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**SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF LINDA MARY MULLIGAN**

I, **LINDA MARY MULLIGAN** of Bundaberg in the State of Queensland, Registered Nurse, state as follows:

- 1 I have provided a statement to the Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry dated 8 July 2005.
- 2 I wish to respond to paragraphs 36 to 39 of the statement of Dr Jenkin dated 7 July 2005.
- 3 I believe the conversation Ms Jenkin refers to in those paragraphs of her statement is a conversation I had with her on 4 January 2005.
- 4 I repeat and rely on those paragraphs of my statement which discuss that conversation and, in particular, paragraphs 190, 191, 192 and 196.
- 5 In relation to paragraph 36 of Ms Jenkin's statement, the conversation did not occur during the Christmas/New Year period as stated by Ms Jenkin because I was on leave from 21 December 2004 to 3 January 2005. The conversation took place on 4 January 2005.
- 6 In relation to paragraphs 37 and 38 of Ms Jenkin's statement:
  - (a) The conversation was as described in my earlier statement;
  - (b) I approached Ms Jenkin on my routine walkabout after my discussion with Ms Hoffman;
  - (c) The conversation took place in the nurses' station area, not in Ms Jenkin's office;
  - (d) Ms Jenkin did not mention any patient names or specific cases to me;

  
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- (e) Ms Jenkin did not mention to me that she or any staff (other than Ms Hunter) had concerns regarding Dr Patel;
- (f) Ms Jenkin did not provide me with details of Ms Hunter's concerns. She stated she would follow up the matter with Ms Hunter as I had requested and ask Ms Hunter to document her concerns;
- (g) Ms Jenkin did not mention the executive or make the other statements she mentions in those paragraphs, nor did I make the statements she attributes to me;
- (h) If Ms Jenkin had mentioned to me specific cases or other concerns she had regarding Dr Patel, I would have asked her why she had not informed me of such issues before and asked her to document her concerns;

7 In relation to paragraph 39 of Ms Jenkin's statement:

- (a) Ms Jenkin did not mention any staff, generally or by name, other than Ms Hunter who had concerns regarding Dr Patel. Had Ms Jenkins done so, I would have asked her to get those staff members to document their concerns and, if I did not receive the documentation, I would have followed her up (as I did in January with the documentation I was expecting from a number of theatre staff);
- (b) Ms Jenkin did not mention the HRC during our conversation and I deny being horrified at any time during our conversation or making the statement Ms Jenkin attributes to me in that paragraph;
- (c) I did request Ms Jenkin to speak to Ms Hunter and ask her to document any concerns she had.

8 Ms Jenkin did not, at any time, provide me with any documentation in relation to concerns she may have had regarding Dr Patel.

DATED: 21 October 2005

  
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