

Witness Name: Baron Carey of Clifton
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THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Witness Statement of Baron Carey of Clifton

I, Lord Carey of Clifton, will say as follows:

1. I have been asked by the Inquiry to provide them with a witness statement relating primarily to my involvement in events at the time of and following Peter Ball's arrest in December 1992, when I was Archbishop of Canterbury. For a variety of reasons, it has not yet been possible for me to complete my witness statement on all these topics, but I do understand that the Inquiry and other Core Participants and witnesses need to know if I am able to give any evidence as to difficulties within the Diocese of Chichester relating to safeguarding and responding to child sexual abuse.
2. I retired as Archbishop of Canterbury in 2002. I became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1991, at which time there was no safeguarding or child protection training available to clergy in the Church of England. I have no present recollection of being made aware of difficulties in the Diocese of Chichester relating to safeguarding and responding to child sexual abuse while I was Archbishop of Canterbury. It is, of course, quite possible that the occasional piece of correspondence may have gone to Lambeth Palace on this subject. I had staff at Lambeth Palace to assist me with correspondence, so if there were such matters, they may or may not have reached me personally. If they did, I cannot recall them. After several days of looking at the Egress documents with which I have been provided by the Inquiry, in preparation for writing my witness statement, I have seen no documents which suggest that anyone complained to me about such matters during this period 1991 to 2002.


Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: _____

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Baron Carey of Clifton



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