

MEETING WITH MEMBERS AT JOHN OXLEY YOUTH CENTRE  
HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY, 1990 AT 2.00 P.M.  
TO DISCUSS ISSUES ARISING OUT OF VISIT AND ADDRESS  
BY MS. R. MATCHETT, ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

PRESENT: Approximately 20 members plus Mrs. Sue Ball and Mr. Brian Mann.

Mrs. Ball opened the meeting by asking for feedback on members' views resulting from the visit by Ms. Matchett.

- \* Mr. Peter Coyne is to be seconded to a "special project" in Family Services to do a study on staffing needs at J.O.Y.C.
  - \* Tim Evans from Sandgate is to be Acting Manager in Peter Coyne's absence and Anne Dutney will act until Tim can be released.
  - \* Staffing, safety and security issues are going to be given "priority" by the Department.
  - \* The Inquiry is abandoned and all documentation is destroyed.
- Staff were in a very hostile mood. They felt betrayed and confused. There were many questions about their legal rights, as many fear Peter Coyne will act on his threats to "sue" them for giving evidence.
  - Members feel that Ms. Matchett is just whitewashing over their problems and many fear that there will be a riot or bad accident in the Centre in the near future if no action is taken to increase staff or improve security problems.
  - Many members were bitter towards each other and the Union, because they feel as though nothing has been achieved, despite the huge effort they put into supporting the Inquiry.
  - They are unhappy that Peter Coyne was moved, as they feel that is not solving the real problems of the Centre, but rather causes more friction between staff. Many complained that Peter had in fact also been trying to solve their problems and now he too was moved.
  - A general feeling was evident that the new Government was heading down the path of the old by not supporting the staff and providing solutions to the crisis situation and the low morale.

- REQUEST
- (a) The Union get legal advice as to the rights of members over their part in the Inquiry.
  - (b) A Youth Workers' Section be established to fight for conditions to be improved.

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S. BALL, INDUSTRIAL OFFICER.