

Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group

Communiqué #6

The final meeting of the Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group was held in Canberra on 5 December 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. Responses were discussed and it was agreed that Professor Mushin would write back to state and territory ministers to advise the outcome of the discussion.

The Department of Social Services reported the selection of providers for the Forced Adoption Support Services was expected to be finalised prior to the end of 2014 and was working to have the services in place early in 2015.

The Department of Health advised members the Tender for the Provision of Guidance and Training on Forced Adoptions for Health Professionals project was still underway.

The National Archives of Australia (NAA) advised the official launch of the exhibition on Forced Adoptions would be held on Thursday 19 March 2015.

NAA advised the [Forced Adoptions History website](#) had been updated with a new section for affected people to upload their research. NAA encouraged members of the Forced Adoption Working Group and for affected people to contribute content to the website.

Members of the Working Group discussed the content of the final report from the Working Group which will be provided to Government in early 2015.

Professor Mushin thanked members of the Working Group for their work and commitment to making change for those affected by Forced Adoptions.