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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Our reference:

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	David Anthony GOLD
<i>Date of Birth</i>	22/04/1969
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Commission of Inquiry
<i>Occupation</i>	
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Inspector Peter Brewer
<i>Date taken</i>	20/11/2012

I, David Anthony GOLD state;

1. I was studying at University in the late 1980's and I was employed as a casual Youth Worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre. I believe this would have been around 1988/1989 time frame but could not be exactly sure. I was about 19 years old at the time.
2. As a casual youth worker I helped to supervise the activities and the young people whilst I was on shift, be that at night ensuring they were in their rooms or just general activities during the day while at the centre. I worked jut a few shifts a week and towards the end of the 12 months that I was there I wasn't getting much work at all.
3. I don't recall the Manager's name at the time but he would be a man I guess to be in his 40's. I am unable to recall any other names of persons I worked with as I was not regularly there at the centre and worked different shifts.
4. If any incidents occurred at the Centre that was significant these would have been reported upon to a supervisor. Any day to day matters were recorded in a daily log.

Witness signature: David Gold Signature of officer: P. Brewer

5. When contacted by police on 20th November 2012 I was explained the Terms of Reference 3(e) about the Government response to allegations of sexual abuse in youth detentions centres. I can say without reservation that I did not know of any such incidents occurring. If an incident involving sexual abuse was mentioned it would have been reported on up to Management.

6. In general terms the children at the Centre were not backward in coming forward and complaining about anything that happened at the Centre. I felt that as a younger youth worker I would have been well placed for any of the children to share any incidents with me, but no-one ever shared any such incidents with me.

7. I was aware that there was some tension and unhappiness between the staff in general and management. I have heard of other Inquiries that took place however I have not given information to any inquiry previously or supplied any written statement about my time working at and the management of the John Oxley Youth Centre.

David Gold

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 20/11/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

David Gold Signature
 Signed at Miles this 21st day of November 20 12.

Witnessed:

K Coleman Signature
 Name KAYLENE ELIZABETH COLEMAN Rank A02 Reg. No. 40303600



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