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PETITION FROM MR. VICTOR EOAIQ CONCERNING NAURU

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Nauru Administration Hospital,
NAURU
Central Pacific
13th March, 1956

The Chairman,
1956 Visiting Mission,
Territory Trusteeship Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to submit few matters relating to my work in Nauru
Administration Hospital as a Laboratory Technician.

I join the medical service in the year 1940 as Medical Orderly and after
several years later, after the war in 1946, I was transferred to the Pathology
section until 1954 when the Nauru Administration arranged my training somewhere
outside the Territory. I was, afterward, sent to Australia for six months
training on some certain courses on Laboratory technique in a School of Public
Health and Tropical Medicine, Sydney.

After completion of six months training in the above School, I returned
to the island and take up a position in the same Hospital and I was then
classified as Laboratory Technician, and second man in position to the
Nauruan Pathologist.

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I had lodged a several petitions to Nauru Administration through the Government Medical Officer on the revision of my margin of skill in comparison with other Nauruan who have a better margins but they are not had once been trained or underwent any courses for their trade or profession.

I think, perhaps, it would be useful and helpful enough to note down for you the following duties which I have performed and part responsible at present:-

1. Bacteriology.
 - (a) Examination of Faeces.
 - (b) " " Sputum.
 - (c) " " Blood
 - (d) and some others.
2. Chemistry and Biochemistry.
 - (a) Examination of blood. (Some of it)
 - (b) " " CSF. (Some of it)
 - (c) Urinalysis
3. Histo-Pathology.

Preparation of Sections for study and diagnosis.

 - (a) Biopsy - Leprosy tissue etc.
 - (b) Autopsy - When required.
4. Haematology.
 - (a) Red and white cells count.
 - (b) Differential count.
 - (c) Haemoglobin estimation.
 - (d) Some others.
5. Parasitology.
 - (a) Examinations of blood. (some of it)
 - (b) " " faeces (some of it)
6. Looking after the equipment, apparatus etc.
7. Take charge of the Pathology Department during the absent of Nauruan Pathologist.

In regard to last duty (7), I had, on few occasions, carried on the duty of looking after the works and place during pathologist's absent for two months while he was in Australia with other Administration's Officials in connexion with the Queen's visit and his absent on period of recreational leave or sick leave.

I would be very pleased, if the mission could advise me on the matter that I am receiving an adequate scale on my present margin.

Nauruan pathologist is based on a minimum margin of more than £200. and maximum of less than £400 and some trade workers of the Administration are basing on a better margin whereas I am on the maximum margin of £120.

Unfortunately, the establishment for Nauruan employees has been entirely established and I would therefore ask the mission to find its way and see if it could be revised.

Hoping the petition would be favourably considered by the Mission.

Humbly submitted,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) V. EOAIIO

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