

Child Migration Programme case study - media pack

**PRESS NOTICE
IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is continuing its investigation into allegations of sexual abuse connected with the British child migration programmes. The Inquiry will be holding the second part of its public hearings to examine the institutional failings of organisations based in England and Wales.

The public hearings will take place between 10 and 21 July with a final sitting day on Wednesday 26 July. The Inquiry will hear evidence from a number of institutions, including government departments, public authorities and private or charitable institutions based in England and Wales on whether they took sufficient care to protect children they sent or placed abroad, from sexual abuse.

The child migration programmes are a case study which is part of the Inquiry's Protection of Children Outside the United Kingdom investigation.

Earlier this year the Inquiry heard from a number of former child migrants who have alleged they suffered sexual abuse in relation to their migration, in a range of institutions and contexts. The Inquiry also heard evidence from expert witnesses about the history and context of the child migration programmes and from the Child Migrants Trust, which supports former child migrants. All the evidence, including transcripts and videos from these hearings are available on our website: www.iicsa.org.uk

Ends

Background:

The child migration programmes were large-scale schemes in which thousands of children, many of them in the care of the state, were systematically and permanently migrated to parts of the British Empire by various institutions in England and Wales, with the knowledge and approval of the British Government. Most were sent to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and what was then Southern Rhodesia, modern-day Zimbabwe. In 2010, the UK Government issued an apology for its role in the child migration programmes.

**To contact the press team please call: 0203 789 2114 or email
pressoffice@iicsa.org.uk**