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MEMORANDUM TO: Peter Coyne

SUBJECT: Investigation of complaints by certain members of staff at John Oxley Youth Centre.

I refer to your memorandum, dated February 8, 1990 in which you seek responses to various items of your correspondence which relate to Mr Noel Heiner's investigation of certain matters at the John Oxley Youth Centre.

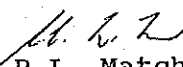
Although verbal discussions have taken place with you in relation to some aspects of this correspondence, it has not been possible to respond to many of the items which you raised, as they have been and in some cases continue to be the subject of legal advice.

Firstly, you will recall that when I addressed staff generally at John Oxley Youth Centre on Tuesday, February 13th, I indicated that certain issues relating to the legal authority of the inquiry had been raised and that I had sought the advice of the Crown Solicitor on these matters. I also announced that following receipt of the Crown Solicitor's advice, I decided to terminate the inquiry forthwith and outlined the reasons for my decision. Consequently, I consider that a number of the issues raised in your memoranda are no longer current, now that Mr Heiner's inquiry has ceased and no report is to be prepared.

Secondly, as many of the requests made by you directly through your memoranda have also been made through your Solicitor, Mr Berry, of Rose, Berry, Jensen, I have not been in a position to respond directly to you on these matters but have placed them in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

You may be aware that I have provided interim responses to Mr Berry and have advised him that the matters he has raised are still the subject of ongoing legal advice.

Such issues will be addressed through your Solicitor when I have received final legal advice.


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

19th March, 1990