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Topic: Forgotten Australians/Children in Institutionalised Care

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Senator Moore asked:

Can the Department provide an update on the action taken from Senate Inquiry recommendations?

What is the current situation on the liaison with the States and Territories around commitments on documentation on housing, health, aged care and support services?

What is the status of the museum displays?

What are the plans for future displays in other regions?

Answer:

In response to the Senate Inquiry, a Reference Group was established to develop a package which will be promoted to aged care service providers, Aged Care Assessment Teams, and other stakeholders in the aged care sector in an effort to raise awareness of how providers and their staff can provide appropriate and culturally sensitive care to Care Leavers.

The Reference Group comprised of key advocacy organisations representing Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants, and Stolen Generations who contributed to the development of this package.

The package is called *Information Package – Caring for Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants, and Stolen Generations*. The package is in the final stages of being prepared for release and it is expected that this publication will be available later this year.

The Australian Government has an ongoing relationship with the States and Territories through membership of the Find and Connect Consultative Forum, a committee of the former Standing Council on Community and Disability Affairs Advisory Council. The Consultative Forum provides a key advisory role to Government on actions arising from the Senate Inquiry. The Consultative Forum currently meets three times a year.

The *Inside: Life in Children's Homes and Institutions* exhibition was staged in:

- the Melbourne Museum from 29 August 2013 to 27 January 2014;
- the Fremantle Maritime Museum from 14 March 2014 to 29 June 2014; and
- will be staged in the Brisbane Museum from August until November 2014.