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ADDENDUM TO REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF WORKERS
IN WITTENOOM, 1959.

Information has now been obtained from Canada, through the courtesy of the General Secretary of the Chamber of Mines, confirming my impression that the Konimeter in use in the State is not an effective instrument for dust counting in the Asbestos industry.

In the Quebec Asbestos industry a Midget-Impinger is used. It is stressed that fibres over 10 microns in length are of particular importance and whilst the total dust concentration should be below 10 million particles per cubic foot of air, the maximum fibre count, ie over 10 microns in length, permitted, is 1 million fibres per cubic foot of air.

I have fuller details if required and I understand that copies have been sent to the senior Inspector of Mines, Kalgoorlie, and the Manager, Australian Blue Asbestos, Wittenoom.



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