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THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

This file will, I think, explain itself.

This morning I rang Mr Foxall, the State Mining Engineer, and Mr Telfer, the Under Secretary for Mines, and discussed the matter with them. As a result, a formal application is to be submitted to you that our department should do these routine examinations for men who desire to work at the Australian Blue Asbestos Ltd., Wittenoom Gorge.

In order that these men should be fully covered under the Mine Workers' Relief Act, our examinations would have to conform to those at present given at Kalgoorlie by the Commonwealth Laboratory.

It will be noted that at Kalgoorlie the fee for each examination, which is payable by the man, is 10/6d. This fee is very low for the service rendered, including an X-ray examination, but in view of the extreme public health importance of the control of silicosis, asbestosis and tuberculosis in miners, you might consider that this is the responsibility of the department.

Director, Tuberculosis Branch.

LJ/FE
1st June, 1948.

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