

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
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<p>29556F</p> <p><i>Director</i> <i>For meeting 22/11/74</i></p> <p>RECEIVED 12 NOV 1974 DEPT. CHILDREN SERVICES RECORDS</p> <p>RECEIVED 31 OCT 1974 DEPT. CHILDREN SERVICES RECORDS</p>	<p>TO: The Senior Child Care Officer, Department of Children's Services, <u>STONES CORNER...Q'LD.</u></p> <p>In reference to Mrs. REDAC's concern over weal marks on the legs of HS [redacted] when he went home for the week-end of the 28th and 29th September, I discussed the matter with the Superintendent at "Alkira" on the 28th October, 1974. He informed me that on the 24th September, HS [redacted] was returned to "Alkira" after stealing a vehicle and absconding. He was given six straps. On the 26th September, 1974, HS [redacted] again returned to "Alkira" after absconding and being involved in two break and enters on the 25th September, 1974. He was given four straps. He advised that HS [redacted] was easily bruised and a difficult boy to strap in unaw he moves, with the strap sometimes hitting his bare legs.</p> <p>I sighted the punishment book which was in order.</p> <p>It concerns me that a ten year old boy can be subjected to this sort of treatment. Captain McIver, however, has done nothing to contravene the Children's Services Regulations.</p> <p>On the same date, I discussed with Captain McIver allegations HS [redacted] had made to Miss Doyle, Child Care Officer for "Alkira" about being burnt on the leg with a cigarette. The incident as related by Captain McIver is that he caught a group of boys, including HS [redacted] smoking. HS [redacted] denied that they had a cigarette. Captain McIver found the cigarette and brushed his leg with it as a disciplinary measure. Captain McIver denies that the mark on HS [redacted]'s leg was caused by the cigarette and said it was more consistent with that of a boil.</p> <p>I further raised with Captain McIver the treatment of some of the boys by the cook. Two incidents, in particular, have been brought to my attention recently. Firstly, an incident in which the cook poured some detergent down a boy's throat as a disciplinary measure and secondly, the cook kicked a boy in the ribs to make him let go of another boy. Captain McIver acknowledged that both incidents had occurred, that they were not in the best interests of the children and that he had spoken to the cook concerning them.</p>	<p>B/C The Supervising Child Care Officer, Department of Children's Services, <u>SOUTHPORT...Q'LD.</u></p> <p>Refer your minute of the 30th September, 1974. For your information.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> N. Joughin, Senior Child Care Officer (R). 30th October, 1974.</p> <p>Senior Child Care Officer (R). 30th October, 1974.</p>