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TITLE: Stock Discrepancies - Challinor Centre - Ipswich.

CABINET decided:-

That in accordance with the requirements of Section 77 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1979-1981, approval be granted to write off missing items of clothing from stock at Challinor Centre at a total estimated value of \$5,537.

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## FOR CABINET

## STOCK DISCREPANCIES - CHALLINOR CENTRE - IPSWICH

 An inventory of general stock lines held at Challinor Centre, Ipswich has revealed discrepancies in various clothing lines.

The total estimated value of the losses is \$5,537 and an itemised list of the missing items, presumed stolen, is attached.

- Subsequent police investigations have failed to establish the identity of the person or persons responsible for this theft.
- 3. This matter has also been the subject of investigation and follow up action by the Department of the Auditor General.
- 4. These stocks of residents' clothing were purchased prior to 1978 and all lines have since been slow moving.

The decline in usage is attributed to the fact that in 1980 the Federal budget provided for payment of the full invalid pension to all residents over the age of sixteen years in institutions.

5. As residents progressively became eligible to receive the full invalid pension, they were encouraged to purchase their own articles of clothing, a practice which is consistent with training programmes developed for the intellectually handicapped.

It also re-affirms Cabinet Decision No. 22376 of 13th May, 1975, taken in respect of residents at Eventide homes whereby free clothing issues are only to be made in those cases where a resident does not have sufficient funds to maintain a reasonable standard of dress.

6. This stock was originally housed in the Centre's main storeroom until October, 1983 when through necessity it was moved and relocated in another temporary storage area to allow planned building renovations to be undertaken.

The temporary storage area was itself structurally secure, however the key to this room was kept in a central location as the exigencies of day to day management required that access could not be totally restricted to any individual officer.

The remaining stocks have again been relocated and placed under the direct control and supervision of the Centre storekeeper.

- 7. Some items of the existing surplus stock have since been transferred to other Departmental Institutions and continuing efforts are being made to clear the balance of all clothing stock lines at the Centre.
- 8. It is recommended that in accordance with the requirements of Section 77 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1979-1981 approval be granted to write off missing items of clothing from stock at Challinor Centre at a total estimated value of \$5,537.

BRIAN AUSTIN MINISTER FOR HEALTH

ITEM	DEFICIT	TOTAL VALUE
UNDERPANTS MENS	245	490.00
UNDERPANTS BOYS	90	135.00
SOCKS MENS	19	9.50
SOCKS BOYS	135	67.50
SOCKS GIRLS	1	50
T-SHIRTS MENS	67	134.00
T-SHIRTS BOYS	496	744.00
SHORTS BOYS	423	846.00
SINGLETS MENS	82	164.00
SINGLETS BOYS	537	805.50
HATS TOWELLING BOYS	29	29.00
SKIVIES	141	282.00
BRASSIERS	5	5.00
PULLOVER CHILDRENS	11	22.00
PULLOVER MENS/WOMEN	263	1052.00
PYJAMAS GIRLS	152	304.00
PYJAMAS BOYS	16	32.00
BLOOMERS GIRLS/WOMEN	190	285.00
DRESSES GIRLS	26	130.00
		\$5537.00