

# The Catholic Council for British Overseas Settlement X

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Your Eminence,

It has been suggested that the Dominions Office and the Australian Catholic Emigration Committee should be parties to an agreement as to the payment of maintenance charges for children emigrated to Australia by the Catholic Council for British Overseas Settlement, so that in future financial transactions may take place directly between the two former bodies, and not, as provided in the draft agreement, between the Dominions Office and our Overseas Settlement Committee.

I, personally, think this would be an improvement - it is certainly in accordance with the wish of the Australian Hierarchy. The arrangement would not in any way relate to the selection and approval of children, which would still remain in the hands of the Catholic Child Welfare Council. It would simply mean that once the children were emigrated accounts would be submitted for their maintenance by the Australian Catholic Emigration Committee direct to the Dominions Office.

If you agree with this procedure, then I will instruct the Dominions Office to negotiate through Father Nicol concerning children's maintenance.

Yours respectfully,

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Secretary