

### UK HOME OFFICE

- Approved applications for migration of children sent from care of local authorities but not voluntary organisations
- Advised Commonwealth Relations Office on suitability of residential institutions to which child migrants are sent

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT

- Had policy and, in principle, operational oversight of delivery of residential care and after-care of child migrants in Australia in wider context of national immigration policy
- Held guardianship of child migrants until they reach the age of 21 (through the office of the Minister for Immigration), delegating guardianship responsibilities to State child welfare departments
- Provided partial funding of child migrants' residential care on per capita basis as well as some capital funding for construction work for residential institutions receiving child migrants

### UK COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

- Approved applications for funding for migration of children under terms of the Empire Settlement Act and continues to provide partial funding for their residential care on per capita basis
- Liaised with Home Office on standards of child-care provision expected for child migrants
- Liaised with Australian Commonwealth Government through UK High Commissioner

### AUSTRALIAN STATE GOVERNMENTS

- Provided partial funding of child migrants' residential care on per capita basis (and some capital funding of construction work?)
- Had responsibility for inspection of institutions and monitoring of individual child migrants until they reach the age of 21

### AUSTRALIA HOUSE (LONDON)

- Received applications for immigration into Australia
- Administered health and IQ checks for child migrants (some at Australia House, others appear to have been delegated to local doctors and psychologists) before giving approval for immigration

### UK HIGH COMMISSIONER (CANBERRA)

- Point of contact with Australian Commonwealth Government on general policy of child migration and specific operational issues
- Advises on approval of residential institutions for receipt of child migrants (in at least some cases)

**Table 2: Roles and responsibilities of statutory authorities involved in child migration schemes to Australia**