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SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1947PART VI - CHILD ENDOWMENT.APPLICATION BY CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION FOR APPROVAL AS "INSTITUTION" UNDER SECTION 94(1).

Section 94(1) defines "institution" as a charitable or religious institution or organization (including a charitable institution or organization maintained by the Commonwealth or a State) approved by the Director-General, but does not include a hospital for the insane maintained by the Commonwealth or a State or mainly dependent upon financial assistance from the Commonwealth or a State.

Name of Institution	The Aborigines Inland Mission of Australia, Retta Dixon Home.
Address of Institution	Begoe Road, Darwin, N.T.
Name and address of applicant	Amelia Nellie Shankelton, Box 38, DARWIN, N.T.
Applicant's official designation	Superintendent
Gross income of institution for twelve months ended 30/6/48	* \$1138. Plus food ration provided by Native Affairs Branch of the N.T. Mission. Also \$200 in gifts from Mission sources.
Amount of financial assistance received from - (a) Commonwealth Government (b) State Government by way of: (i) Subsidy (ii) per capita maintenance payments during same period.	* It is likely that this amount includes \$238 endowment collected on behalf of mothers. (a) £580 Salary grant. (b) (i) NIL (ii) NIL
Number of children under 16 years of age at present resident in the institution.	70

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The Assistant Director-General (Benefits):

The above institution is conducted by a religious body and its purpose is to provide Christian instruction, education, medical attention and care for the half-caste aboriginal children who are wards of the Native Affairs Branch of the Northern Territory Administration.

2. In November, 1947 the Director of Native Affairs advised that consideration was being given to the question of granting the Home full control over the wards of that Department. This had been done in the case of children belonging to the Roman Catholic, Church of England and Methodist denominations. The Home was subsequently granted a licence on 17/12/47

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to be conducted as an "institution" within the meaning of the Aborigines Ordinance 1918-47. It would appear, therefore, that the children are now under full control of the Home and that the application for approval is supported by the Northern Territory Administration.

3. The application for approval (Form SO. 3) was received from the Superintendent (Miss Shankelton) on 26.3.49. On 3/3/49, however, a letter was received from her wherein she intimated that it was her desire to seek approval for the Retta Dixon Home as an institution for child endowment purposes and it is thought that the date of receipt of this communication might be accepted as the date of application.

4. In the circumstances it is suggested that approval be given for the recognition of the Aboriginal Inland Mission of Australia, Retta Dixon Home, Darwin, N.T. as an "institution" for the purposes of Part VI - Child Endowment - of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947/48. Endowment to be paid subject to the provisions of Section 95(1)(b) of the Act:-

- (a) As from 3rd March, 1949 in respect of the children who were inmates on that date, the letter received from Miss Shankelton being accepted as a claim for the purposes of Section 102(3);
- (b) As from the date of admission of children admitted subsequently, provided a claim in respect of such children is lodged within one month after that date, otherwise payment to commence from the date of lodgment.
- (c) No endowment be paid to the institution in respect of any child for any period for which payment has already been made to a parent or guardian.

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