



MOVEMENT FOR AN ADOPTION APOLOGY

21 August, 2026

The Rt Hon. Helen Hayes MP
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Dear Helen Hayes,

State Apology for Historic Forced Adoptions on 2nd July, 2026

We are immensely grateful to you and the Education Select Committee for all you have done to help us secure the State apology. This forms the first step on a longer path towards effective and meaningful support for those affected by historic forced adoption and related practices.

We truly appreciate the support and kindness you have shown and want to let you know what a significant difference you have made.

The kindness and respect shown to everyone who gave evidence was hugely appreciated. We also acknowledge the speed with which you and the Committee responded to personal and professional testimonies in making your recommendations without delay. This did a great deal to further our cause.

We would particularly like to thank you, the Committee, and all those involved for ensuring we were heard and that urgency was applied to our case.

With our thanks and best wishes,

Diana Defries, Ann Keen, Linda Johnson, Jo Richardson and Judy Baker

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