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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Janice Grace COSGROVE
<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Det. Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Occupation</i>	Manager
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Sergeantt Bret Barber
<i>Date taken</i>	5/9/2012

I, Janice Grace Cosgrove state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services. I was employed by the Department from 1977 to 1987. I was initially employed as an administrative assistant, then promoted to work for an Assistant Director, and after a few years I became the Private Secretary to the then Deputy Director, Mr. Colin Thatcher. For the last two years I was with the Department, I was the Private Secretary to the then Director-General, Mr. Alan Pettigrew. I resigned from the department in August 1987.
2. At some stage in 1989, after I had resigned, I was contacted by someone in the Department to assist with a special inquiry. I don't remember who contacted me. It may have been Mr. Pettigrew.
3. I was asked to provide administrative support to a retired Stipendary Magistrate, Mr. Noel Heiner, who was conducting an inquiry into the John Oxley Youth Centre. I'm not sure what the inquiry was about but I think the security guards were complaining about the kids not being treated properly.

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4. I had been selected because I had worked in a confidential role with Mr. Pettigrew and this was to be a confidential role with the inquiry. It was to be a temporary appointment and I was to be paid for the hours I worked.
5. My recollection is that the role only lasted for a few weeks. We spent a week or so at the John Oxley Youth Centre and then a week back at Mr. Heiner's office before the inquiry was stopped. I do not know why the inquiry was stopped.
6. I recall going out to the John Oxley Youth Centre to assist Mr. Heiner while he interviewed the youth workers. I remember another woman from the Department, Barbara Flynn was also there to assist Mr. Heiner. Barbara was involved with the Children's Court and sat in on the interviews with Mr. Heiner while I waited outside.
7. Mr. Heiner used an office or a conference room at JOYC to conduct the interviews. I recall preparing the room for Mr. Heiner and setting up the tape recorder on the desk that used small cassette tapes. I later transcribed the tape recordings for Mr Heiner at his office on North Quay in Brisbane.
8. I do not recall how many interviews were conducted or how many tape recordings I transcribed. Mr. Heiner may have interviewed 4 or 5, or maybe 5 or 6 people. I don't believe there were very many tape recordings and the recordings weren't very long.
9. I do not recall seeing any other paper work or reports relating to the interviews and I don't recall ever preparing any written correspondence for Mr. Heiner.

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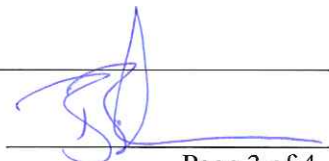


10. I recall the Manager of JOYC at the time was a man named 'Coyne' and I remember feeling that he didn't want us there. Whenever I asked for files for Mr. Heiner he wanted to know why we wanted them.
11. I remember that while we were at JOYC we were taken on a tour of the facility and I remember a youth worker pointing out to us an area where a detainee was apparently handcuffed.
12. I don't specifically recall the issue of sexual abuse being raised in any of my conversations with Mr. Heiner or Barbara, or the issue being raised in any of the tape recorded interviews that I transcribed. When I worked for Col Thatcher, he was very involved with child protection work and it was the main basis for my work. I could be recalling work from then, so I'm not sure. I don't recall if allegations of sexual abuse were raised or not.
13. I don't recall any specific discussions but I feel it was our general sense that the centre was not being run properly.
14. At some stage about two or three weeks after I started working with Mr. Heiner, I received a phone call advising me the inquiry had been stopped. I don't recall whether it was Mr. Heiner who rang me or someone else. As a result, I had nothing further to do with the Inquiry.

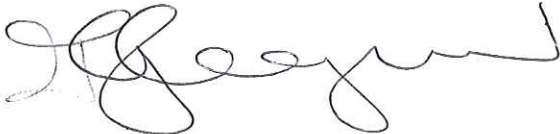
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15. I have never been contacted by anyone regarding my involvement in the Inquiry, nor have I discussed the details of my work with Mr. Hiener with any person. I have also never been called to provide a statement or give evidence to any commission of inquiry or committee hearing regarding my work with Mr. Heiner.



Janice Grace Cosgrove


Declaration

This written statement by me dated 5/9/12 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 27th day of SEPTEMBER 20 12

Witnessed:

 Signature

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