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Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Ian Robert McIntyre
<i>Date of Birth</i>	13/02/1941
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to commission staff
<i>Occupation</i>	Retired
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Date taken</i>	09/01/2013

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I, Ian Robert McIntyre state;

Date: 11.2.2013

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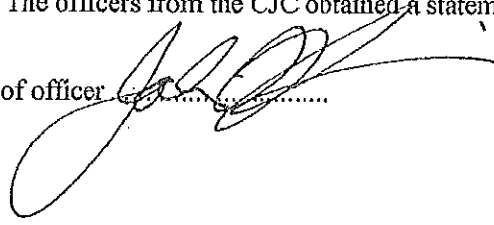
1. I am 71 years of age.
2. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander affairs, [herein referred to as the department].
3. I was employed as the manager of the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC]. I commenced employment at JOYC in 1991. I was initially a deputy manager under the manager, Tim Evans. Tim Evans decided to leave so I applied for and won the vacant position as manager. I finished as manager when I retired from the department in 1995.
4. Whilst I was the manager at JOYC I am aware of one allegation of sexual abuse. This allegation related to on an outing at a dam. Excursions or outings were part of a program to manage good behaviour of detainees at JOYC. This incident related to the child detainee Shelly Neale.
5. I recall JOYC's practical trainer [mechanic] Mulenberg approached me and told me that Shelly Neale had confided in him, that she had been assaulted by a youth worker on an

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outing whilst swimming in a dam. I was told that the allegation was against youth worker [REDACTED], who also had the nickname of [REDACTED]. I think I was made aware of this information several weeks after the excursion had occurred. I think Shelly Neale may have only told Mulenberg the day before I was advised.

6. As a result of this information I contacted my line manager a Ken Otter who was the regional manager. I spoke to Ken and advised him what Mulenberg had told me. Ken told me that the police need to be advised. I was also advised the CJC would need to be involved.
7. As a result of this information I went and approached the detainee Shelly Neale. I will never forget what she told me I remember her saying to me, 'I fucked [REDACTED]'. I told Shelly Neale that that was inappropriate. Shelly advised she didn't want the police involved. She also told me she didn't want to get [REDACTED] into trouble. I advised her that they [police] would be contacted. Inala police were subsequently advised. A solicitor, I think, from the Inala Community Service, was also advised and acted in the interests of Shelly Neale.
8. The day I was advised of this incident I also approached [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] about the allegation because he had the right to know. [REDACTED] got upset, resigned and stomped out. As he was leaving I told him that he didn't have to resign. I valued him as a committed and competent youth worker.
9. I remember Shelly left JOYC the next day after the matter was reported. As the manager I felt something had to be done because other detainees at JOYC had threatened to 'bash' her [Neale] because she 'dobbed' in their friend [REDACTED] and got him into trouble. I remember at the time Shelly was due to be released in about two weeks or so. I contacted the mother of Neale and advised her about the allegation. As a result the mother came to JOYC the next day where I had a further conversation with her about the incident. After this conversation Shelly left JOYC with her mother.
10. I remember after I retired I moved to London. Sometime in the late nineties I remember receiving a telephone call from someone from the CJC. They wanted to ask me questions about the Shelly Neale matter. They told me someone had made an allegation that there had been a cover up over this incident. I remember telling them that was absurd. I also told them to look at the record. The officers from the CJC obtained a statement from me.

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11. In relation to the detainee [REDACTED], I recall that [REDACTED] was about 19 or 20 years of age at the time. There were rumours about JOYC as to how much time a male youth worker, [REDACTED] was spending with [REDACTED]. I met with the youth worker, [REDACTED] and advised him to desist from spending so much time with [REDACTED] due to the rumours. In the end I observed him again with [REDACTED] where they were sitting on bean bags in the corner of recreation room room. I advised [REDACTED] that he had breached my instruction to which he got angry. [REDACTED] ended up leaving JOYC. I cannot recall just when this was.
12. After [REDACTED] left JOYC I became aware that he had also sent [REDACTED] bunch of flowers. I know [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ended up in a relationship together after [REDACTED] was released from JOYC. I have no information that [REDACTED] was in a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] whilst she was in detention at JOYC, however I considered this relationship between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as inappropriate.
13. On Wednesday 9th January 2013 I met with Detectives Barber and Colless from the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry. I had a conversation with these detectives about my time at JOYC. These detectives showed me a document and I recognised as being a statement I provided to the CJC. The detectives also showed me a further document relating to [REDACTED]

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 9-1-13 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 1-3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at Brisbane this 1st day of February 20 13

Witnessed:

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

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