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Handed to R. Wicks  
by Manager  
D. Williams

Melissa had informed Maree that she having difficulty finding a worker at such a short notice and the only person available was John O'Connor. Maree agreed to accept John O'Connor on this occasion.

On the following day when Maree expressed her concern to Melissa, Melissa admitted to Maree that it was wrong to have sent a male worker and all care would be taken in the future for this not to happen again.

On the morning of the 11/4/95, Maree spoke to Dorothy about her concerns with John O'Connor caring for Bobbie in his home the previous afternoon. The conversations she had with John made her feel uneasy, and she wanted a further check regarding John character.

Dorothy contacted Minda School South Australia and spoke with Head Mistress Sylvia. The word used were "John was totally trustworthy, she had no concerns regarding his behaviour and that he was a great Advocate for his clients".

Dorothy then spoke with John O'Connor expressing her concern and that of mothers' sending male worker to work with a female child. John told of the training received in previous employment where the emphasis was placed on insuring that other persons were present if caring for a child of the opposite sex in his home. Dorothy referred to previous day when he cared for Bobbie, and he stated that being aware of this problem, and that after picking up Bobbie he had taken his wife to work thus ensuring he arrived home around the time that one of his children arrived form school.

Maree thanked Dorothy for making the enquires regarding John background and stated that she would always have her doubts and would never trust John O'Connor.

Dorothy felt that if Maree wanted the matter to be investigated further that she could have approach the Committee as per our grievance policy.