Present: L A Lane, R Merritt, R Hamilton, B Merritt

Stewards today concluded an inquiry which had been adjourned from the Fannie Bay racemeeting on Saturday 7th January into the failure of licensed jockey M McDuff to provide a urine sample when directed by the stewards.

M McDuff who had engagements at the Fannie Bay racemeeting on Saturday the 7th January was advised by the stewards on arrival at the course that he was required to provide a urine sample in accordance with AR81(4).

M McDuff was further advised during the day on 2 occasions by the stewards of his requirement to provide a sample.

Despite those directions M McDuff departed the jockeys room and left the course without providing a urine sample.

M McDuff was found guilty of a charge under AR81A(1)(b). The details being that on Saturday 7th January, a raceday when he had riding engagements at Fannie Bay he refused to deliver a sample as directed by the stewards.

Stewards by way of penalty imposed a suspension of M McDuff's jockeys license for a period of 2 years.

L A Lane NT Chairman of Stewards