



**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**


Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	David William HURIKINO
<i>Date of Birth</i>	06/04/1965
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Corrective Services – Dog Handler
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	23/11/2012

I, David William HURIKINO state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services [herein referred to as the department].
2. In early 1990 I commenced employment at the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre [herein referred to as JOYC]. At that time I took up the position of cook/youth worker. My principle duties at JOYC were to prepare meals for the children in the company of fellow cook Kerry Deakin. Further duties involved the general day to day operations of the kitchen. My role as cook did not really involve direct contact with the children however, due to the set up of JOYC, in that it was a fairly open type centre, staff including myself were encouraged to interact with the children around our duties. As an example of this, at times, I played touch football or basketball with the children when I did not have kitchen duties to attend to.
3. I cannot recall who the manger of JOYC was at the time of my employment as I remember there were a few in a short period of time. I am able to state that Peter Coyne was not the manager of the centre when I started, and Anne Dutney was not the deputy manager, they had left before I commenced at JOYC.

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4. Staff I recall as working at JOYC include Olly Isaacs, Eileen Bisby, Gary Truloff, Rudi Pekelharing, Ouida Rautapu, Bruce Cassidy, Marj Judd, Alex Meulenberg, 'Connie', Lorraine (nurse), Lorraine Hayward and a youth worker I remember only as 'Barney'. I recall JOYC stores persons as Valarie Quinn and Rodger, both who started after I had commenced at JOYC. I further recall youth workers Damien Butler, Linda Delwijen, Dave Lloyd, Jan Malloy and Dawn Webb.
5. I do not recall there being any major issues during my period of employment at JOYC. In hindsight though, I would best describe JOYC as being blāze in their security. Their compliance and management had poor accountability. At the time I did not know any better as prior to JOYC I had not worked in any form of detention centre, however now after years of working in that field I best describe it in that way.
6. I recall for the most part that the staff got on well and the feeling of the place was both relaxed and fairly casual. There did not appear to be any rigid structure or guidelines. Staff were not adequately trained.
7. I am not aware that there was any sort of Inquiry conducted in relation to JOYC around or just prior to my employment there. The term Heiner Inquiry has no meaning to me.
8. I can state that at no time have I ever provided any written submission or statement to any person or inquiry about my period of employment at JOYC.
9. In relation to my knowledge of sexual abuse allegations I can offer the following information. I recall during my employment that I heard through general discussions amongst staff in the centre about an inappropriate relationship between child [REDACTED] and youth worker [REDACTED]. I never directly witnessed any instances of concern, nor ever had any disclosures made to me in relation to those persons.
10. At no time have I ever provided or been requested to provide any statement to any person in relation to any sexual abuse allegations or concerns pertaining to youth detention centres.

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11. On the 23rd November 2012 I provided my knowledge of these matters to Detectives Parer and Mison of the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry.

David William HURIKINO

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 23rd November 2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 Signature

Signed at BRISBANE this 28TH day of NOVEMBER 20 12

Witnessed:

 Signature

Name DENISE PARER Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

Signature of Witness: 

Signature of Officer: 