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Dear Mr Regis

**IICSA Investigation: The Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions**

Thank you for your letter received 25 August 2016 asking me to provide a witness statement in relation to the Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions.

I very much welcome the focus of the investigation and believe there is much to be learnt from past events that has a direct relevance to making sure children are not at risk of sexual exploitation in these institutions today.

I attach my witness statement. Please note that I suggest two sentences highlighted in paragraph 28 should be considered for redaction.

Yours sincerely.

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