



QUEENSLAND HEALTH PAYROLL SYSTEM
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Sally Jane O'Carroll
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Known to the Commission
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to the Commission
<i>Occupation</i>	Management Accountant
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	
<i>Date taken</i>	10 May 2013

I, SALLY JANE O'CARROLL state as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. I work as Management Accountant – Shared Systems, Queensland Shared Services at the Department of Science, IT, Innovation and the Arts. I have held this role for since late December 2007. Prior to this time, I worked as a Senior Project officer in the Shared Services Initiative Policy and Program Office (SSI PPO).
2. On Wednesday 17 April 2013 I attended a meeting at the Commission offices with the Commissioner, Counsel Assisting, and other attendees. At that meeting, I was asked to prepare a statement in relation to a conversation I had with Ms Brooke Freeman, Accountant for IBM, in the course of my work.

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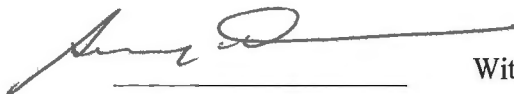
3. In late October 2008 and again in early November 2008, IBM provided fixed prices for the remaining body of work. During the review of the IBM fixed prices there was correspondence between CorpTech and IBM to seek confirmation of and to verify the prices and what they included. There was a fixed amount of funding available for the Prime Contractor costs and CorpTech costs.

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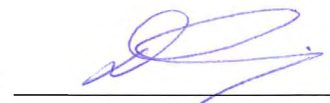
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4. The person from IBM with whom I dealt on pricing matters was Ms Brooke Freeman.
5. I have been asked by the Commission to provide an account of a particular conversation that Ms Freeman and I had. I did not keep a log of this discussion, the content, date or time.
6. It is my recollection that I attended a meeting at Santos House, which is located at 60 Edward St, Brisbane, in early or mid-December 2008. While there were about five (5) attendees at that meeting, I can't remember who each of them were. I do remember that Ms Freeman was one of the attendees.
7. At the end of the meeting, I stayed back to speak with Ms Freeman. We were the only two people in the conversation. I recall that I had wanted to speak with her to try and confirm what was included in the IBM fixed prices.
8. I can't remember all of the words that were said. I do remember that I explained to Ms Freeman that the reason I needed to find out exactly what was included in the fixed prices from IBM was that the State Government had allocated a fixed budget for the project, and I was trying to ensure that the IBM fixed prices would cover what was needed, within that budget.
9. I recall that her response was unexpected. Ms Freeman said "Just go back to the board and ask for more money."
10. The reason these words have stayed in my mind is that I was taken aback by this approach.
11. Shortly after the comment outlined in paragraph 9, Ms Freeman said "The Government has never pulled out of a project before." I understood this statement to mean that she also didn't think the Government would pull out of the project.

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12. I believe that we then moved on to another subject.
13. I was approached by the Commission of Inquiry to make this statement. I make this statement voluntarily. The contents of this statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any false or misleading statement could be an offence against the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950 or contempt of the Commission.

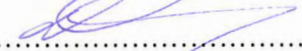
DECLARATION

This written statement by me dated MAY 2013 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Signed at BRISBANEthis..... 16th day of May 2013.

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Witnessed at Brisbane this . . . 16th day of May 2013.

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