Minister,

Reference is made to two letters dated 22nd October 2009 from the Secretary General, Department of Education and Science – one of these letters responding to my letter of 16th October and the other referring to the Taoiseach's letter of 24th September.

Following our meeting with the Taoiseach on 4th June, we committed to identifying our full resources both financial and other, within a transparent process and to make such full and transparent disclosure. We have now complied with this commitment in that the Panel of three independent persons have now received a full Statement of Affairs of the Sisters of Nazareth in Ireland. As well, we have answered all queries raised by the Panel in relation to same.

Although the Taoiseach's letter outlined an expectation that there would be an overall offer of a contribution on behalf of the congregations collectively, we wish to outline details of our contribution as the Sisters of Nazareth independently from other congregations.

Our contribution, as valued by independent Valuers, is €2,000,000 by way of rent waived for a five year period, which is due from Government for the new 50 registration nursing home at Sligo as a fully fitted property with full registration inclusive of fixtures and fittings on the basis of a 50 year occupational lease. The €2 million is made up of a Market Rent of €350,000 per annum for five years for the new care home and €50,000 per annum for the former Nazareth House which is currently used by the Health Services for disadvantaged children, audiology and other related services such as a vaccination centre.

Yours sincerely,

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