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Meeting with Queensland State Service Union

14th September, 1989

Present: Mr. A. Pettigrew
Mr. G. Nix
Mr. C. Thatcher
Mr. D. Herbert
Mr. E. Clarke
Ms. J. Walker

*Thanks. George
Please see that this Dept
morning OWS
15/9/89*

*Peter,
Alan will decide who he wants
to conduct the investigation,
and advise.*

18/9/89.

Ms. J. Walker, Queensland State Service Union, sought discussions with the Director-General to raise specific issues of concern affecting her members at John Oxley Youth Centre. The issues raised by her are as follows:-

- (1) Mr. P. Coyne, Manager, John Oxley Youth Centre, rang the home of Mr. D. Lannen (Youth Worker) at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th September, 1989, and as Mr. Lannen was not at home spoke to his wife advising her re the facing of possible legal action against Mr. Lannen by him.
- (2) Concern was expressed at the tone of the letter dated 5th September, 1989, sent to Mr. D. Lannen from Mr. P. Coyne, Manager, John Oxley Youth Centre.
- (3) Lex Clements, Youth Worker, was ordered off the premises of John Oxley Youth Centre half way through a shift.
- (4) Mr. P. Coyne, advised staff of John Oxley Youth Centre at the end of a shift that if anyone of them had sent the degrading letter to Ms. A. Dutney, then they were the lowest form of life.
- (5) Mariana Pearce, Youth Worker, was off on stress/sick leave as a result of interaction with management at John Oxley Youth Centre.
- (6) Five Youth Workers at John Oxley Youth Centre besides Mr. D. Lannen had approached the Union with concerns about management at John Oxley Youth Centre.
- (7) Mr. P. Coyne has been threatening other Youth Workers at John Oxley Youth Centre (besides Mr. D. Lannen) that he was prepared to take private defamation action against them.
- (8) The Queensland State Service Union is seeking to have an inquiry into management/staff relationships at John Oxley Youth Centre in view of the ongoing problems occurring at the Centre. The Union was prepared to provide specific details of incidents between management and staff to aid the inquiry.

The Director-General, as a result of the concerns raised by the Queensland State Service Union, decided that an investigation into the operations of the John Oxley Youth Centre would be held and that this investigation would take into account in addition to other matters the issues raised by the Queensland State Service Union.