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Dear Sister Jan

On behalf of the Prime Minister, I would like to thank you for your correspondence of 21 June 2004 regarding the HREOC report relating to children in immigration detention.

Mr Howard appreciates the time you have taken to convey your views and concerns to him. However, he regrets that due to the large volume of correspondence he receives, he is unable to respond to each item personally. Consequently, and to ensure that issues receive the attention they deserve, Mr Howard has asked that correspondence be referred to his ministers for further consideration. I have referred your correspondence to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone for attention, given that she is responsible for the development of immigration policy.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to Mr Howard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Daniel', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Ministerial Officer
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