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Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Eileen Elizabeth BISBY
<i>Date of Birth</i>	01/08/1942
<i>Address and contact details</i>	
<i>Occupation</i>	Shift Supervisor, Brisbane Youth Detention Centre
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant J A MISON
<i>Date taken</i>	05 / 09 /2012

I, Eileen Elizabeth BISBY state;

1. I am 70 years of age and am a widower.
2. I am currently employed as a shift supervisor at the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre, Wacol.
3. I have been working for the Department of Communities, [herein referred to as the Department] since about 1982.
4. Prior to working for the Department I was a dressmaker. I left dressmaking as I wanted to get involved with helping young detainees learn new skills like dressmaking.
5. Upon commencing duty with the Department I initially worked at the Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Detention Centre at Wilston. After Wilston, I took up a position at the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC) at Wacol.

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6. I commenced duty at the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC), Wacol in about September 1987 and worked there until well past 1995. I performed various roles at the (JOYC) from youth worker to training roles.
7. I recall whilst I was employed by the Department at the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC), there was some form of inquiry or investigation into what I would call management /staffing issues occurring within the John Oxley Youth Centre, (JOYC). This inquiry/investigation was a long time ago and I can't recall the exact date when it was conducted. However I do recall that the manager of (JOYC) leading up to the inquiry/investigation was Peter Coyne. I know this because all the management issues that were being raised related to Peter Coyne and his close group of workers.
8. As I stated I believe the inquiry/investigation was about management practices at the centre and staffing issues. Theses management issues related to the manager Peter Coyne and a group of staff closely associated with him and how the centre was being run. The issues also related to staff treatment and how some staff at the centre believed they were being unfairly treated or being ignored by management.
9. The other issue that staff raised at the time was the decision by Peter Coyne to handcuff a female detainee. This incident related to female detainee Theresa [REDACTED] who was handcuffed to a tennis court fence overnight. I remember at the time I was angry with the decision to handcuff Theresa [REDACTED] by the manager Peter Coyne. I remember I could always talk to Theresa and I believe if I was involved I could of resolved this issue better than Peter Coyne and she wouldn't of been handcuffed at all.
10. Looking back I do not recall whether or not I provided any person including the union that I was a member with any written material or statement about any concerns I might have for the inquiry/investigation.
11. I did not meet with anyone from the inquiry/investigation nor did I provide any information or oral statement about the operation or management of the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC). Looking back now I think I was supposed to meet with the person conducting the inquiry/investigation but I never actually got to meet with anyone and speak to them.
12. I am not sure about the dates but I recall being was made aware about an incident involving a young female detainee and some male detainees when I was working at the

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John Oxley Youth Centre, (JOYC). The female detainee involved was Annette Harding. I do not know much else as I was only ever told about this incident by someone else at (JOYC). I was not involved in the actual excursion and didn't see anything.

13. I have not been asked nor have I ever provided information to any inquiry/investigation in relation to the incident involving Annette Harding.
14. Sometime whilst I was working at (JOYC) I reported an incident that I was told about by some female detainees. I did not actually witness the incident. The female detainees told me that a member of staff and centre cook [REDACTED] had sexual relations with a female detainee [REDACTED]. This is all I remember. I can't remember exactly how I reported this incident or to whom, but I know I did. The cook [REDACTED] immediately left the centre after my reporting. I don't know if he resigned or was dismissed as a result of the incident.
15. I remember some of the following staff working at (JOYC) back then as; Peter Coyne, Anne Dutney, Rudy Pekelharing, Trevor Cox, Jim Douglas, Col Bray, Lyn Draper, Lorraine Hayward, Margaret Judd, Sabina Konicanin, Peter McNeven, Sarah Moynihan, Mumford, Mariana Pierce, David Smith, Michael Roch, Chris Edwards, June West, Fred Feige and Lex Clements.
16. On Tuesday the 4th of September 2012 detective Mison showed me a piece of paper dated 3/10/89 signed with the words "very concerned ". I did not write this letter nor do I recognise the handwriting.
17. I have provided to detectives Mison and Parer a folder of old rosters I have kept including dates of my time at (JOYC).

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 2/9/2012 and contained in the pages numbered I to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at E. Disley Signature
BRISBANE this 7th day of SEPTEMBER 20 12.

Witnessed:
[Signature] Signature
Name J.A. MISON Rank Det Sgt Reg. No. 8065

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