

Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group

Communiqué #5

The fifth meeting of the Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group was held via teleconference on 6 November 2014.

On 5 September 2014 Professor Mushin wrote to the Ministers with responsibility for Birth, Death and Marriages and other Records in each state and territory of Australia regarding the harmonisation of records. Responses have been received from NSW, QLD, ACT, VIC and WA and will be discussed at the meeting on 5 December 2014.

The Department of Social Services reported that the selection of providers for the Forced Adoption Support Services is still underway and is working to have the services in place as quickly as possible. The Department is currently exploring options for delivering Knowledge Translation and Exchange (KTE) to build capacity in the forced adoption support services sector through the provision of quality, evidence-based information for professionals.

The Department of Health advised members that the Tender Evaluation Committee is still considering the tenders received for the provision of Guidance and Training on Forced Adoptions for Health Professionals project and this process due to the complexity of the issues in relation for Forced adoptions had taken longer than initially anticipated.

The National Archives of Australia reported they have completed consultations to inform the development of the exhibition. Events for the second anniversary and the opening of the exhibition are being planned for March 2015. The Archives are continuing to work on the content and functionality of the [Forced Adoptions History website](#), and also invite contributions to add to the historical record.

The Working Group will hold their final meeting on 5 December 2014.