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Mr Jonathon Curtis
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Dear Mr Curtis

Inquiry into Stolen Wages

I refer to your letter of 21 June 2006 in which you invited a submission from our organisation with regard to the above matter.

Over the period of more than 60 years our organisation has employed indigenous people where possible. They were involved in the caring for children in the days of our childcare work, and more recently as pastors in several indigenous churches in the various states. They were employed on the same basis as our non-indigenous staff members and received the wages and other entitlements due to all our employees. That continues to apply.

On some occasions young people went through government training programmes utilising our facilities and oversight. They were paid the specified wages. From 1984 until just recently we operated an aged care facility and employed indigenous people wherever we could. They received the wages, and were employed under the relevant conditions specified in the appropriate awards.

I have checked this information with my predecessors and believe it accurately reflects the basis upon which we employed indigenous workers. I trust that this is of assistance to you as you continue your inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Avon W Moyle
Executive Director.