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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Roy Florian Short
<i>Date of Birth</i>	05/04/1949
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to commission staff
<i>Occupation</i>	Retired
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant John Mison
<i>Date taken</i>	17/12/2012

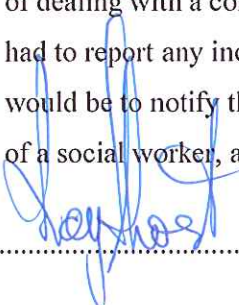
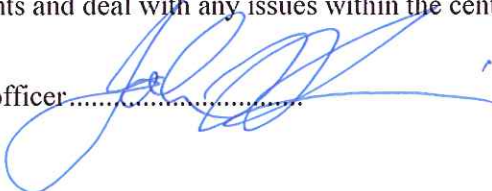
I, Roy Florian Short state;

1. I am 63 years of age.
2. I hold a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education.
3. I am a former employee of the Department of Children's Services, [herein referred to as the department].
4. I commenced working for the department in the 1970's. I worked at various places including the Fortitude Valley area office. I then had a seven year break. I resumed my employment with the department on the 20 August 1984 at the Sir Leslie Wilson Youth centre at Windsor. I was employed as child care officer at Wilson.
5. I also worked for the department at the John Oxley Youth Centre, [herein referred to as JOYC]. I started working at JOYC shortly after it opened in 1986. I was employed as child care officer at JOYC. My duties included case work of young persons, developing and evaluating case plans, writing reports for courts and liaising with local area offices. I was promoted at JOYC to the position of supervising child care officer. When I started at JOYC the manager was Terry MacDermott, the inaugural manager. Sometime later Peter

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Coyne took over as manager. I believe that Jenny Foote was Peter's deputy during the time I worked there.

6. I recall the following staff as working at JOYC when I was there:
7. Peter Coyne – manager, Jenny Foote– deputy manager, Gary Thompson – child care officer, Sarah Moynihan – art teacher, Fred Feige – youth worker, Rudy Pekalharing – youth worker, Terry Owens – groundsman, Gordon Cooper – teacher, Sabina “Connie” Konicanin – youth worker, Jeff Manitzky – psychologist and Brian Parker – admin.
8. I have no knowledge of any sexual abuse at JOYC. I cannot remember ever submitting any reports on sexual abuse.
9. As a deputy manager I had experience in the operation of a youth detention centre. The department had a Manual of Procedures and Practices or more commonly known as a MOPP. I know this manual had been in use prior to 1984. It was quite a big document which outlined the general procedures and practices for all sections of the department.
10. In the mid-1990s a specific procedures manual for the operation of youth detention centres was implemented.
11. In total I worked at JOYC for about 12 months. After working at JOYC, I returned to Wilson to relieve as the deputy manager. I subsequently was appointed the deputy manager for the Sir Leslie Wilson Centre.
12. As a deputy manager of a youth detention centre, I had a level of experience in dealing with assaults on residents. If a resident had been assaulted, the accepted practice was to notify their parents or caregivers. I recall one occasion where a resident was physically assaulted. On this occasion, the resident's social worker contacted the parents and advised them of the situation. Again I can state this was appropriate and good practice.
13. With my experience in youth detention centres I will now comment on my understanding of dealing with a complaint of sexual abuse within a youth detention centre. Having not had to report any incidents of sexual abuse I would suggest the appropriate response would be to notify the police, report up the line to higher management, utilise the services of a social worker, advise the parents and deal with any issues within the centre.

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My recollection of the reporting arrangements between the centres and head office during my time working in youth detention centres was as follows. When I commenced working at Wilson in 1984, Centre Managers reported to the Principal Child Care Officer, who at that time was Don Smith. At the time I worked at John Oxley and when I returned to Wilson, all Centre Managers reported to Ian Peers. He was a Director, but I'm now not sure of his full title. At some later date, the reporting arrangements for Centre Managers were changed from reporting centrally to reporting regionally. John Oxley and Westbrook were in the same region and I recall Ken Otter was the Regional Director to whom the Centre Managers reported. The Centre Manager for Wilson reported to Dawn Juratowitch, Regional Director, Brisbane North. Cleveland Youth Detention Centre reported to the Regional Director located in Townsville. My understanding is the Regional Directors would then report centrally, further up the chain of command within the department. I can't recall the position they reported to.

14. After leaving JOYC I remember hearing talk about the Heiner Inquiry. I was not involved in this Inquiry. I did not attend the Heiner Inquiry nor did I provide any written material to the Inquiry. I can't remember specific persons but I remember there was talk in department circles about the Inquiry. From my understanding I think the talk was about staff tensions and the management style of Peter. I formed the opinion from this talk and rumour that it appeared to me that there was a difference of opinion and personalities amongst staff at JOYC.

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 17/12/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at Curtinham Valley Signature [Signature]
this 9th day of January 20 13

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

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