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Dear Dr Kendall

RE: INQUIRY INTO THE COMMONWEALTH CONTRIBUTION TO FORMER FORCED ADOPTION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2011 highlighting the inquiry and providing me with the opportunity to provide a submission or respond to allegations as contained in submissions.

A review of current submissions has revealed that no reference to practice within the Northern Territory has been raised. This lack of response may highlight a lack of awareness into the Inquiry. Staff within the Northern Territory Department of Children and Families have indicated that they have forwarded the Inquiry Terms of Reference to known relinquishing mothers however acknowledge that this is only a small portion of potential respondents.

Thank you again for the invitation to review submissions and contribute to the inquiry, It is not intended that the Department of Health will provide a submission however we would welcome the opportunity to respond to the Senate findings.

Yours sincerely


Jeffrey Moffet
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