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MEETING BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES,

PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION,

STATE SERVICE UNION AND

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS' UNION

17TH NOVEMBER, 1989

FAMILY SERVICES UNION

PRESENT: S. Crook, E. Clarke, D. Herbert, D. Keck, W. Mills, F. Fiege, K. Lindeberg, S. Kirk, B. Mann.

1. Feedback from last meeting:-

- (i) The issue of Community Service Orders has not yet been finalised, and legislation has not been passed at this time.
- (ii) Fee-for-service adoption assessments were discussed at the last Regional Director's meetings. Further queries would be raised at the local level.
- (iii) Concerns about vacancy rates have been passed on to the Manager, Personnel Services.
- (iv) A new proposal has not yet been made on change in the spread of working hours for Child Care Officers. Comments are still being received from Area Offices.
- (v) Further clarification will be sought on the AM that dealt with Public Comment. The Professional Officers' Association would like a new, more specific AM to be circulated.
- (vi) Area Clerk positions are currently being interviewed and should be filled during December.
- (vii) John Oxley Youth Centre investigation has commenced.

2. State Service Union Items:-

- (i) Terms of Reference for the John Oxley Youth Centre investigation were requested. The State Service Union has so far received nothing in writing about the investigation. The Department stated that the Director-General would be talking to staff at John Oxley Youth Centre early next week, and that Unions would probably receive details of the investigation after that meeting.
- (ii) A letter has been written to the State Service Union about discontinuing meal allowances for Escort Staff and Westbrook Youth Centre. The State Service Union should receive the letter in the near future.

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(iii) Award restructuring was raised as a general item for discussion, particularly as it relates to the Youth Workers' Award.

3. Australian Workers' Union Items:-

The Australian Workers' Union wished to express disappointment on Departmental response to their proposal to cut down resident numbers at John Oxley Youth Centre to 24. Issues of staffing numbers, accommodation and tea breaks at John Oxley Youth Centre were brought up for discussion.

4. Professional Officers' Association Item:-

(i) Resident numbers at John Oxley Youth Centre was further discussed.

(ii) The Security Working Party will soon be circulating draft guidelines to Committee members seeking comments.

NEXT MEETING: 15th December, 1989 - 9.30a.m.  
Level 5, Family Services Building

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