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Child Sex Abuse

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Dear Mr Carlyon,

Thank you for your letter of 10 May to Harvey Grenville. I am replying in response to the enquiry you raised in your letter regarding identifying the documents that I referred to as the basis of my evidence that the Commission notified the Department for Education that we were undertaking statutory inquiries into the Trust of Ealing Abbey.

Shortly, before I was due to give oral evidence in February 2019 I was given a copy of the witness statements submitted to IICSA by other parties that had been included in the evidence bundles I would be questioned on at the hearing. I read the witness statements of Education and ISA officials which whilst recognising their records from the time were not available, they gave evidence they did not know about the Commission's inquiry and were not informed or contacted by the Commission.

I therefore asked my support team to check the records again as my personal recollection from memory was that the inquiry team had had contact with DFE, at least. I attach the result of my team's research and I relied on this and my own re-review of the existing computer system case records in my oral testimony that we had contacted DFE. I also referred to the fact whilst not all the records were complete, there were a number of clues in the existing records:

- The letter dated 28 March 2007 from Geoff Eales to Catherine De Cintra, makes explicit reference to the case officer's contact with DFE [BNT000882].
- The file records which exist – make reference to discussion with DFE and the letters seen by IICSA record some of that with the charity:
 - My evidence referred to the computer notes – these are attached as screen shots, taken by the member of the Commission's team as a result of my request
- The inquiry report we published makes explicit reference to our contact with DFE on St Benedict's during the inquiry period

Some emails records to support this; these are attached for ease.

Yours sincerely

DPA

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