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Dear Dr Kendall

Thank you for your letter dated 1 March 2006 in which you outlined the Inquiry into the Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices. You also offered the Department of Children and Families (DCF) the opportunity to make a submission, or respond to allegations as contained in the submissions.

I note that a letter has also been sent to the Minister for Children and Families, the Hon. Kon Vatskalis offering the same opportunities.

I am aware that detailed information on DCF practices will be provided in Minister Vatskalis' response.

Thank you for the generous invitation to make a submission and contribute to the Inquiry. I very much look forward to hearing of the outcomes.

Yours sincerely

Clare Gardiner-Barnes
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