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Rev. G.C. Long,  
Director,  
Aborigines Inland Mission,  
Kembla Building,  
58-60 Margaret Street,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Rev. Long,

You will recall that a resolution recommending appointment of qualified social workers by the Church and Mission groups to work among aboriginal and part aboriginal people in the community was passed at the last Missions Administration Conference. It was then suggested that the Churches and Missions should be asked to make these appointments with the Government extending the present subsidy scheme to cover these appointments.

I am happy to advise you that the Minister has approved this recommendation and provision has been made in the budget for this year to provide subsidy for several positions.

The same conditions will apply in respect of these appointments as with other specialist staff employed by Missions under the subsidy scheme and no subsidy will be paid unless the person is a professionally qualified social worker. I should be glad to know if you propose to take advantage of the Government's offer to assist in the payment of a social worker, and if so, when you expect such an appointment may be made.

Yours sincerely,

  
(H.C. GIESE)

Director of Welfare