



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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Dear Mr Achonu

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse - Child Protection in Religious Organisations and Settings investigation

Thank you for your letter dated 19 August 2020.

I answered several of the questions that you raise in my letter dated 14 August 2020. No one brought the article in The Philadelphia Inquirer to Mr Frank's attention. He found it through his own research, prompted by his reading a disclosed document and seeing that Mr Gillies had given evidence in relation to PR-A5 from whom the Inquiry also heard evidence on 10 August.

As this arose during the course of the hearing, Mr Frank did not consider it necessary to raise with the witness in advance, his fellow Panel members or the Inquiry's legal team. He considered it to be a question arising from the evidence for which no additional notice was required.

The Inquiry will give consideration to publishing this correspondence, including my letter dated 14 August 2020, once the statement and exhibit I have requested are provided and the evidential picture is complete.

Yours sincerely

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