

## Appendix

Because of imperfect record keeping, the numbers of children in care sent to Australia between 1947 and 1967 are not easy to calculate. The figures of between 7000 and 10,000 which appear in Health Committee, *Third Report*, 1998, paragraph 13, are based on memoranda prepared by the Department of Health (CM129) and the Child Migrants Trust (CM13A). The fragility of these estimates is evident from *Minutes of Evidence*, Examination of Witnesses, 20 May 1998, questions 9 and 10. Even higher figures (up to 30,000) are sometimes cited: for example, Gill, 86. The following table, based on official records, attempts to record the number of child migrants, subsidised by the British government, who were sent overseas by voluntary societies. It has been constructed from data in DO35/6381, DO35/10253, DO175/38 and DO175/133. The figures for 1947 have been calculated by subtracting annual data for 1948-55 from accumulated totals given for 1947-55: there are minor inaccuracies in the figures. The figures for 1965 exclude from an official total the 100 children emigrated, unsubsidised, under a Fairbridge family emigration scheme, but they include a few children sent out under an equivalent Dr Barnardo's scheme whose numbers cannot be identified in the original data. The numbers of subsidised child migrants leaving after 1965 are not (yet) available from official records: there were few. This table does not include juveniles, usually classified as 15 or over who were not 'in care' and who were migrated to Australia by the Big Brother Movement and the YMCA.

### Subsidised Child Migrants Sent to Australia by Voluntary Societies 1947-65

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<b>ACIC</b>	334	28	18	84	14	134	184	82	34	15
<b>CE</b>	16	12	39	32	12	53	36	47	35	37
<b>DrB</b>	38	22	24	50	36	44	18	22	46	31
<b>FS</b>	51	65	39	109	73	57	54	52	63	24
<b>NCH</b>				65	8	1				
<b>NCT</b>		38	9	13	14	4	5	6	12	3
<b>CS</b>				28	3	7	1	22	4	2
<b>SA</b>				7	1	23	7	12	5	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>124</b>

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	Total
<b>ACIC</b>	1	2		4	5	2	2	1	2	<b>946</b>
<b>CE</b>	24	29	13	20	1	1			1	<b>408</b>
<b>DrB</b>	10		30	8	12	11	31	8	16	<b>457</b>
<b>FS</b>	36	42	56	24	46	60	38	95	47	<b>997</b>
<b>NCH</b>										<b>76</b>
<b>NCT</b>	5	3								<b>112</b>
<b>CS</b>	1	2		11						<b>83</b>
<b>SA</b>	5	12	4	1						<b>91</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3170</b>

(Initials represent, in order, Australian Catholic Immigration Committee, Church of England Advisory Council of Empire Settlement, Dr Barnardo's, Fairbridge Society, National Children's Home, Northcote Children's Trust, Church of Scotland Committee on Social Services, Salvation Army.)

The number of children emigrated by local authorities after 1945, around 600, is extrapolated from the figures printed in the annual Home Office report *Children in the Care of Local Authorities in England and Wales*, which begins only in 1952, and the Scottish Home Department report *Children in the Care of Local Authorities in Scotland*, which begins only in 1958. Official totals covering the period between the passage of the

Children Act in July 1948 and November 1963 were given in response to questions in the House of Commons: 36 from Scotland, and 'about 500' from England and Wales of whom 'about 130' went 'under emigration schemes'. 'Precise figures', it was said, were 'not available': Hansard, House of Commons, vol.684, oral answers, cols.983-4, 20 November 1963, written answers, cols.121-2, 21 November 1963.

In this same period, about 500 children were also sent to New Zealand, 1949-54, under a foster parent scheme run by the New Zealand government and the Royal Overseas League, while 76 went to the Fairbridge Farm School in British Columbia, 1945-48, and 276 to the Fairbridge Memorial College in Southern Rhodesia, 1946-56: Gill, 516-7; Wagner, 256-8; Sherington and Jeffery, 265-6.