

REPORT OF THE TERENCE BANKS CASE REVIEW
NOTES FOR A RESPONSE OF THE DEAN & CHAPTER

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I pass over this section since all its points are dealt with in the body of the Report. As will be seen, I believe that there are very serious inaccuracies throughout this Report, which make for a *fundamentally* flawed judgement on what went on at the Cathedral.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.15 This states that the report has been based on information provided by, among other bodies, Chichester Cathedral. What steps were taken to check the accuracy of statements in the report based on such information?

3. CASE REVIEW PROCESS

3.17 It is stated that "the involvement of other identified stakeholders [i.e., other than victims and their families] relied on the co-operation of the Cathedral and the Prebendal School" and that while this co-operation was forthcoming in principle, in practice arrangements ... have been extremely complicated ..." This complaint is unspecific and therefore difficult to respond to. What are they talking about?

3.23 – 3.28 Sets out the arrangements for gathering information from the Cathedral community. The report says it is not known whether all this took place: did the review group ask?

3.31 This records the decision to interview the current (then or present?) Communar and the Organist. The decision not to seek information or evidence from any member of the Chapter, including the then Dean, is inexplicable, and seriously calls into question the nagging tone of this section that the Chapter was in practice unco-operative with the review.

3.35 This section states that "the information in this case review is based on an analysis of ... [among other evidence] ... various meetings and conversations with the current Dean, Chapter, some school governors". As a member of the Chapter I must state that there was only one meeting between the Chapter and Mrs Carmi and Mr Selwood – and none with any other member of the review group. The discussion was brief and was not concerned with any detail of the review.

4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRIMES

4.9 "The Chapter and Prebendal School were extremely anxious about establishing details of the victims at the time the offences occurred They requested information on their precise age, whether they were pupils at the School ... and if