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PERTH 21st December, 1951.

The Commissioner of Public Health,
PERTH.

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I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your memo of the 10th instant, enclosing copy of a minute from Dr. King descriptive of asbestosis.

This minute has been carefully perused, with great interest, by our technical officers and it appears that we will have to watch this problem closely, with the assistance and co-operation of the Commonwealth Health Laboratory.

Incidentally, Dr. King refers throughout his minute to chrysotile asbestos only, which is a hydrated silicate of magnesia, whereas our greatest problem at the moment is with crocidolite, which is a silicate of iron and soda. It is, however, very similar to chrysotile in its fibrous nature and it is presumed that continued inhalation of the dust would result in the same lung condition as with chrysotile.

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UNDER SECRETARY FOR MINES.

Dr King.
It is noted & comments of course.
CPH.
Noted Stark 8/1/52
27/12/51.

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