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Mr K.M. O'Shea,  
Crown Solicitor,  
State Law Building,  
50 Ann Street,  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr O'Shea,

Investigation of Complaints by Certain Members  
of Staff at the John Oxley Youth Centre

Further to my letter to you yesterday in relation to this matter, I am enclosing for your consideration copies of two further communications which I have received from Mr P. Coyne, A/Manager, John Oxley Youth Centre.

Would you please also advise what responses, if any, I should make to these memoranda.

Yours faithfully,

  
R.L. Matchett (Ms.)  
Acting Director-General



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Refer to: Mr Coyne, Manager, John Oxley Youth Centre  
Date: 18 January 1990  
To: Director-General  
Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs

Copies to: Mr Heiner, C/- Court Services  
Mr Peers, Executive Director, Youth Support

Subject: The Investigation of Complaints by Certain Members of Staff at  
John Oxley Youth Centre

On 11 January 1990, Mr Heiner advised me he was investigating grievances in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Public Service Management and Employment Regulations.

I have been given conflicting information by senior departmental officers, namely that -

- . the investigation has no legislative base; and
- . the investigation is in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Public Service Management and Employment Regulations

I believe this matter should be addressed immediately. Mr Heiner, I, and other parties should be fully aware of the legislative base of this investigation.

Mr Heiner may have an obligation to conduct this investigation within legislative parameters. Mr Heiner should therefore have the legislative base of the abovementioned investigation clarified before he proceeds further.

I again repeat my request for your advice on the legislative base of the abovementioned investigation.

*Peter Coyne*  
PETER COYNE  
Acting Manager  
John Oxley Youth Centre

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The Investigation of Complaints by Certain Members of Staff at  
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INTERNAL MEMO  
OFFICE

I refer to your memorandum, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. A perusal of my personal file indicated that no requested records were attached. You were also unaware of any other Departmental file containing the records requested.

For you information, records relating to myself are in the possession of the Department. The Queensland State Service Union presented these documents to the Department. These documents are the documents referred to in Terms of Reference Number I for the abovementioned investigation.

On 29 November 1989, Mr Heiner's office provided the names of the persons who had given the documents to the Queensland State Service Union and in turn to the Department. These persons are Mr Lannen, Mr Smith, Ms Pearce, Ms McGregor, Mr Collins, Mr McNeven, (unsigned), Mr Clements and Ms Konicanin.

Mr Heiner, on 11 January 1990, advised me he had copies of documents provided by the abovementioned people. He also indicated that he obtained these documents from the Department and that the originals were held by the Department. Senior officers of the Department are also aware that these documents exist.

My request on 15 January 1990 was for records held on myself relating to the abovementioned investigation. Regulation 65 of the Public Service Management and Employment Regulations not only allows access to Departmental files, but also to records held by the Department on an officer.

The title of Regulation 65 "Access to Officer's File" does not limit the right to peruse any record held on an officer.

The Department does hold records on myself relating to the abovementioned investigation. As such, I respectfully request a copy of those records forthwith.

*Peter Coyne*  
PETER COYNE  
Acting Manager  
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MEMORANDUM TO: Peter Coyne  
A/Manager  
John Oxley Youth Centre

COPY TO: A/Deputy Director-General  
(Community and Youth Support)

**Subject:** Investigation of Complaints by Certain Members of Staff  
at John Oxley Youth Centre.

I refer to your request pursuant to Regulation 65 of the Public Service Management and Employment Regulations for records held on you in respect of the abovementioned investigation.

A perusal of your personal file indicates that no such records are attached. I also wish to advise you that I am not aware of any other Departmental file containing records of the investigation, which would relate to your request.

Finally I refer you to the provisions of Regulation 46 of the Public Service Management and Employment Regulations, a copy of which is attached. Please be assured that these provisions would be invoked, where appropriate in respect of the records which you requested.

  
R.L. Matchett (Ms.)  
Acting Director-General

