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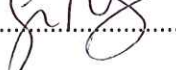
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Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Geoffrey Russell Gallas
<i>Date of Birth</i>	16/09/1965
<i>Address and contact details</i>	
<i>Occupation</i>	Psychologist
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant J A MISON
<i>Date taken</i>	05/12/2012

I, Geoffrey Russel Gallas state;

1. I am 47 years of age.
2. I am a Psychologist for the Department of Defence.
3. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services, [herein referred to as the department].
4. Sometime in 1988, I commenced working for the department as a casual youth worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre, [herein referred to as JOYC]. I believe it was 1988 because I remember Expo 88 was occurring when I started. At the time I was working at JOYC I was also studying a master's degree at the University of Queensland. By my recollection I only worked at JOYC for about six months.
5. As a casual youth worker I only worked about 2 to 3 shifts a week.

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6. My recollection of my time at JOYC is that there were some staff tensions at the centre. I don't know what these staff tensions were about or if it was just the staff just being tense due to the difficult work environment at JOYC (ie, working with juvenile offenders).
7. I did not provide any evidence to the Heiner Inquiry nor was I ever asked by any person to provide any evidence to the Heiner Inquiry. I think the Heiner Inquiry occurred after I had left JOYC.
8. Whilst I worked at JOYC I do not recall having been a member of any union.
9. I never sent any letter or submission to any person or any inquiry about any concerns of sexual abuse at JOYC.
10. I have not witnessed, been told of, or subsequently made any report of any incidents of sexual abuse at JOYC. The only information that I have gained about sexual abuse at JOYC is via media reports.



Declaration

This written statement by me dated 06/12/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 Signature
 Signed at CANBERRA this 06 day of December 20 12.

Witnessed:

 Signature
 Name Cordham Roberts Rank _____ Reg. No. _____

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