

MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE COMMONWEALTH IS UP TOO REGARDING NORFOLK ISLAND (PART TWO)

During the time this team was active the island community almost discovered what the Commonwealth was up to. This facebook post from Norfolk under siege asked why the hospital records were secretly being taken away from the hospital?

<https://www.facebook.com/norfolkislandundersiege> 21 May 2017 - Is Oz Government at it again?

What actually happened was that the department wanted to examine all the old records to see if they could find any evidence of this abuse in any of the patient's records. The department made up the excuse of shipping these files away to be cleaned and digitised, which I'm told may not have even happened, but instead were to be quickly examined so they could gather evidence. I thought this sounded like a conspiracy theory, but from my contact that worked in the Norfolk Island Response Taskforce, this is true.

They also said the Commonwealth will deny this to save the embarrassment, especially because of the breach of medical privacy that would seem to have occurred. Apparently if the island community want to know many of the details of this team, they should also FOI the emails of Janet Stodulka and Melita Lanigan-King, who were key staff members in the set up and running of this secret team.

It is interesting that Janet Stodulka is still working at the department of prime minister and cabinet on 'special projects' - what are these special projects she is working on?

I have been informed of another issue that should concern island residents. The team working on Norfolk issues in the Commonwealth department, and so working on all the issues that affect us, is almost all short-term contractors, hardly any are long term staff that have any background of our issues. I'm advised that not one single staff member that worked in the area during the start of all this in 2015 is still there.

How can Norfolk Islanders feel confident that the people working on important issues that affect us have any understanding or care for our community? We deserve better than having our lives affected by just short-term contractors that know nothing about us. A lot of this information sounds completely unbelievable but apparently is true.

I believe the Commonwealth must now honestly answer the following questions:

- 1) During 2017 was there a team set up in the department to respond to believed child abuse and domestic violence on Norfolk Island?
- 2) What were the activities undertaken by this team?
- 3) Will you disclose the team details to the island community so that we can see what the teams were responsible for?
- 4) Will you disclose what the Commonwealth was planning to do with this team?
- 5) Was Janet Stodulka the executive in charge of this team? Is she still working on this issue now?
- 6) What percentage of the Commonwealth staff currently working on Norfolk Island issues are contractors? What percentage of the staff have been there for more than one year?
- 7) Will the Commonwealth offer an apology to the Norfolk Island community for the offensive assumption that so many of the children were abused?

Paper copies of this letter will arrive with the council in the coming days and I hope they will take this up with the Commonwealth on our behalf.

As an island resident I will be very interested to see what the Commonwealth says about what I can only describe as a horrifying development.

Concerned Resident