

QCPCI 3(e)

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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Denise PARER
<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Queensland Police Service
<i>Occupation</i>	Police Officer
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	
<i>Date taken</i>	02/05/2013

I, Denise PARER state;

1. I am a Detective Senior Constable of Police currently performing investigative duties for the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry.
2. During the course of this inquiry I have, in company with other members of the Police team sought to gather information in response to terms of reference 3(e), that is, *'reviewing the adequacy and appropriateness of any response of, and action taken, by government allegations, including any allegations of criminal conduct associated with government responses, into historic child sexual abuse in youth detention centres'*.
3. The 'Heiner Inquiry', a departmental investigation conducted at the John Oxley Youth Centre in 1989 was identified as being relevant to the term of reference 3(e) subject of our review.
4. In order to achieve adequate review of term of reference 3(e) numerous documents were sourced and reviewed to indentify previous JOYC employees and

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then ascertain what involvement those persons may have had in relation to the Heiner Inquiry.

5. One of my primary functions was to physically locate those employees identified and conduct interviews with those persons. At the conclusion of those interviews I prepared statements which have since been placed before the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry.
6. On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 I attended an address at which I believed ex-JOYC employee Eric Joseph Humphries resided.
7. At that location I spoke with a male person who identified himself to me as a Richard Clarkson. This male provided me with certain information which was to assist me in locating Eric Humphries.
8. As a result of that information I made numerous enquiries to locate Eric Humphries. All enquiries conducted were without success. I then sought further intelligence based enquiries through the Queensland Police Service. Results obtained indicated Humphries still to be currently residing at the address I had initially attended.
9. On the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Detective Sergeant Mison and I attended the address I believed Eric Humphries resided. Upon attendance at that address I observed Detective Mison to callout 'Eric?' I was not in sight of the person at that time. A male person immediately responded with words to the effect of, 'Eric's not here at the moment'. As the male person came in to my sight I observed him to be the same person who had previously indentified himself to me as Richard Clarkson.
10. After a short conversation with this male he conceded to me that he was indeed Eric Humphries and that he had provided me with false and misleading information on our first meeting.

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11. Upon confirmation of Humphries' identity I conducted a field interview with him in relation to term of reference 3(e).
  
12. During this interview I confirmed Humphries was an employee of JOYC for less than one year in the late 1980's, possibly 1987 or 1988. Peter Coyne had been the manager at that time. Humphries stated at no time did he see or was made aware of any sexual abuse allegations, concerns or disclosures during the period of his employment. Humphries stated that after he left JOYC he learnt of events (Harding incident) through articles published in newspapers. He never had any direct knowledge of those events. Humphries indicated that at no time did he meet with Magistrates Noel Heiner, nor did he ever provide any submission to the Heiner Inquiry. Humphries further indicated that he did not recall ever preparing any written submission to any person, body or inquiry in relation to sexual abuse allegations at JOYC.



Denise Parer  
Detective Senior Constable

**Declaration**



This written statement by me dated 02/05/2013 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Signature

Signed at Brisbane this 2nd day of May 20 12

Witnessed:

  
Signature  
Name Peter Brewer Rank Det LV5 Reg. No. 7160

Signature of Witness:  Signature of Officer:  7160