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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

**Inquiry into the Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices**

On behalf of the New South Wales Province of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart I acknowledge that this is a difficult time for the many women, children and indeed family members involved in adoption in the past. We wish to be as open and supportive as we can and provide the following information to the Inquiry in relation to services conducted by the Sisters in New South Wales.

I wish to advise the Senate Inquiry that the records of mothers from St Anthony's Home Croydon NSW are held at the Bankstown Office of CatholicCare Sydney. The former Catholic Adoption Agency as part of Catholic Family Welfare Bureau was responsible for adoptions. Catholic Family Welfare Bureau is now known as CatholicCare Sydney.

The birth and medical records from St Margaret's Public Hospital Darlinghurst are held at Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick. These records belong to the State of NSW. Women who gave birth to a child at St Margaret's Public Hospital Darlinghurst are able to access the birth and medical records through the normal process. Contact details are provided below.

The Sisters of St Joseph do not hold any birth, adoption or medical records in relation to women who attended St Anthony's Home Croydon or St Margaret's Hospital Darlinghurst.

Yours sincerely

**Sr Mary Quinlan**  
Provincial



**Catholic Adoption Agency Records**  
CatholicCare  
PO Box 127  
Bankstown Centre 2200  
☎ 02 8709 9333

**St Margaret's Public Hospital birth records**  
Royal Hospital for Women Randwick  
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