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Tasmanian Government

Ms Meg Webb MLC
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Dear Ms Webb

I write in response to your QWoN. The Government's response is below.

Noting the Historical Forced Adoption Redress Scheme which fully launched on 15 June 2026, following an interim scheme of March 2026, but which excludes those adoptees who were forcibly adopted, can the government please:

1. *Detail*

a) how many applications the Historical Forced Adoption Redress Scheme has received to date, inclusive of the March Interim scheme;

- 208 applications have been received to date, inclusive of the interim scheme.

b) how many were deemed compliant?

- Of the 153 applications assessed so far, 150 have been approved, or deemed 'compliant'.

c) How many applications have been completed since commencement of both the Interim scheme and the June scheme to date

- For the avoidance of doubt with respect to application numbers and what is meant by 'completed', application numbers as at 20 October 2026 are as follows:

Applications	
Total number of applications received (full & interim)	208
Total number determined	153
Total number assessed and awaiting determination	31
Total number received and awaiting assessment	24

Determinations	
Total number approved	150
Total number declined*	3

*Details for non-compliant/declined are addressed in responses below 1(d) and 2.

- Note: There were 20 applications for the interim scheme. All interim scheme applications progressed to applications for the full scheme. Applicants that did not meet the interim scheme criteria (i.e. urgent circumstances), of which there were 3, were considered as full applications when the full scheme went live.
  The above total figures (i.e. 208) include interim and full scheme numbers.

d) *How many were considered non-compliant and please also provide a non-identifiable summary of reasons why those applications were considered either partially or fully non-compliant with the Redress Scheme's criteria?*

- 4 applications were originally declined or deemed 'non-compliant'. Of those 4:
  - 3 were declined as the applicants were not Tasmanian residents. One of these decisions was subsequently reviewed and the application was approved.
  - 1 was declined as it was deemed not to be, on the balance of probabilities, a forced adoption.

2. *Confirm whether any unsuccessful applicants should a review of that decision, and if so:*

a) *How many reviews have been sought?*

- One.

b) *Outcomes of those reviews?*

- The one review request has led to the reversal of the original decision based on the additional information provided via the review application. This application has now been approved, resulting in 3 applications in total not being approved to date.

3. *Detail any costings derived from any modelling of impacts should adoptees also be included in the Redress scheme; and*

- The Scheme provides redress to mothers affected by historical forced adoption practices. No modelling has been undertaken in relation to adoptees affected by historical forced adoption practices.

4. *Detail whether a form of appropriate memorial inclusive of both parents and adoptees affected by the historic forced adoption Tasmanian policies and practices is being actively considered, and if so what consultation with those affected is being planned or is underway?*

    - A form of memorial inclusive of both parents and adoptees affected by historic forced adoption practices is not actively being considered.
    - However the Government will continue to listen to the views of those affected by historic forced adoption practices.

Yours sincerely

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