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Asbestos

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Dr. A. King,
Director,
Perth Chest Clinic,
PERTH.

Dear Dr. King,

Don informs me that you wish an estimate of the incidence of asbestosis in the industry.

Your recent answer to questions in the Legislative Assembly contains all the information available, i.e..

Five out of 254 workers were diagnosed as suffering from asbestosis or roughly .5% in an x-ray survey which included all the workers at Wittenoom.

All the workers in the asbestos industry will be x-rayed again early in 1959, and it should be possible to gain a more reliable indication of the incidence of asbestosis.

If the Mine Workers' Relief Act is amended, I will re-classify, after a clinical examination, the previously diagnosed cases.

Yours sincerely,

J. McNULTY

Chest Physician.

DR. McNULTY:

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