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Mr D. Martindale
General Secretary
Queensland Professional Officers'
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Dear Mr Martindale,

I refer to your letter of 6th November, 1989 regarding certain matters at the John Oxley Youth Centre. In particular, you requested an immediate limit of 24 occupants for the Centre.

As you are aware, I recently appointed a former Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. Noel Heiner, to inquire into a wide range of issues at the John Oxley Centre. This investigation has commenced and I do not propose to make any changes such as that suggested in your letter until the inquiry is completed and I have received Mr. Heiner's report.

I believe that it would be improper for me to interfere at this stage and not await his comments or recommendations on the matter.

The Senior Executive Management Team of my Department has discussed the matters raised by you in relation to the building itself and a proposal to overcome these problems is currently being investigated.

Yours sincerely,

Beryce Nelson (Mrs)
Minister for Family Services
and Member for Aspley

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