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Dear Tom

Thank you for your letter of 19 November about the provision of information to the Peter Wanless and Richard Whittam QC review by individuals identified by Mr Hulbert. I am sorry for the delay in responding to you.

The allegations about the sexual abuse of children, and the response of previous governments and public institutions to them, could not be more serious. I have been absolutely clear that all government departments must co-operate fully on matters relating to child sexual abuse and provide full access to any information that is requested. I have placed the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse on a statutory footing, so that it will be free to call witnesses from organisations in the public sector, private sector and civil society, subject to any constraints imposed by criminal investigations. The Inquiry will have access to all the government papers, reviews and reports it requires.

Although the review by Peter Wanless and Richard Whittam QC did not have these statutory powers, I am determined to get to the truth. My department will do what it can to act on the information you have provided.

The Civil Service Pension Scheme is not administered by the Home Office, and my department does not have access to its database. However, I have instructed my officials to work urgently with the scheme administrator to find a way to contact this individual. I have asked the Permanent Secretary to respond to you on the outcome as soon as possible.

I am grateful to you for bringing this important matter to my attention.

Theresa May

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The Rt Hon Theresa May MP