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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT - RETTA DIXON HOME.


Reference is made to the Minister's minutes at folios 1 and 18.

2. The future of the Retta Dixon Home has been discussed on other papers and the principles involved are the subject of a draft Cabinet submission placed before the Minister with file 56/746.

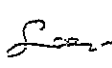
3. At folios 30/29 the Administrator regrets delay in submitting a full report concerning corporal punishment at the Retta Dixon Home. He states that overall issues involving corporal punishment for wards in institutions and children committed to the care of the State Children's Council brought about a temporary shelving of the issues surrounding the inmates of the Home. The Department will watch for the development of the Administrator's policy proposals with regard to corporal punishment generally for their early submission to the Minister.

4. In his attachment at folios 28/27 the Administrator states several discussions have taken place between members of the Welfare Branch and the staff of the Aborigines Inland Mission. As a result the use of corporal punishment at the Retta Dixon Home has ceased and disciplinary situations beyond the ability of the staff have been adjusted by reference to officers of the Welfare Branch.

5. Submitted for the Minister's information, please.


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THE MINISTER:


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