

ESTABLISHMENTS DIVISION

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Girls' Training School, Parramatta.

During a routine visit to Minda Remand Centre on 29.5.73 Mr. B. Greenham, Deputy Superintendent (Relief) who is currently Acting Manager at Minda asked if he could speak to me confidentially about the Girls' Training School.

He indicated that he was concerned about what he believed to be the position at Parramatta, in that he thought that the girls were being hit by the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent.

He had not seen or heard anything but he thought that this was happening on his days off, or when there was only one administrative officer on duty.

He had seen a girl with a black eye, not recently but some time ago. The girl had told him that she had hit her face on a door. He thought that she had been hit by the Superintendent.

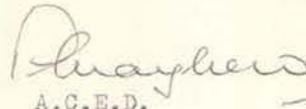
He also alleged that a girl who had been transferred to the Psychiatric Centre had made complaints to her mother but the Deputy Superintendent had convinced the mother that the girl was fabricating the story.

He was concerned for the Department's standing in the community, there had been other complaints by parents but he had understood that they had been denied locally.

Mr. Greenham seemed obviously concerned about the situation, and as I was at Minda with other people, he was advised that I would pursue the matter and the confidentiality of his communication would be respected.

If the allegations can be related to specific instances and incidents, or an indication of sufficient material evidence to indicate general maltreatment or suspected maltreatment, then a serious situation exists at the Training School.

It is recommended that Mr. Greenham be invited to attend Head Office and be asked to provide as much detailed information as possible so that further enquiry can be made.



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Chief of Establishments Division