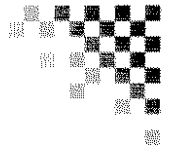




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Mr Jonathan Curtis  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Curtis

### *Stolen Wages Inquiry – Pastor Andrews Inquiry*

I refer to your letter dated 3 August 2006 in relation to a submission from Pastor John Andrews.

In Pastor Andrews correspondence, reference was made to the Queensland Police Service. However, further details were needed in order to conduct robust inquiries.

As a result of your letter, inquiries were made with the Senate Committee who facilitated contact with Pastor Andrews and a senior member of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) Ethical Standards Command. As a result, some further limited information was obtained from Pastor Andrews.

I understand that detailed searches have been made with QPS records in the State Archives. I am advised however that there was very little located which could assist the Senate Committee in their investigations. Information which may assist the Senate Inquiry includes;

- Records found that a Sergeant John Robert Meade registered number 2345 was in charge of Cooktown Police and also Aboriginal Affairs. No details were found in the records linking Sergeant Meade to the persons subject of Pastor Andrews inquiry.
- A Constable James O'Dwyer registered number 844 was in Tolga from around 1914 to 9 May 1921 when he was transferred to Atherton. He also served a subsequent period at Tolga from 28 December 1921 to 22 November 1922 when he was transferred to Cairns. Similarly, no details were found in the records linking Constable O'Dwyer to the persons subject of Pastor Andrews inquiry.



You may be pleased to forward this information to Pastor Andrews if you consider it appropriate.

I have no objection to this correspondence becoming a public document and I thank you for the opportunity to respond to Pastor Andrews concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Atkinson', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**R ATKINSON**  
**COMMISSIONER**