

Miss Carey informed National Executive that Mr Harris had resigned on 1 December to take effect on 25 February 1983.

CONFERENCE

Remits

The Remit Committee had met and asked for some withdrawals and changes to remits. The end result was 49 remits and subjects for discussion. The Remit Committee had added information notes to some of the remits.

OTHER BUSINESS

Child Health Report

Miss Penelope Dunkley had examined this report and she spoke to the written report which she had prepared. The Chairperson thanked Miss Dunkley for undertaking this review and the preparation of the report which was passed to the editor of *Kai Tiaki* for publication in the Journal in order to encourage distribution of the report.

Primary Medical Services Report

Miss Burrell explained that she had been sent an advance copy of the report. Subsequently she had received a letter from the Minister of Health asking if the Association had supplied information from the

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Miss Carey explained that the Hastings Branch of the Nurses' Association had forwarded to Head Office a copy of a document sent to the Branch by the Member of Parliament for Hastings which was addressed to the Minister of Health and the Director-General of Health, was undated and unsigned, but appeared to originate with the New Zealand Home Birth Association. Hastings Branch had asked if it would be appropriate for them to write to the Minister expressing their disquiet at this paper and Miss Carey had informed them that this would be quite acceptable.

Concern was expressed that the Home Birth Association would write such a letter without contacting the Nurses' Association for discussion in the first instance. National Executive agreed that a letter should go to the Home Birth Association expressing the concern of this Association, and letters should also be sent to the Minister of Health and the Director-General of Health.

FAREWELL TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Miss Burrell said that she wanted to thank Miss Carey for her outstanding contribution at all National Executive meetings and on behalf of Executive wished her well in her future career.