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INTRODUCTION

The Commission was appointed in 1930 and headed by Dr. John Edward Holloway. The Terms of Reference of the Commission included an inquiry into "The economic and social conditions of Natives especially in the larger towns of the Union", which in essence was its main concern.

The Commission gathered its evidence mainly through submissions from all sectors of society and through public hearings throughout the Union of South Africa. The areas of inquiry were defined by a list of subjects, which were published in the Government Gazette and included amongst others: 'Tribal and Detribalised Natives', 'Land', 'Landless Native Population', 'Native Migrations', 'Native Agriculture', 'Rural and Urban Native Areas', 'Native Labour', 'Education of Natives', 'Native Taxation'.

The Minutes of Evidence contain the oral evidence which was tendered before the Commission and heard at 116 public sessions country wide, transcribed into 9224 typewritten pages. A list of witnesses who tendered oral evidence can be found under Annexure 4 of the Report of the Commission (copy in Box 1).

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Reference is made to collection AD1769, which contains the papers of one of the Commissioners Advocate F.A.W. Lucas. The collection is fully available online.

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