5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT – MR GRANT HARRIS, YOUTH WORKER

Mr Harris spoke to the Committee concerning the Youth Insearch programme (which originated in Australia and which has been recently established in New Zealand), and the camp he has planned for September 1999.

This would be the first camp of this nature held in the South Island and it is intended that approximately 45 youth from the Christchurch and Canterbury area attend. Referrals for the programme will be made by youth workers and the programme will deal with such topics as trust, parenting, drugs and alcohol, sexual abuse and grief.

Mr Harris had obtained sponsorship for the camp proposed for September and members of the Committee congratulated him on the initiative he had shown in this regard, and indicated their wish to receive feedback later in the year on the results of this programme.