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Statement of Witness

Name of Witness	Decia GUTTORMSEN
Date of Birth	06/05/1962
Address and contact details	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
Occupation	Accounts Manager
Officer taking statement	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
Date taken	17/09/2012

I, Decia GUTTORMSEN state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services [herein referred to as the Department].

Prior to working at JOYC I was employed in the family business

2. I commenced employment with the department around June or July 1989 during which time I undertook duties as a youth worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC]. I had not been previously been employed by the department prior to that date. After six months of employment at JOYC, I left the employ of the department and travelled to Puaa New Guinea where I worked in a ~~family business~~.

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3. My daily duties whilst employed at JOYC was to, whilst paired with a senior staff member of the opposite sex, provide supervision and assistance with the children's daily duties and routines, i.e. arrange meal times, activities, checks on children as they arose throughout the rostered shift.

4. During the time of my employment at the JOYC I recall Peter Coyne as the centre's manager.

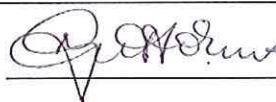
Signature of Witness: *Decia Guttormsen*

Signature of Officer: *Denise Parer*

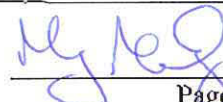
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5. The only other employees I recall working at JOYC during my period of employment include Trevor COX (as I had worked alongside him regularly), and fellow youth workers Eileen Bisby, Lyn Draper, Jill Wesche, Colin Bray, Eric Humphries and a male known to me as 'Jerry'. 
6. At no time during my employment at JOYC did I observe or learn of any allegations of sexual abuse that had occurred at JOYC. Some time after I left JOYC, I cannot recall how or under what circumstances, I learnt through the grapevine that one of the male employees from JOYC had entered in to a relationship with a female detainee [REDACTED]. I did not directly witness this or do I have any further knowledge of this matter. 
7. At no time during my employment at JOYC did I see or have any conversations with any person relating to any management problems I had observed. 
8. The only occasion that I provided a statement whilst at JOYC related to two detainees that had absconded from the centre during my shift. This statement would have been in the fashion of an internal incident report. I do not recall making any other written statement or submission during my time at JOYC. 
9. I do not know of any person named Heiner or have any knowledge as to what the Heiner Inquiry is. After ending my employment at JOYC I travelled to Papua New Guinea where I remained for 5 years. Whilst residing in Papua New Guinea I was 'out of circulation' and did not maintain awareness of current news and events occurring in Queensland. Further, I did not maintain any contact with any employees from JOYC. 
10. I have never given evidence or statement to any other inquiry in relation to my employment at the John Oxley Centre. 




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- 11. I have never been interviewed by any other person/s, about my employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre. 
- 12. On the 17th September 2012 Detective Parer contacted me by telephone during which time I provided her with my knowledge of this matter. 
- 13. During this conversation Detective Parer described to me a photocopy of a hand written document dated 3rd October 1989 signed 'Very Concerned'. I am able to state that I am not the author of that document. 

Decia GUTTORMSEN

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 26 October 2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

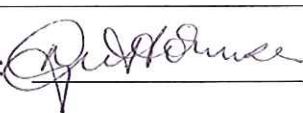
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Signed at 100 TOONGABBIE ROAD this 26th day of OCTOBER 20 12
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Witnessed:

 Signature

Name MEGAN MUDGE Rank ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUPERVISOR Reg. No. _____

Signature of Witness: 

Signature of Officer: 