INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Tarlo E15/1982

PLACE:

Sydney

NAME:

Lachlan Murdoch

ADDRESS:

Known to the ICAC

OCCUPATION:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

TELEPHONE NO: Known to the ICAC

DATE:

24 April 2017

States: -

- 1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- years of age. 2. I am
- 3. I am currently employed as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for an organisation known as the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS). Our head office is located at 152-168 The Horsley Drive, Carramar NSW. I have been in this position for more than ten years.

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- 4. STARTTS is a specialist, non-profit organisation that provides psychological support to help people heal the scars of torture and refugee trauma with the aim of helping them rebuild their lives in Australia. STARTTS is situated in Carramar however in conjunction with other organisations our trained psychologists and counsellors are able to meet clients at a variety of locations.
- 5. One location STARTTS used was the Immigrant Women's Health Service (IWHS) situated at 92 Smart Street, Fairfield. The CEO of IWHS was Dr Eman Sharobeem. STARTTS and IWHS had a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding the operation of Serbian Women's Group that STARTTS facilitated at the IWHS premises. This MOU commenced early 2013 and remained in place until 30 June 2014. After that date the agreement would continue until either party formally requested a conclusion to the MOU.

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE A COPY OF THE MOU BETWEEN IWHS AND STARTTS.

- 6. STARTTS also participated alongside IWHS in events such as Refugee Week.
 These events were jointly organised however no MOUs were established as these events were a joint participation in local interagencies and other interest groups.
- 7. On some occasions STARTTS utilised the IWHS office space to provide counselling services for STARTTS clientele separate to the Serbian Group. From my understanding STARTTS employed a counsellor/project officer as a facilitator

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for the Serbian Group and in accordance with the MOU our counsellor would be allowed access to members of this group if required.

- 8. According to our records and to my knowledge one STARTTS counsellor visited the Immigrant Women's Health Service to provide counselling to one client of the IWHS clientele (apart from members of our Serbian Group).
- 9. A review of our records show that between 2009 and 2016 one person was referred by IWHS to STARTTS for counselling.

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