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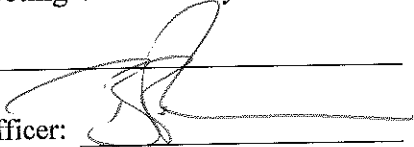
Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Brian George Mann
<i>Date of Birth</i>	12/11/1947
<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>	11/01/2013

I, Brian George Mann state;

1. I am a former employee of the Queensland State Services Union (QSSU).
2. I commenced employment with the QSSU on 24 May 1976. I initially started in the administration office, and then in 1980 I was promoted to the position of Industrial Officer. I remained with the QSSU (now known as Together Queensland, Union of Employees) until I retired on 18 May 2012.
3. During the 1980's, I was delegated responsibility to represent the interests of members from the Department of Corrective Services and also members working in youth detention centres.
4. During the late 1980's, I recall a number of members from the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC) contacting the QSSU regarding some issues with the manager of the Centre. As I recall these issues focused on the manager, Peter Coyne's style of leadership and management practices.
5. Detective Barber showed me some hand written notes that I recognised as my hand writing. The notes appear to relate to a meeting between myself and a Mr

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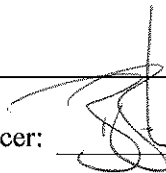
Michael Roch and Ms Lorraine McGregor held in my office at the QSSU on 31 October 1988. I do not specifically recall the meeting, however in the notes I appear to have recorded a number of issues raised by Mr Roch and Ms McGregor. I do not recall Mr Roch or Ms McGregor ever raising concerns regarding child sexual abuse at JOYC. If they had, I am sure I would have made a note of it along with the other issues I recorded. I do not recall how the meeting came to be or the outcome of the meeting.

6. Detective Barber showed me a document containing what appeared to be two telephone messages, one dated 7 November 1988, which appeared to have been generated by QSSU administration staff. The telephone messages appeared to be addressed to me in relation to a call received from a M. Roch regarding a meeting to be held at the JOYC on 9 November 1988. I do not recall whether or not I received the messages, however I did later attend the meeting at JOYC on 9 November 1988.
7. I recall attending the meeting with QSSU members at JOYC on 9 November, 1988 and doing a tour of the facility. Detective Barber showed me a document which appeared to be a record of the meeting taking place. I noted on this document that Mr Ian Peers also attended this meeting. I do not specifically recall whether Mr Peers attended or not.
8. At this meeting a number of management issues were raised and discussed. I do not recall any issues being raised regarding child sexual abuse during the meeting. If allegations of child sexual abuse had been raised during his meeting, I am sure I would have remembered it and would have included it in any briefings I provided to the senior officers of the QSSU.
9. I recall briefing the then Assistant General Secretary of the QSSU, Janine Walker, regarding the issues at JOYC. It is likely I also briefed other senior officers of the QSSU including General Secretary, Laurie Gillespie.

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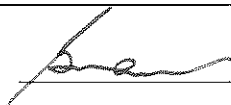
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10. I do not recall whether it was an outcome of that meeting or other advice was communicated to the JOYC employees to document their concerns and forward these statements to the QSSU for collation and delivery to the Department.
11. I don't remember exactly when, but I vaguely remember attending a meeting with Janine Walker, with a senior manager from the department at his office on Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. I believe I probably delivered the hand written statements from the JOYC employees to the senior manager at that meeting. I don't recall who the senior manager was that we met with.
12. I also prepared correspondence under the hand of Janine Walker to the Department of Family Services. Detective Barber showed me a number of QSSU internal memos on which my name appeared at the top right hand corner. These are the reports I am referring to that I prepared.
13. In about 1988 to 1989 my role as an Industrial Officer with the QSSU changed. The QSSU introduced 'Organisers' to liaise directly with QSSU members and their workplace, while Industrial Officers began to focus more on representing individual members involved in industrial proceedings. Detective Barber showed me a hand written note which may have been under the hand of a Sue Ball (Sue Neilsen) regarding her dealings with a number of JOYC employees. I recall Sue Ball working as an organiser with the QSSU in the late 1980's. It is my recollection that around 1989/1990, Sue took over dealing directly with the detention centre workers when I started working more with the Department of Health.
14. Detective Barber showed me a number of documents which appeared to indicate that I had some dealings with JOYC worker Danny Lannen in relation to an extension of his probationary period. This would be consistent with my recollection that Industrial officers began to focus more on representing individual members involved in industrial proceedings. After about that time, I had very little to do with the JOYC workers.

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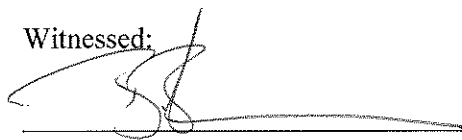
15. Detective Barber showed me a QSSU media release dated 24 November 1989 which made reference to allegations of sexual abuse. I did not assist in the preparation of the media release and have no knowledge of any allegations of sexual abuse. In all of my dealings with the JOYC workers I never received any information regarding child sexual abuse.
16. Prior to speaking with Detective Barber, I have never been approached by the police, the media or any other person regarding my involvement with the employees of the John Oxley Youth Centre. I have never given evidence at any other investigation, inquiry or hearing, and I have never provided any statement, document or other written material to any person regarding my involvement with the JOYC workers.



Brian George MANN

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 11/01/2013 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 Signature
Signed at BRISBANE this 18TH day of JANUARY 20 13

Witnessed:
 Signature
Name B. Barber Rank Det. Senior Sergeant Reg. No. 6382

Signature of Witness: 

Signature of Officer: 