## **INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Op Dasha

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NAME:

**Judith Carpenter** 

DATE:

27th March, 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.
- 2. I am 70 years of age.
- 3. Further to my statement dated 1 November 2016 and as a result of conversations with Investigator Berry I can indicate that I prepared a number of suggested interview questions for the position of Director City Planning. I forwarded these questions to General Manager Jim Montague for his attention. I prepared these questions for Mr Montague's review so he could choose up to eight (8) questions for inclusion in the panel interviews.

Exhibit: I produce and hereto attach email dated 11 November 2014 from Judith Carpenter to Jim Montague headed Draft Questions.

Signature\_

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- 4. On 17 November 2014, I attended Canterbury Council as a panel member to assist in interviews. I don't recall that the "Suggested interview questions" were bound by plastic spiral. I had not provided the questions bound by plastic spiral - either in draft or final forms. Questions were provided in a format that was stapled together (four pages). I recall Mr Montague had not edited the draft questions, so there were too many questions. However the councillors did not stick to the suggested questions in the whole.
- 5. None of the questions to my knowledge were provided to the candidates nor should have been provided. However, if they had been provided to a candidate prior to interview, this would have given that candidate an advantage over other candidates going through the same interview process.