

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Report into the reparations for the stolen generations

Summary Fact Sheet November 2016

In NSW, under the *Aborigines Protection Act 1909*, the Aborigines Welfare Board had wide ranging control over the lives of Aboriginal people including the power to remove Aboriginal children from their families and place them into care under a policy of assimilation.

Children were placed into Aboriginal Children's Homes such as Bomaderry Children's Home, Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Home and Cootamundra Girls Training Home, and also into other government and non-government homes, as well as placed into foster care, or adopted. These children are collectively known as the Stolen Generations.

The General Purpose Standing Committee report into Reparations for the Stolen Generations was tabled in Parliament on 23 June 2016. The Report '*Unfinished Business*' recognises the profound and enduring adverse effects of past Government practices on Aboriginal people and makes 35 recommendations towards reparations to the Stolen Generations.

The NSW Government response to the Report was tabled in Parliament on 2 December 2016. The Response involves two significant initiatives. The first will establish a Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme that recognises the profound impact removal has had on Stolen Generations survivors. The second seeks to address those impacts for survivors and their families, including through direct financial assistance to the Stolen Generations Organisations (Coota Girls' Aboriginal Corporation, Kinchela Boys' Home Aboriginal Corporation, the Children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Childrens' Home Incorporated and the NSW/ACT Stolen Generations Council) and the creation of a Stolen Generations Healing Fund to support healing activities.



Other initiatives include the establishment of the Stolen Generations Advisory Committee to oversee the implementation of the Recommendation and the Funeral Assistance Fund for members of the Stolen Generations.

The detailed NSW Government Response and further information about its implementation can be found on the [Aboriginal Affairs NSW website](#).

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