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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Walter James TALLIS
<i>Date of Birth</i>	25/06/1940
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Retired
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	23/10/2012

I, Walter James TALLIS state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services [herein referred to as the department].
2. I commenced employment with the department over 25 years ago. I first started with the department at the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, Townsville. Initially I started as a casual youth worker but progressed to a shift supervisor. My daily duties at Cleveland Youth Detention Centre included making children get up to go to school programs, transporting of Indigenous children to funerals, ensuring children followed daily hygiene procedures and keeping the boys away from the girls within the centre.
3. As part of my duties I also had cause to undertake periods of duty at the Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre and John Oxley Youth Centre. Staffs were transferred from Cleveland Youth Detention Centre for periods of 2 weeks at a time at the Minister's direction if a riot had broken out. This was to provide the detainees with new faces to look at and settle any hostilities on order to prevent further riots. I would have come down to Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre 3-4

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times and once to John Oxley Youth Centre for a few days. On other occasions I had to travel from Townsville to the Brisbane detention centres on escorts of children who were to be placed in to long term periods of custody, as Cleveland Youth Detention Centre was a short term remand facility only. At the time of my retirement I was employed as shift supervisors at the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre.

4. At no time over my 26 years of service at the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre, John Oxley Youth Centre and Brisbane Youth Detention Centre did I ever see or have any knowledge of any sexual abuse allegations or incidents relating to the children of those centres.
5. At no time have I ever been approached or asked to supply any statement, written or verbally, to any Inquiry, person, body or union about my period of employment in the youth detention system.
6. On the 23rd October 2012 Detectives Parer and Brewer attended my home address during which time I provided them with this statement.

Walter James TALLIS

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 30-10-12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

x W Tallis Signature

Signed at BOLLBOURIE this 30TH day of OCTOBER 20 12

Witnessed: [Signature] Signature

Name D PARER Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

Signature of Witness: W Tallis

Signature of Officer: [Signature]