

APPENDIX B

Breakdown of 'Identity Rights for Adoptees' survey results

Can you confirm that you are an Adoptee or the child of an Adoptee?

Adoptees	81.4%
Children of adoptees	9.0%
Other	6.8%
Did not answer	2.8%
Total number of respondents:	468

If you are an adoptee, where were you placed?

Mother and baby home	39.1%
Adoption agency	40.8%
Other	13.0%
Did not answer	7.1%

Do you feel that lack of access to identity information has affected you?

Affected	53.2%
Not affected	8.5%
Not sure	3.6%
Did not answer	34.6%

Have you accessed or tried to access information about your adoption through any of the following bodies?

Adoption Authority of Ireland	27.4%
Tusla	25.0%
Other	34.2%
Did not know	5.1%
Did not respond	8.3%

What terms do you prefer to use?

Birth mother/father	41.7%
Biological mother/father	10.5%
Natural mother/father	4.0%
Other	4.7%
Did not respond	39.1%

Do you feel lack of access to biological medical information has affected you?

Affected	50.5%
Not affected	11.2%
Not sure	5.6%
Did not respond	32.7%

Have you ever had difficulty accessing services as a result of being adopted?

Passport	12.8%
Public services card (PSC)	12.6%
Employment records	1.7%
Other	12.6%
Did not respond	60.3%

Do you feel there is still a social stigma to being adopted?

There is still stigma	47.5%
There is not stigma	24.1%
Not sure	15.4%
Did not respond	13.0%

Do you feel you are treated or perceived differently if you disclose that you are an adoptee or the child of an adoptee?

Perceived differently	53.8%
Not perceived differently	27.6%
Not sure	13.2%
Did not respond	5.3%

On the proposal: "The State shall establish an Independent Archive to retain Adoption records / of an Independent Archive". Respondents were asked to mark a scale between 1-9 (1 being totally against and 9 being totally in favour)

0-5 (Not in favour)	36.3%
6-9 (Somewhat in favour)	44.0%
Did not respond	19.7%

On the proposal: "To make the administrative and other anonymised records available to researchers and members of the public". Respondents were asked to mark a scale between 1-9 (1 being totally against and 9 being totally in favour)

0-5 (Not in favour)	26.9%
6-9 (Somewhat in favour)	54.3%
Did not respond	18.8%

On a scale of 0 - 9 who do you feel adoptees' original birth certificate belongs to?
Respondents were asked to rate between 0-9 who they felt adoptees' birth certificate belonged to. The options were adoptee, birth mother and State.

Belongs to adoptee	94.5%
Does not belong to adoptee	5.5%

Belongs to birth mother	51.0%
Does not belong to birth mother	49.0%

Belongs to state	8.6%
Does not belong to state	91.4%