

Redress WA

105. Redress WA was set up in 2008 by the Western Australian Government after a Senate report. Redress WA was open to adults who as children were abused in state care before 1 March 2006.
106. I found the application process very onerous. I had to complete an application form which was 14 pages long and provide significant documentary evidence. My application detailed the sexual, physical and emotional abuse. A copy of this application is exhibited at [OJC21]. I received [DPA - confidential]. [DPA - confidential] I found that the Redress WA process did not provide justice. It did not provide any answers and provided a generic apology with numbers attached to it. The Assessment Checklist is exhibited at [OJC22].

Irdi Legal

107. After the class action, Christian Brother, Julian McDonald undertook to have the Christian Brothers 'revisit' any compensation paid in the Slater & Gordon process that people thought was insufficient. A process was set up with Irdi Legal. I received [DPA - confidential] I exhibit at [OJC23] some correspondence between Irdi Legal and my lawyer.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

108. The Australian government instituted a public inquiry in 2013. I gave evidence at this Inquiry. The transcript of my evidence is at [OJC24] and the findings into my case study are at [OJC12]. The witness statement I gave to the Commission is exhibited at [OJC26]. I was particularly distressed by the finding that the Christian Brothers were aware of complaints about sexual abuse at the time (and for a very long time) and that nothing was done about this.
109. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made a number of findings. These are exhibited at [OCG12]. Some of the most pertinent include:
- i. In taking the children into care, the Christian Brothers were obligated to provide for them and educate them. This was not done properly in all cases. Many of the children did not have any real education and instead were put to physical labour.
 - ii. The visitation reports focused on the community of the Brothers and the finances and religious observance of each Brother, not on the welfare of the children.