

**Matters re St Ann's – Conversation by phone with Sandra Watkinson approx
3.30pm 3/6/04**

Sandra Watkinson recalls going to visit Claude Hamam re a Crisis Management Workshop. In looking for a suitable date Sandra put forward a couple and to one Claude responded that X would not be suitable as the Police were coming to meet with him on that day. Claude then mentioned "almost in passing", that allegations had been made about a bus driver.

Sandra said that on returning from St Ann's she spoke with Michael Critchley re her conversation with Claude, and that Michael then contacted Claude and instructed him how to handle the issue, industrially and generally. Claude had not made any contact with the CEO re the matter prior to this or that he had been contacted by the Police. Sandra could not recall exactly when her visit to St Ann's took place, but that it was probably only a week or two prior to the Police visiting Claude.

Sandra recalls that the report to the police was made by a female member of staff who had noticed a significant behaviour change in one of the students. She cannot recall her name.

In relation to CEO support Sandra recalls organizing a night meeting for some parents, she thinks their selection may have been based on those whose children Claude thought may have been involved. Both FACS and Police representatives were present. Sandra was present at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to enable the parents to hear what process was involved in the case of each organisation.

In 1987 Sandra was approached by [REDACTED] is a parent, to run a Protective Behaviours Program workshop for parents. Some of the teachers attended. This was just prior to Sandra leaving for overseas on LSL. I can check out when that was to clarify the near actual date.

Sandra also mentioned that she is surprised that the Seaton incident involving the Scalabrinian priest has not surfaced, and thinks that as those girls (who would now be about 20) get older they may make a report to FAYS themselves as it seemed the parents declined to do so at the time as a priest was involved.

I just presumed that Sandra was interviewed as part of the inquiry, she did say that she got a letter to which she made a response and was not contacted any further.

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