

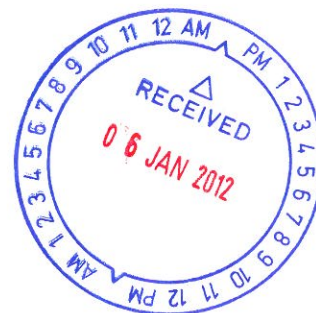


The Salvation Army

Tasmania Divisional Headquarters

30 December 2011

Dr Ian Holland
Secretary, Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT 2600



Dear Dr Holland

Re: **Questions on notice The Salvation Army Tasmania – Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices.**

The Salvation Army was requested to provide information on the following:

1. Were sedatives used as part of medical treatment and if so which ones?
2. Was the drug DES Diethylstilboestrol used?
3. Can a copy of Matron Val Archer's farewell brief be provided?
4. Did The Salvation Army provide any other Maternity Hospitals in Tasmania?

1. The only evidence of drug use contained in present records is in a client file that is dated 11/9/1972. The drug indicated was "pethidine," which, I assume was used for the reduction of pain.

There is no evidence of sedatives being used.

2. There is no evidence of the use of the drug Diethylstilboestrol, it has been suggested that this might have been quite expensive to prescribe and would not likely have been a part of any treatment approach. Former staff member Thelma Purdue confirms that it was not used during her period of employment at Elim.
3. If a copy of Matron Val Archer's farewell brief is required it can be obtained from Captain Malcolm Roberts at:

Territorial Headquarters
The Salvation Army
95-99 Railway Road
Blackburn
Vic 3130

The document is in the public domain available through The Salvation Army Heritage Centre Melbourne.

4. The only other Maternity Hospital apart from Elim, operated by The Salvation Army in Tasmania was Rocklyn. I provide the following details:

The Rocklyn Maternity Hospital, run by the Salvation Army, accommodated unmarried mothers and their babies. It was situated in Launceston, and had 10 beds. According to the Joint Select Committee report, 'Adoption and related services 1950-1988', there was a boiler explosion at Rocklyn in the 1960s, in which all its records were destroyed.

Enclosed also are a number of pages from the draft handsard record with minor suggested changes, in addition a copy of the original submission from The Salvation Army Tasmania.

Yours faithfully

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