

ALBANY TRUST

65. As a result of recent disclosure provided by the Inquiry, there is now independent and apparently clear evidence, that the Home Office Voluntary Services Unit did provide at least some material support to the Paedophile Information Exchange.
66. As detailed above, when I raised my concerns over the apparent funding of PIE with Alan Davies and Clifford Hindley at the Home Office VSU in the summer of 1979, I was aware that the Albany Trust was funded by VSU but had no involvement in or knowledge of the detail of the grant nor of the organisation itself. These were matters which were dealt with by Clifford Hindley, possibly in conjunction with Brian Chaplin.
67. As detailed below, whereas the disclosure I have now seen does not prove that the Home Office VSU provided funding to PIE via the WRVS, it does strongly indicate that part of my concern that the Home Office were providing, directly or indirectly, some support to PIE, is true.
68. I have very recently been shown documents disclosed by the IICSA (tranche 4). These documents indicate a number of important findings in relation to the Albany Trust's links with PIE and the VSU's knowledge of those links, which I will set out below. These are that:
 - a) The VSU were aware of the Albany Trust working with paedophiles, while the Trust was in receipt of public funds.
 - b) The VSU were also aware that the Albany Trust was intending to use those public funds to publish information about paedophiles.

- c) The Albany Trust's Director, Antony Grey, corresponded with PIE and PAL, allegedly offered to speak at a PAL meeting, and attended numerous PIE meetings, while the Trust were in receipt of public funds.
- d) The Albany Trust provided PIE with copies of the translation of the Speijer Report, which PIE then distributed to its members
- e) The VSU were aware of Antony Grey's involvement with PIE, through regular contact with him and as this had been raised with them by an MP in writing to Clifford Hindley, the Head of the VSU.

69. I will address these in turn.

- a) The VSU were aware of the Albany Trust working with paedophiles, while in receipt of public funds.**

70. The disclosure demonstrates that work with PIE was undertaken while they were in receipt of public funds from the VSU for 'administrative costs', as we know from the financial report in LSE003159, while the document also states that the Albany Trust intended to work with paedophiles.

- b) The VSU were also aware that the Albany Trust was intending to use public funds to publish information about paedophiles.**

71. In a further document, titled 'Albany Trust: Report to the Voluntary Services Unit on Activities since December 1975', (LSE 003162), under ongoing projects at paragraph 3.(c) it is stated: "*Several meetings were held with paedophiles and others interested in providing supportive help. It is hoped to publish information on this topic during 1977.*" Although minutes of a