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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Wayne Anthony MILLS
<i>Date of Birth</i>	06/12/1957
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Det. Senior Sergeant Barber
<i>Occupation</i>	Retired
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Date taken</i>	22/01/2013

I, Wayne Anthony MILLS state;

1. I am a former employee of the Australian Workers Union.
2. I started working for the Australian Workers Union (AWU) in August 1988. I commenced as an organiser and covered a section of the Southern District. I was responsible for about 3000 members across the greater south western Brisbane area which included the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre. I also represented AWU members in industrial matters before the Industrial Commission.
3. Fred Feige was the AWU delegate at the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre and I regularly met with Fred, every two weeks, to discuss issues.
4. I also attended monthly meetings with the Department of Family Services Human Resource Department to try and address problems such as staffing levels and training issues at the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre. The other Unions also attended these meetings including the Queensland State Services Union (QSSU) and the Professional Officers Union (POA).
5. There was always a bit of a tension between the unions at the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre and I seem to recall in about late 1988, Fred advised me that the

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QSSU were trying to get rid of the manager at the Centre. I think the manager's name was Peter Coyne. I feel like this went on for some time and eventually the Department started some sort of inquiry. I know now from media reports that the inquiry was referred to as the Heiner inquiry.

6. I don't recall the AWU having any involvement in the establishment of the Heiner Inquiry.
7. I don't recall when the Heiner inquiry started at the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre, but I vaguely remember an AWU member, Ken Kleidon providing me with a submission that I believe I would have sent to the Director Generals department.
8. I don't recall when the Heiner inquiry finished or what the outcome was. I vaguely remember the manager either left or was moved.
9. I have no other independent recollection regarding the Heiner inquiry.

Wayne Anthony MILLS

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 22/1/13 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Wayne Mills Signature

Signed at SADLIENSLOO this 22 day of FEB 20 13

Witnessed:

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Name B. Barber Rank J.A. MISON Det. Senior Sergeant Reg. No. 8065
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Signature of Witness: Wayne Mills

Signature of Officer: [Signature]