

STATEMENT OF CATHERINE ALLEN

I, **Catherine Allen**, of 39 Kessels Road, Coopers Plains in the State of Queensland, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

Background

1. I am employed by Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services (**QHFSS**).
2. I hold the position of Managing Scientist at QHFSS at Coopers Plains.
3. On 19 October 2022, under ss. 5(1)(b) and 5(1)(d) of the *Commission of Inquiry Act 1950* (Qld), Commissioner Sofronoff KC issued Notice 2022/00286 (**Notice**) to me. I am required to produce documents and respond with my knowledge of the matters set out in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the Notice.

Question 1

In relation to each document enumerated in the list of documents (as attached) that Ms Cathie Allen provided by email to Andria Wyman-Clark and Paul Csoban on 19 April 2018:- 1. Provide a copy of the document (if presently able to be obtained by Ms Allen).

4. On 15 May 2018, I caused bundles of documents referred to in the list of documents attached to the Notice located at **Exhibits CA-1 to CA-16** to be scanned into QHFSS's computer system.

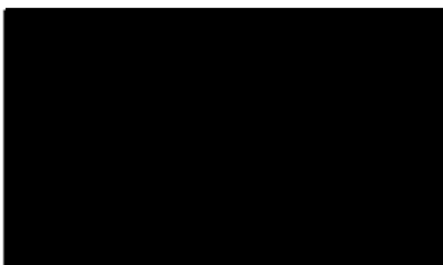
Question 2

In relation to each document enumerated in the list of documents (as attached) that Ms Cathie Allen provided by email to Andria Wyman-Clark and Paul Csoban on 19 April 2018:- 2. If the document is not presently able to be obtained by Ms Allen, advise where it is able to be located.

5. Not necessary to answer.

Question 3

In relation to each document enumerated in the list of documents (as attached) that Ms Cathie Allen provided by email to Andria Wyman-Clark and Paul Csoban on 19 April 2018:- 3. Explain what searches Ms Allen undertook or caused to be undertaken in or around April 2018



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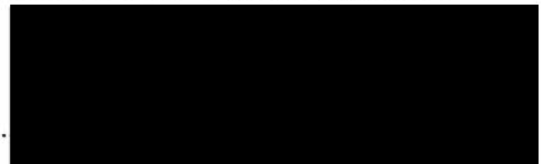
to ascertain whether the hardcopy document had been saved electronically or in hardcopy in FSS systems.

- 6. For the document listed as ‘Original examination notes for a Sexual Assault case’, I checked the hardcopy casefile that was located within the laboratory and AUSLAB. These are the documents located at [High-1 (CA-1), scanned pages 4 to 6].
- 7. For the document listed as ‘QPS Submission of Articles For Forensic Examination form’, I checked AUSLAB to see if a scanned image of the document was present for the particular case and it was not. These are the documents located at [High-1 (CA-1), scanned page 12].
- 8. For all other documents, it was unknown if they had been electronically stored and I would have searched if requested to do so.

TAKEN AND DECLARED before me at Brisbane in the State of Queensland this 20th day of October 2022



Catherine Allen



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