



4 Mr Cosgrove states he was a resident at the following places as tabled below:

Name of Institution/Facility	Age at Placement	Period in Care
St Vincents Foundling Home - Wembley	4 yrs	22/02/1953 - 07/02/1956
Castledare	7 yrs	08/02/1956 - 08/02/1958
Clontarf	9 yrs	08/02/1958 - 29/01/1964
Foster Care	15 yrs	29/01/1964 - 29/01/1966
Foster Care	17 - 20 yrs	29/01/1966 - 28/01/1970

5. Redress WA researchers have verified Mr Cosgrove's placement as tabled below. It is common ground that Mr Cosgrove left Clontarf at 15 years of age after spending 11 years in the three institutions.

Name of Institution/Facility	Age at placement	Period in Care	Duration of Care	Folio
St Vincents, Subiaco	4yrs	22/02/1953 - 7/02/1956	2yrs 11 1/2 mths	PL3
Castledare	7yrs	7/02/1956 - 8/02/1958	2yrs 1day	PL3
Clontarf	9yrs	8/02/1958 - 29/01/1964	5yrs 11 1/2 mths	PL3

6. Redress WA researchers have also verified that Oliver Cosgrove was on board SS New Australia as a child migrant which sailed into Western Australia on 22 February 1953 from United Kingdom.²

Conclusion

7. On the evidence available I am satisfied that Oliver Cosgrove was in the care of the State of Western Australia as a child migrant under the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946 (Cth)* from the date of his arrival in Western Australia on 22 February 1953 until reaching 21 years of age on DPA 1970⁴. I am further satisfied that Oliver Cosgrove was resident in subsidised facilities at St Vincent Foundling Home (Wembley), Castledare and Clontarf which were operated by the Sisters of Mercy and Christian Brothers religious order.⁵

² Fol PL 3 (provided by PHIND)

³ Fol PL 2

⁴ Under the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946 (Cth)* guardianship of child migrants was delegated by instrument of delegation, to the State of Western Australia. The State was the natural guardian of child migrants, to the exclusion of the parents or other guardian, from the time the child arrived in Western Australia until the child reached 21 years of age, or until the child left Australia.

⁵ Schedule 2 of the Redress WA Guidelines lists St Vincent Foundling Home (Wembley), Castledare and Clontarf under the Sisters of Mercy and Christian Brothers religious order as facilities subsidised by the State.