

form of sculptures at Museums depicting former child migrants. Once again, the proposal for a full public apology was not accepted.

### **Doing the right thing - What is needed today**

193. The UK apology was given by Gordon Brown as Prime Minister in February 2010 before an audience of former Child Migrants from all four countries involved in post-war migration. After this apology there was an expectation that truth and justice would follow. So far, this has not happened. Unlike the Australian version, the U.K. apology did not result from an evaluation based on a prior Parliamentary Inquiry and review of provisions. This may explain the failure to deliver a coherent post-apology strategy. Similarly, the Australian strategy is far more comprehensive in terms of cultural activities and memorials, for example, which have been missing from a British response. What follows are the needs of Child Migrants and their families that have therefore yet to be fulfilled.
194. **Former Child Migrants remain convinced that only a full Judicial Inquiry will do justice to the complexity and serious nature of the scandal of child migration.** Although they welcome this Inquiry and the spotlight it will focus on a key aspect of their childhood, it is not the wider examination of child migration which they have requested and is required.
195. **Financial redress from the British Government, given its clear responsibilities and its consistent failure to safeguard these most vulnerable citizens.** To date, neither the UK nor the Australian Federal Governments have included financial redress as part of their package of support to former Child Migrants, although a national redress scheme is planned for 2018 in Australia for those sexually abused as children. Consequently, redress provision is rather like a patchwork quilt. It lacks a common pattern and differs according to where you were sent and which agency managed your migration. Some of those severely abused in Victoria have had no local redress while Catholic children sent to Western Australia had two options.
196. **Continued, secure funding of CMT's independent, specialist professional services to trace and reunite families.** This includes the continued funding of the British Government Family Restoration Fund to ensure those who find their families have assistance to undertake international reunion travel for as long as it is needed. The majority of former Child Migrants have now been reunited with their families, but many still have missing relatives – they may have found their mother's family but lack information regarding their father's family. Some former child migrants