

Maintenance payments

Mr. Hicks indicated that the State Immigration Department handled this matter. He himself felt that Government maintenance payments should cease as soon as parents arrived, but after discussion could see there were many difficulties in the way of such a strict policy and more or less agreed that each case might have to be considered on its merits.

Regulation 4.

Mr. Challenor asked if there were a possibility of Regulation 4 being suitably amended in the near future. Mr. Metcalfe pointed out that all other States were satisfied with existing Regulation 4 and that differing legal interpretations by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department on the one hand and the E.S.W. State Crown Solicitor on the other were still causing a delay.

Name Irrelevant

Mr. Challenor mentioned that this lad had been found uncontrollable by Fairbridge Holong and was now being cared for at a Child Welfare establishment. Mr. Hicks said in his opinion the main trouble was related to the fact that this lad, aged 10 years, did not have sufficient male supervision.

Mr. Challenor asked if the Child Welfare Department could claim the U.K. maintenance subsidy and Mr. Metcalfe suggested it was a matter that would have to be taken up with the United Kingdom authorities.

Name Irrelevant (18-year old irrelevant girl)

Mr. Challenor said he had interviewed Mrs. Name Irrelevant and entirely agreed with the action this Office had taken, and set out in our correspondence to his Department. He suggested that it may have been possible that the Name Irrelevant had expected too much from this girl regarding her musical ability and that this had caused trouble.

He had explained to Mrs. Name Irrelevant that she must retain responsibility for the girl pending receipt of further information.

Conclusion

The Conference which lasted 3/4 hours was cordial. It was regarded by Mr. Hicks as being confidential. There was some valuable exchange of information but in the main it is doubtful in my opinion if there was anything very definite achieved.

*Making offers to be the work that in N.S.W. I feel it should be through inspected, before there is a break down there. Apparently S.W. Dept are afraid to take any action!*

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