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The Commissioner of Public Health,
Department of Public Health,
57 Murray Street,
PERTH.

For attention Dr. J. McNulty
Physician Occupational Health

Dear Dr. McNulty,

Thank you for your letter dated 25th October ultimo regarding the dust hazard at Wittenoom.

I fully agree that although conditions at Wittenoom are much improved, dust is still a major problem.

We are endeavouring to obtain the fullest information regarding the methods used elsewhere and to this end our Mr. J. Murphy has written to both South Africa and Canada.

We have as yet not received final literature from Canada but a copy of the South African reply is attached hereto.

It would be unwise to rush into changed methods of sampling dust before we have all available information.

We would appreciate a visit by Mr. D. Major, the dust sampling inspector of the Occupational Health Section of the Commonwealth School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, N.S.W' and will fully co-operate with him. His survey would be of value and I would arrange for at least one Ventilation Inspector to accompany him.

I do not depreciate from the knowledge or experience of Mr. Major but I anticipate that his experience at Wittenoom will be a somewhat new adventure, and the combined efforts by him and our inspectors will no doubt bring forward worthwhile methods of sampling as well as dust suppression.

I would be pleased if you would go ahead with arrangements for Mr. Major to visit Wittenoom. April/May 1966 would be a good period. However, I would make my Inspectors available for any suitable period.

I would also appreciate if you could find out the cost position. I think that as the populace as well as the workforce of Wittenoom could be prone to contamination, the Commonwealth should meet their costs, but if we are asked to meet the cost I shall have to put it up to the Department.

Yours faithfully,

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