

Statement of Kathrine MORGAN-WICKS

RFS-TAS-092

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STATES:

1. This statement is made by me in response to RFS-TAS-092 ('RFS'), issued on 25 July 2022 by the President of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings (the Commission), the Honourable Marcia Neave AO.
2. My name is Kathrine Louise Morgan-Wicks and I am the Secretary of the Department of Health and State Health Commander COVID-19.

Q1. Provide a list of all roles held by James Bellinger at the Department during the Relevant Period, including any roles held by James Bellinger on a temporary or acting basis.

3. Department records identify Mr Bellinger's substantive duties during the Relevant Period as HR Advisor - Human Services (Band 5). Mr Bellinger was assigned higher duties as HR Consultant – Human Services (Band 6) for the entire Relevant Period. System payroll data and employment records for the Relevant Period are provided – Annexure 1 and Annexure 2.
4. It is my understanding that the reference to "Human Services" within the title "HR Advisor – Human Services" refers to the substantive allocation of HR Advising roles to either the "Health" divisions of the Department or the "Human Services" divisions, noting the previous portfolios administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Q2. Based on a review of records available to you (including but not limited to payroll records), state whether any role that James Bellinger held with the Department (including in the Department of Health and Human Services Children and Youth Services) during the Relevant Period involved him providing human resources assistance or advice (including on personnel, employment and/or disciplinary matters) to Launceston General Hospital staff (including members of the Social Work Department).

5. In the records available to me, no information has been identified of Mr Bellinger providing human resources assistance or advice, in the roles he held during the Relevant Period, to Launceston General Hospital staff.

Q3. Produce any correspondence between Stuart Millar and James Bellinger during the Relevant Period.

6. A search of shared Northern network drives, using the search terms of 'Millar, Kylee, Bannon and Pearn' did not identify any correspondence between Mr Stewart Millar and Mr Bellinger.
7. A search of available personal network drives for Mr Millar and Mr Bellinger did not identify any correspondence between them. In addition to using the search terms in paragraph 6, the individual documents for the Relevant Period were reviewed for any relevance.

- 8. A search of Outlook accounts did not identify any correspondence between Mr Millar and Mr Bellinger for the Relevant Period. In addition to searching on any exchanges between ‘Millar’ and ‘Bellinger’, the individual emails for the Relevant Period were reviewed for any relevance. It is reported that any deleted emails are not retrievable and therefore are not included in the search.

Q4. Produce any electronically available calendar records of meetings involving each of Stuart Millar and James Bellinger during the Relevant Period.

- 9. A review of Outlook, which is used for calendar bookings, did not identify any records of meetings involving Mr Millar and Mr Bellinger. Noting paragraph 8, deleted calendar entries are not retrievable and therefore were not included in the search.

This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____

(Print Witness Occupation on line above)

_____ Date: _____

(Print witness name on line above)