

Midland Junction,

29th May 1951.

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
 Department of Lands & Immigration,
 Cathedral Avenue,
PERTH

Dear Sir,

Further to our recent conference the following are our replies to the questions on which information is needed for the inquiry being made by Mr. Moss.

- Q.9. No. of staff employed in Swan Homes.- 34 (male 16, female 18). The child population is Boys 160 Girls 71. Included in these totals are 36 male and 12 female Child Migrants.

Staff Qualifications

Director:- Ex-Teacher and lecturer in Teacher's College; B.A., University of W.A.,

Deputy Director:- Accountancy qualification and Captain in World War I

One matron is a trained nurse.

Other staff include - Tradesman, experienced farmers, cooks and general staff. There are cottage mothers and matrons of varied experience and qualifications.

Suitability

In a staff of 34 there is a good deal of disparity in ability. The institution makes every endeavour to obtain suitable applicants for any vacancies. We have been particularly fortunate in the type of cottage mothers and matrons employed. There is also a strong sense of vocation in many of the general staff.

- Q.11(a) All children attend the local Primary Schools and then transfer to the District High School for post - primary education. There is no school on the premises in any of the Swan Homes.

- 11(b) It is the policy of the Swan Homes to keep the child at school for as long as he shows interest in and ability to cope with the instruction given. If necessary the institution will support him right through University. (One of our boys go to University next year). Children are only removed from school after consultation with the Head Teacher. At present over 60 are receiving Post Primary Education. Two of these attend Guildford Grammar School, one of the State's Great Public Schools. One of these is taking a post-Leaving Course and the other sits for his Leaving this year.

- 11(c) So far no migrants have reached the Junior Certificate Standard but several are in the sub-Junior class at present. These children will be treated in just the same way as the other children in the Homes. If they desire to continue their education, and the schools report that they have the ability to do so, they will remain at the school.

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The Swan Homes utilize the Medical and specialist services of the Public Hospitals nearest to the respective Institution. Local doctors render honorary services. The School Dental Officers give regular attention and treatment and in the interim children needing dental attention are taken to the Perth Dental Hospital.

The State School Medical Officers conduct examinations of school children at regular intervals.

Yours faithfully,

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DIRECTOR OF ANGLICAN HOMES.