

<p>1 Tuesday, 24 July 2018 2 (10.00 am) 3 Welcome and opening remarks by THE CHAIR 4 THE CHAIR: Good morning, everyone, and welcome to Day 2 of 5 the substantive hearing of the Anglican Church's 6 investigation in the Peter Ball case study. 7 Today, the inquiry will hear witness evidence from 8 Lord Carey and Dr Andrew Purkis. If there are any 9 matters to be dealt with prior to hearing the 10 witnesses -- 11 MS SCOLDING: No, there are no such matters. Chair and 12 panel, good morning. 13 THE CHAIR: Good morning. 14 LORD GEORGE CAREY (sworn) 15 Examination by MS SCOLDING 16 MS SCOLDING: Good morning, Lord Carey. 17 A. Good morning. 18 Q. Just a few things before I start my questioning of you. 19 Firstly, and we have already talked about this, this 20 isn't a test of memory, so if you can't remember 21 details, please say so. We are aware that the events in 22 question happened a long time ago. We have two vast 23 files of documentation, but Danny will also be getting 24 some documents up on the screen, which hopefully may 25 refresh your memory or remind you of the events more</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 a statement of truth saying: 2 "I believe the facts stated in this witness 3 statement are true." 4 Are those facts, to the best of your knowledge and 5 belief, true, as set out within that witness statement? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. As to the second witness statement, which is behind 8 tab 2, which in fact is that of February 28, so it is in 9 sort of date order from the last one first and then 10 working back, again, at page 29, your signature was 11 there accompanied by what us lawyers call a statement of 12 truth. Do you confirm that the facts as set out in that 13 witness statement are true, to the best of your 14 knowledge and belief? 15 A. Indeed, true. 16 Q. Then if I could just take you to behind tab 3, this is 17 a much shorter witness statement, being only two 18 paragraphs in length. 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Again, can you confirm that the facts as set out in that 21 witness statement are true, to the best of your 22 knowledge and belief? 23 A. Indeed, I can. 24 Q. Thank you very much. These witness statements will be 25 placed upon the website in due course. I will not be</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 clearly. 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Secondly, if you need to have a break at any time for 4 any reason, please just indicate that, and we can do so. 5 This isn't a test of stamina. We will have a break 6 anyway, if the chair wishes to do so, at 11.15 for 7 approximately 15 minutes. 8 Thirdly, there are two huge bundles in front of you, 9 which are copies of all the documents that I may ask you 10 to look at this morning. There is also a screen in 11 front of you, and we can obviously blow things up on 12 that screen if that would be of assistance to you. 13 Everyone else around the room can see the document 14 that you can see on the screen. 15 In your bundle, Lord Carey, if I can just ask you to 16 look up volume 1, just briefly, right at the front of 17 that, behind tab A, there are three witness 18 statements -- one of 9 February. The first thing you 19 come to in your bundle is something saying, 1, 2 and 3. 20 One of them is dated 9 February, one is dated 21 28 February and one is dated 2 May 2018. 22 Now, your signature is attached at the back of all 23 of them, but it has been blocked out, so if I could ask 24 you to go to the last witness statement, which is behind 25 tab 1, that's page 54. That is attested to with</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 taking you through these witness statements line by 2 line, but there may be points when I ask you to look at 3 particular parts of the document. 4 A. Yes, thank you. 5 Q. I'm going to ask you a little bit about your career 6 history first, which is set out largely in your second 7 witness statement. So if at any time I need to refer to 8 it, I will try to take you to the relevant paragraph 9 number, or at least the right witness statement, I hope. 10 You set out at paragraphs 5 to 12 of your second 11 witness statement, which is WWS000143_002 over to 003, 12 your career history. 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. You were ordained in 1962. 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. You had a curacy at St Mary's, Islington -- this is 17 paragraph 5. You were then a tutor in Christian 18 doctrine at two theological colleges. You were then the 19 vicar of St Nicholas, Durham. You were then the 20 principal of Trinity College, Bristol, which 21 I understand is a theological college. Between 1987 and 22 1991, you were the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then, 23 from 1991 to 2002, you were Archbishop of Canterbury. 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Prior to becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, you had only</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

1 been a diocesan bishop for four years, which is
 2 a relatively short period of time. Would you therefore
 3 say that your enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury
 4 meant that you were therefore thrown in at the deep end
 5 in terms of leadership and management?
 6 **A. Yes, indeed, that can be said. Yes, I was aware at the**
 7 **time, and certainly being admitted to the House of Lords**
 8 **without having any previous experience of it, it was**
 9 **very daunting and I was on a very fast track. I was**
 10 **very well aware I was quite inexperienced, but hopefully**
 11 **I caught up quickly.**
 12 Q. Did the church offer any kind of management or
 13 leadership or organisational training prior to taking up
 14 these senior clerical roles?
 15 **A. Yes, there were several courses I went on to do with**
 16 **leadership, and so on. For example, when I was**
 17 **principal of Trinity, Bristol, for seven years,**
 18 **I remember going on courses there to do with management**
 19 **of people, that kind of thing. There was plenty of**
 20 **evidence of going on courses where -- human nature, what**
 21 **trust meant and so on, but not directly to do with**
 22 **sexual ethics or anything of that nature.**
 23 Q. I just wanted to ask you a little bit about what the
 24 role of Archbishop of Canterbury at the time that you --
 25 during the time of your tenure, about what that

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1 involved. Now, we have had both your successors to the
 2 archepiscopacy already come and give us evidence, and they
 3 have both told us that your role when you were -- that
 4 the role of Archbishop of Canterbury is one of influence
 5 but not power. Would you agree with that?
 6 **A. Yes, I would, but I would add the word "authority". You**
 7 **have plenty of authority to make changes, but of**
 8 **course -- I mean, I couldn't go into any diocese and lay**
 9 **down the law. I couldn't go to different parts of**
 10 **the Anglican Communion and say I wanted to do so and so.**
 11 **So the Anglican Church is not like the Catholic Church,**
 12 **with one central point of hierarchy and power. It's**
 13 **very, very dispersed, in terms of authority.**
 14 **So when I became Archbishop of Canterbury,**
 15 **I realised, actually, that the job is largely one of**
 16 **influence, getting alongside people and helping people**
 17 **to understand the nature of their role and working as**
 18 **a team.**
 19 Q. Now, you have spoken on previous occasions about the
 20 fact that being Archbishop of Canterbury involves
 21 undertaking, in fact, six different roles.
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Perhaps you'd like to tell us about what those six
 24 different roles are?
 25 **A. Yes, of course. Well, the first one is the Diocesan**

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1 **Bishop of Canterbury: a large diocese with two suffragan**
 2 **bishops who manage the role, largely, Monday to**
 3 **Saturday, and the archbishop descends on them on**
 4 **a Sunday. So there was hardly a day off. I would go**
 5 **down to Canterbury on a Friday afternoon and return to**
 6 **the London palace on the Sunday evening. That's one**
 7 **role.**
 8 **I had a role as president of the Anglican Communion.**
 9 **That was a huge role, of going and travelling around the**
 10 **different provinces of the Anglican Communion. I had**
 11 **state and civic responsibilities. I had ecumenical**
 12 **responsibilities, and another one that came on quickly**
 13 **was the interfaith responsibilities as well. I think**
 14 **that may add up to six. But it was a very commanding**
 15 **role. I remember at the time saying to myself, to get**
 16 **on top of this needs a very competent staff, which I did**
 17 **have.**
 18 Q. So, in reality, how much of your time was spent dealing
 19 with internal domestic issues to do with diocesan
 20 bishops and internal bishops, of which the Peter Ball
 21 affair was but one, and how much of your time was spent
 22 doing the other things that you have just told us about?
 23 **A. It's quite difficult to quantify that, really.**
 24 **I wouldn't know what percentage. But if one was asked**
 25 **what, in terms of percentage, was my responsibility,**

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1 **say, for the Church of England, then I would say that**
 2 **took up at least 50 per cent of the time, probably more.**
 3 Q. As part of your role of influence but not power, our
 4 understanding is that at that time you couldn't suspend
 5 a bishop, even if, as in Peter Ball's case, he had in
 6 fact been arrested. That's right, isn't it?
 7 **A. I believe so. I'm not a canon lawyer, so I have to**
 8 **accept that that is the fact.**
 9 Q. But given that you found that out during the course of
 10 the Peter Ball affair, various people said to you, "In
 11 fact, you can't actually suspend him, even though he's
 12 been arrested for a serious criminal offence", did you
 13 not think about altering the laws at that stage to
 14 enable you to have that power? Because that power in
 15 fact didn't come into place until 2016, I think is my
 16 recollection and understanding.
 17 **A. I find that quite a difficult question to answer,**
 18 **because with the mind-set of 2018, as I look back now,**
 19 **the automatic thing to say, "Well, we should have done",**
 20 **and then you -- at the time, one was overwhelmed by the**
 21 **speed of what was happening. It wasn't really a natural**
 22 **thing, in my mind, at the particular time, to say, yes,**
 23 **we should have done that, we should have explored**
 24 **a legal route, but don't forget that I did have legal**
 25 **help. I had a very senior lawyer in Frank Robson. So**

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1 **we leaned on him a great deal, and of course he had**
 2 **other people he could go to. But I can't really**
 3 **remember the shape of that.**
 4 Q. Prior to becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, had you
 5 received any what then would be called child protection
 6 training? Now it would tend to be called safeguarding
 7 training?
 8 **A. Well, I don't know what was available back then, but I'm**
 9 **pretty sure, no, we didn't get any help in that respect.**
 10 **I mean, what was coming on our radar was the way in**
 11 **which -- various things happening in society was**
 12 **beginning to shape our understanding and thinking.**
 13 **I can't remember the sequence of this. But I think**
 14 **certainly after the Peter Ball matter, probably**
 15 **'94/'95/'96, we were becoming aware of that, but I can't**
 16 **remember now the details.**
 17 Q. Whilst you were Archbishop of Canterbury, did you
 18 receive any child protection training whilst you were in
 19 post?
 20 **A. No. I don't think anything like that was available to**
 21 **anyone at that time.**
 22 Q. Did you institute any national training for clergy?
 23 **A. No, I did not. Again, it's one of the things, if we had**
 24 **been more aware of the way that things were happening in**
 25 **society, maybe I should have done, but we were not aware**

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1 **at the time.**
 2 Q. You spent quite long periods of your career before
 3 becoming Archbishop of Canterbury teaching in various
 4 theological colleges. So perhaps you can help us with
 5 this, which is, was there any education around child
 6 protection for those training to become priests during
 7 the 1980s, for example?
 8 **A. The way I want to answer that is that, as a theological**
 9 **teacher, I always approached it in terms of holiness and**
 10 **integrity of life. I've been married 58 years. There's**
 11 **never been anyone else in our relationship. And for me,**
 12 **if you are going to be a priest or a bishop, you have**
 13 **got to maintain the highest of moral standards for the**
 14 **sake of other people. This I believe I have maintained.**
 15 **So my approach to that topic would have been, what**
 16 **I would have impressed upon students is**
 17 **straightforwardness of life, integrity of life, and you**
 18 **do not go back on your ordination vows. So that would**
 19 **have been a really important stress I would have placed,**
 20 **and did place, on the lives of younger people.**
 21 Q. Well, that is about personal morality.
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. What I was really thinking about is something about how
 24 to spot child protection issues. Because, for example,
 25 you were sending these young people out into parishes

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1 where people may well have been the subject of physical
 2 abuse, emotional abuse -- people often come to the
 3 church, either as children or as adults, to tell you
 4 about that.
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. You operate a very special role of trust in that
 7 respect?
 8 **A. Yes, I agree --**
 9 Q. Was there any teaching about how to manage those
 10 situations, how to respond to them, how to deal with
 11 them?
 12 **A. No, but there would have been, actually, discussions,**
 13 **there would have been role plays in terms of what to do**
 14 **to handle a particular situation in pastoral classes and**
 15 **one thing and another. But on the general matter, in**
 16 **terms of expectation, what I said is true, my**
 17 **expectation. The other side of this, as a principal of**
 18 **the college, then of course there were occasions when**
 19 **discipline came into -- I can think of two cases, and**
 20 **I don't think it is appropriate to mention people's**
 21 **names, but in both cases I had to confront people**
 22 **because they were crossing a line and I knew that they**
 23 **couldn't go forward to ordination unless they corrected**
 24 **themselves.**
 25 **So there was --**

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1 Q. What was the nature of their personal immorality, if
 2 I can put it that way?
 3 **A. Well, one was interference with children, and he never**
 4 **went forward to ordination.**
 5 Q. Let's take that as an example. You were therefore
 6 aware, during your time in theological college, that
 7 somebody had put themselves forward for ordination who
 8 had either been convicted or certainly had disclosed.
 9 Did you tell the police about that?
 10 **A. No, the police told me. The police came to see me about**
 11 **it and I took discipline and the man was dealt with by**
 12 **the police. He actually was given a caution as well.**
 13 Q. Right.
 14 **A. The other case was of a man who committed a very minor**
 15 **offence, and I was able to handle that in the correct**
 16 **way.**
 17 Q. But an offence not related to exploitation of children?
 18 **A. No, not at all.**
 19 Q. So although you didn't have any child protection
 20 training, you had in fact had a limited experience of
 21 disciplining and managing an ordinand?
 22 **A. Yes, that's right.**
 23 Q. After that individual hadn't gone forward for ordination
 24 in the diocese, was he put -- or was there any process
 25 to put him on any kind of list or anything like that?

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1 **A. Well, in the case of that particular person, I know**
 2 **because the police were handling it, then the man was**
 3 **dismissed from the college. I never saw him again**
 4 **because the police were handling that.**
 5 Q. But you wouldn't necessarily have thought to have put
 6 him on a list to make sure that he didn't sort of appear
 7 at another theological college? I'm just thinking,
 8 people can pop up, can't they?
 9 **A. Well, he was a student who was not actually officially**
 10 **an ordinand. He was a preordinand, if you like. So he**
 11 **wouldn't have been on any list. I suppose you're**
 12 **actually right, there could have been the danger he**
 13 **might appear in someone else's jurisdiction much later**
 14 **on. I have no knowledge of that. I don't think so.**
 15 Q. You also said that this individual had a caution, so you
 16 were aware, therefore -- did the police therefore
 17 explain to you at that particular point in time what
 18 a caution was?
 19 **A. They did explain to me at that time, yes. I did**
 20 **understand it.**
 21 Q. When you became Archbishop of Canterbury, was there
 22 anyone on the Bishops' Council or within the National
 23 Church Institutions or the NCI, as I believe they are
 24 now known, who was responsible for child protection or
 25 protecting vulnerable adults?

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1 **A. The problem with memory at my time of life is I can't**
 2 **remember clearly, but I think I'm right in saying**
 3 **I don't think there was anyone carrying that kind of**
 4 **responsibility.**
 5 Q. But it was during your tenure that the first national
 6 policy on child protection came into force within the
 7 church in 1995. That was the first ideation, shall we
 8 say, of any sort of national guidance about child
 9 protection or safeguarding. How involved were you with
 10 commissioning or drafting those documents?
 11 **A. Well, as the chairman of the House of Bishops, I would**
 12 **clearly have had a role in allowing it to go forward in**
 13 **the first place. So, yes, I was aware that things were**
 14 **happening; that what was happening in society was**
 15 **shaping our own response to that within the church and**
 16 **we had to take steps. So, yes, I was involved in it,**
 17 **but somebody else would have been chairing that little**
 18 **working group.**
 19 Q. But I'm interested in the fact that you said that the
 20 church was being shaped by the society around it. Do
 21 you feel that the church was ahead of society in
 22 managing these issues, behind society in managing these
 23 issues, about at the same level as everybody else in
 24 society?
 25 **A. I think probably about the same level as anyone else.**

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1 **I mean, the Church of England has never seen itself as**
 2 **a body distinct from the wider society. We are the**
 3 **church of the nation, so we respond with the rest of**
 4 **the people. So to be responsive, to be alert to what is**
 5 **happening in the wider society, is a very positive**
 6 **thing. We may have been behind the curve at times, but**
 7 **we were trying to catch up.**
 8 Q. I think a number of individuals who have given evidence
 9 to this inquiry would suggest that in fact the church
 10 was behind the curve when it came to managing child
 11 protection and safeguarding, in particular, given the
 12 very important role you play, and the church continues
 13 to play, in respect of the provision of youth services.
 14 You know, the Church of England, as we understand it, is
 15 the largest provider of voluntary services for children
 16 in this country.
 17 **A. Yes, I do agree, they probably were behind the curve,**
 18 **and perhaps we still are, I don't know. But the point**
 19 **you made about being a provider of youth services is**
 20 **something I think the Church of England is, and should**
 21 **be, proud of and we trust so many of our leaders. We**
 22 **have to say, when we look at clergy generally, I have to**
 23 **say, there are very few offenders such as Peter Ball.**
 24 **We have to remember, the majority of clergy are**
 25 **honourable people, men and women, today.**

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1 Q. So you agree that you were somewhat behind the curve?
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. Was that something that you can only see with the
 4 benefit of hindsight, or at the time were you thinking,
 5 "Gosh, we really need to catch up. We are quite kind of
 6 1950s", shall we say, "in our approach to this". Not
 7 meaning anything pejorative about the 1950s.
 8 **A. I think, Counsel, your summary is probably correct, that**
 9 **we were behind the curve -- probably, we knew it a bit**
 10 **at the time, wanting to catch up, but the**
 11 **Church of England is a very cumbersome body and its**
 12 **processes are very often slow. It's based upon the**
 13 **parliamentary model, but only meets three times a year,**
 14 **so we are bound to be slow in movement at times.**
 15 Q. But is there anything -- when it comes to an issue like
 16 safeguarding or child protection, we have seen, for
 17 example, the Clergy Discipline Measure, which we will
 18 come on to talk about, seems to have taken nine years
 19 from somebody writing a very critical report to it
 20 coming into force. A lot of even the more recent
 21 safeguarding changes have taken three or four years.
 22 Was there nothing in the light of the growing, shall we
 23 say, society's growing awareness, and certainly growing
 24 awareness of the need to put in place policies and
 25 guidance -- I think everybody has always been clear that

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1 offending against children is a moral wrong, criminal,
 2 of the highest nature. What has changed is the way that
 3 institutions have policies and practices in place to
 4 manage it.

5 **A. What I do remember in our discussions in the House of**
 6 **Bishops was a great awareness of this as a problem.**
 7 **I think our problem was -- our puzzlement, to know how**
 8 **we can handle and deal with it. As we know, in the**
 9 **gospels, some of the fiercest condemnation by the Lord**
 10 **is about people who mistreat children. So we were very**
 11 **conscious that our gospel commands us to care for the**
 12 **most vulnerable of people.**

13 **As I look back, and forgive me at my poor memory**
 14 **over something like 25 years now, it's quite difficult**
 15 **to actually reconstruct the discussions that we had at**
 16 **that particular time.**

17 **We did debate these issues. We were very slow in**
 18 **putting into practice the things that we wanted to**
 19 **express.**

20 Q. Now, I understand that the gentleman in fact who was
 21 sort of in charge, the bishop who was in charge, at that
 22 time was Jim Thompson, who was the then Bishop of Bath
 23 and Wells?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You have said how important the gospels view the care of

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1 children and the care of those who are vulnerable within
 2 our society. Given the important role that he had, did
 3 you have a specific time to meet with him regularly or
 4 to speak to him about these issues?

5 **A. Because I knew Jim very well indeed. He was my**
 6 **successor at Bath and Wells, and he was a wonderful man,**
 7 **who of course died some years ago. Jim and I did meet,**
 8 **but there were other working parties going on.**

9 Q. Right.

10 **A. I mean, working parties on the care of children was not**
 11 **the only one. We had all kinds of working parties.**
 12 **I met up with the chairs of the different working**
 13 **parties. I can't tell you when we met, how often we**
 14 **met, but when it came prior to a presentation in the**
 15 **House of Bishops that would eventually lead on to**
 16 **a General Synod debate, yes, he would come and see me.**

17 Q. But there wasn't a regular slot?

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. It wasn't like, "Every last Friday in the month, Jim
 20 comes to see me and we talk about these issues"?

21 **A. No, no.**

22 Q. The policy I mentioned that was introduced in 1995 was
 23 then revised in 1999. Were you instrumental or part of
 24 the leadership team that decided that it needed to be
 25 amended or was this something that Jim Thompson mainly

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1 led on?

2 **A. No, it would have come through the various levels of**
 3 **church authority. I would certainly have seen details**
 4 **of that. I would certainly have been involved in**
 5 **discussions. So you can see positively that the church**
 6 **was, and I was, directly involved in some of**
 7 **the processes that would lead on, but we were very slow,**
 8 **we acknowledge that.**

9 Q. Do you think that child protection was an issue at the
 10 forefront of the church's agenda during your time as
 11 Archbishop of Canterbury?

12 **A. No, I can't say it was.**

13 Q. Did people write to you about these issues regularly?
 14 Was it something that was in your correspondence?

15 **A. When you've got such a vast correspondence, as I did,**
 16 **I can't say. It would have been first opened by others.**
 17 **It would have been sent to various principal officers.**
 18 **Some would have come to me if it demanded an**
 19 **archiepiscopal response, or something of that nature.**
 20 **But my memory is not able to help me on that.**

21 Q. You say in your witness statement that you had limited
 22 understanding or awareness of child sexual abuse, but
 23 yet, this morning, in evidence you have told us that you
 24 had direct experience of dealing with an abuser whilst
 25 the head of a theological college and that the work of

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1 the Anglican Church and the work of the gospels is
 2 largely centred around caring for the most vulnerable in
 3 our society?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. So to say that you were unaware of child sexual abuse is
 6 not quite right, is it?

7 **A. No, I thought the question in the witness statement had**
 8 **to do with what experience I had as archbishop.**
 9 **Previously I said that when I was principal of a college**
 10 **before I became Bishop of Bath and Wells, I had two**
 11 **illustrations of being brought up suddenly with**
 12 **illustrations of that. One was a child, the other one**
 13 **was not. So I don't think there's any contradiction**
 14 **between the two.**

15 **In terms of shaping the process, yes, I was involved**
 16 **in the process. I was not in charge of the working**
 17 **party, neither did I present it to General Synod.**

18 Q. Your witness statement, certainly at paragraphs 11 and
 19 12 -- maybe we can get it up. WWS000143_003. That
 20 would be useful for Archbishop Carey. Could you blow up
 21 11 and 12 for me, please. It says safeguarding wasn't
 22 a term in widespread use. Well, that's true, it wasn't.
 23 That's a 21st century terminology rather than
 24 20th century terminology:
 25 "There was some awareness of some forms of

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1 child abuse ... but ... no widespread understanding of
 2 the issue in all its complexity ..."
 3 Do you think, having had the discussion we have just
 4 had, that that might be a grave oversimplification?
 5 **A. No, I would stand by that.**
 6 Q. It was the case, wasn't it, that everybody has always
 7 known that child abuse, whether it is emotional abuse,
 8 physical abuse or sexual abuse, is part and parcel of
 9 our society, isn't it?
 10 **A. I fear it is.**
 11 Q. It's always been known that those things are illegal and
 12 immoral, has it not?
 13 **A. Yes, of course.**
 14 Q. It's always been known that they need to be dealt with?
 15 **A. Indeed. Indeed.**
 16 Q. So what's changed, do you think, that makes you say that
 17 those in society now have a more acute understanding?
 18 Because those basic things haven't changed, have they,
 19 over the past 40 or 50 years?
 20 **A. I think what has changed is that -- I think we know**
 21 **a lot more about influences on young people, the power**
 22 **that older people can exercise. I don't think at that**
 23 **time this was very much in the forefront of our**
 24 **understanding. So I think I can stand by that, that**
 25 **what has come to -- we are much more aware of the power,**

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1 **the charismatic power, of people who are close to**
 2 **younger people, who can influence them and shape them**
 3 **wrongly.**
 4 Q. So abuse of power wasn't something that -- well, I mean,
 5 it wasn't something that was discussed?
 6 **A. It was not discussed quite in that way. But the point**
 7 **I think we are making there -- looking back 25 years, in**
 8 **those early days, all of us, pre Jimmy Savile and so on,**
 9 **had no great understanding that those people in**
 10 **influence and power can have a really negative and evil**
 11 **effect on the lives of others, and this has gone on in**
 12 **the church from time to time.**
 13 Q. I mean, isn't it the case, though, that whilst I can
 14 understand that it might have been something which has
 15 come to greater public prominence --
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. -- it has always been the case that the church and other
 18 institutions attract the bad as well as the good, and
 19 hasn't it always been known that there is -- you know,
 20 absolute power corrupts, absolutely, power attracts
 21 corruption of whatever nation. Therefore, should the
 22 church not have really been a bit more on its guard for
 23 individuals like Peter Ball, because it is a perfect
 24 cover to get away with things, really?
 25 **A. Counsel, I think you're making very important points**

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1 **with which I largely agree. I mean, what you are saying**
 2 **is, human nature hasn't changed, and that is true. But**
 3 **what has changed over the last 25 years is our**
 4 **understanding of how institutions and individuals can be**
 5 **corrupted.**
 6 **For example, did the BBC know about this with**
 7 **Jimmy Savile? Probably not. But later you look back**
 8 **and you can see the evil influence of others.**
 9 **So paragraph 11, I think I would stand with that was**
 10 **our understanding at the time. But as events went on,**
 11 **so we began to see more clearly what we needed to put in**
 12 **place to curtail the influence of people who can corrupt**
 13 **the minds of others.**
 14 Q. Well, I think -- I will move on to ask you some more
 15 detailed questions, but the obvious question that comes
 16 out of that is, Peter Ball is a paradigmatic example of
 17 a charming but manipulative individual.
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. Given what came out in 1992, you say, "We then had
 20 a greater understanding", why didn't you develop that
 21 understanding and put things in place immediately after
 22 1992 to stop --
 23 **A. Well, as we go into the case of Peter Ball, I think we**
 24 **can begin to see that in the early days of his**
 25 **influence, no-one actually saw past his career. There**

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1 **were these incidents of misuse of power that we didn't**
 2 **know was going on at the time. I certainly didn't, and**
 3 **none of my colleagues saw it either. It came upon us as**
 4 **a great shock.**
 5 Q. From what you have said, it sounds as if it was almost
 6 inconceivable that somebody in this position could have
 7 acted in that way?
 8 **A. Well, that is indeed my understanding at the time.**
 9 **I couldn't believe that a bishop in the church of God**
 10 **could do such evil things. So I actually believed him**
 11 **for quite a time, because who else were complaining**
 12 **about him? I didn't know these people. So you can**
 13 **understand most of us took a little time to catch on to**
 14 **what this man was doing to younger people.**
 15 **We know -- I wasn't aware of this, but in the church**
 16 **there were rumours around, and no-one did anything about**
 17 **it, with regard to the CAC of Norwich, for example,**
 18 **where there were rumours around. I was completely**
 19 **unaware of that.**
 20 Q. We will come back to some questions there. Can I ask
 21 you, though, you have talked about the fact that you
 22 were completely shocked. How much do you think the
 23 church's approach to same-sex relationships may have
 24 influenced the church's response and reaction to the
 25 case of Peter Ball?

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1 **A. Well, I have read other reports that the inquiry under**
 2 **the chair has studied -- in the Diocese of Chichester,**
 3 **for example. I don't know the degree at which same-sex**
 4 **relationships -- you may know from the Gibb Report that**
 5 **I really challenged the idea that Peter Ball was**
 6 **a homosexual. I didn't feel that -- because, in a way,**
 7 **although I have had my fights with the homosexual**
 8 **community, I have always respected homosexuals. But**
 9 **I don't think he was influenced from that direction. We**
 10 **can go into that a little later on.**
 11 **But my feeling at the time was that the issue of**
 12 **the ordination of women or homosexuality and same-sex**
 13 **relationships did not bear on this particular issue**
 14 **strongly at all.**
 15 Q. But do you think that other people may have viewed it --
 16 I suppose a word could be called "a bit more gingerly",
 17 because it involved -- what some people have said to us
 18 is, the church was so uncomfortable in dealing with and
 19 managing same-sex relationships that it didn't really
 20 have an understanding of what was an appropriate
 21 same-sex relationship and what was an inappropriate
 22 same-sex relationship.
 23 I am not suggesting for one moment that any of
 24 the relationships that Peter Ball entered into were
 25 appropriate same-sex relationships, they were plainly

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1 wholly inappropriate, but they did involve two young
 2 men -- a younger man and an older man and they did
 3 involve, certainly on some occasions, acts which could
 4 be construed as sexual or certainly for sexual
 5 gratification.
 6 Do you think that the church's inability to talk
 7 openly about those issues at the time may well have
 8 prevented people from understanding, firstly, what was
 9 going on, but, secondly, responding to it appropriately?
 10 **A. I don't think I'm in a position to answer that question,**
 11 **Counsel, except to add this, that there should not be**
 12 **a confusion of homosexuality here. There can be such**
 13 **a thing as good homosexual relationships, same-sex**
 14 **relationships, where you have a woman to woman, a man to**
 15 **man, which is genuine and faithful. What you have with**
 16 **Peter Ball is multiple relationships with young men, and**
 17 **I wouldn't want to really put them on the same level.**
 18 Q. Can I ask you about something else? In your witness
 19 statement, you said that at the time you considered that
 20 forced penetrative sex was worse than other types of
 21 sexual offending. This is something we have heard from
 22 other witnesses at the Chichester hearing, it was sort
 23 of a distinction between anal penetration and other
 24 forms of sexual activity.
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. Anal or vaginal -- well, penetration of an orifice,
 2 shall I put it that way, and non-penetrative sexual
 3 acts. Do you think that this is -- we at the inquiry
 4 are just interested that this seems to have been
 5 a distinction that not just you make, but lots of other
 6 people within the church have told us about. Do you
 7 think that was a widespread misconception, that if it
 8 didn't involve penetration, it wasn't as serious?
 9 **A. Yes, I agree. Just to qualify that particular point,**
 10 **and I quote it in my statement, and that is to do with**
 11 **that I didn't think it was rape. I didn't regard it as**
 12 **penetrative sex. I regarded it as more narcissistic**
 13 **relationships, rather pathetic, but still bad, still**
 14 **wrong. You're right, I think we were misled by that to**
 15 **say it didn't, to many of us, think -- we didn't think**
 16 **it was all that important, therefore. I think we were**
 17 **wrong about that.**
 18 **The other thing that misled us was that, when the**
 19 **police gave a caution, which is, I understand, the**
 20 **mildest of responses -- correct me if I am wrong, but it**
 21 **is an admission of guilt -- it seemed to smack -- well,**
 22 **it's not terribly serious. So many of us actually were**
 23 **feeling that -- that's why I wrote to the police to say,**
 24 **"Could you please tell me a little more, so I can find**
 25 **a way in which -- what discipline I should put this man**

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1 **under?'**
 2 Q. We will talk a little bit about what you did or didn't
 3 know, but it seems clear from that perspective that you
 4 therefore viewed the abuse in and of itself as less
 5 serious, shall we say, than rape, and that, secondly,
 6 you also were of the view that the disposal, the
 7 punishment, was a caution, and therefore it was, to your
 8 mind, what, no more or no less than a slap on the wrist?
 9 **A. I'm not able to say that, really, because I might be**
 10 **then told it's much more than a slap on the wrist. It**
 11 **was much more for him. He lost his career, he lost his**
 12 **job, he lost his reputation, he lost a future, and so**
 13 **on, so that came in as well. For him, it was a very**
 14 **serious punishment indeed.**
 15 Q. Can I take you to a letter, please, Lord Carey. Danny,
 16 WWS000173_001. It is tab 68, chair and panel, of your
 17 bundle in the first volume.
 18 This is a letter to you from Justin Welby. Can we
 19 get the third paragraph up? This is Justin Welby's
 20 response to you following the light of the Gibb Report
 21 where I think you had made the point to the Gibb Report
 22 that you made in your witness statement here, which is
 23 that safeguarding was very different.
 24 Justin Welby himself says:
 25 "The files at Lambeth make clear that there were

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1 processes regularly used at that time under both the EJM
 2 and the use of the 'Lambeth List', and that you made
 3 firm disciplinary decisions in relation to clergy who
 4 offended. The policies may not have been articulated as
 5 clearly ... At that time, as a newly ordained minister,
 6 running children's holiday clubs, I was well aware of
 7 the need for what today we would call safeguarding and
 8 it was a subject of much discussion at deanery level."
 9 Plainly, your view that all of this wasn't really
 10 terribly known about is something that one of
 11 the successors to your office doesn't necessarily
 12 disagree with. Is there anything you would like to say
 13 about that?
 14 **A. Yes, I would like to do so to his face, but he is not**
 15 **here.**
 16 **If we take the last paragraph, for example, Justin**
 17 **was ordained in 1991, the year I was appointed**
 18 **Archbishop of Canterbury, so he was a new minister.**
 19 **I recognise running children's holiday clubs and so on.**
 20 **I would want to dispute with him that what we now call**
 21 **safeguarding may have been appearing on the horizon, but**
 22 **it wasn't a very clear factor at that particular time.**
 23 **But if we go back to the other points there, I think**
 24 **we -- of course, I haven't got the EJM in front of me**
 25 **now and I'm not a canonical lawyer, but I remember**

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1 **talking to Frank Robson and, as he is going to appear**
 2 **later, I think, Counsel, you may want to question him**
 3 **about it, I think Frank and other of my colleagues**
 4 **didn't feel we could use the measure.**
 5 **When it comes to the Lambeth List, would you allow**
 6 **me to say something about that now or do you want to go**
 7 **on --**
 8 Q. I think it might be sensible if we dealt with it later.
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. The point I want to raise with you now, really, is that
 11 certainly Archbishop Welby is clear that there were
 12 processes, practices, there were, even if they were in
 13 their infancy, certainly discussions of the need to keep
 14 children and young people safe, to have some kind of
 15 policies in place in the kind of work that you were
 16 talking about, in a way maybe you don't recognise within
 17 your witness statement?
 18 **A. But what we were handling then, this is 1992/'93, he'd**
 19 **only been in office maybe two or three years. We are**
 20 **not talking about the end of the '90s, we are talking**
 21 **about the beginning of the '90s. I think that that does**
 22 **have an influence on it. In other words, we were not --**
 23 **we didn't have safeguarding right at the front of our**
 24 **mind in those early days.**
 25 Q. Can I ask you some questions now about the Peter Ball

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1 affair and to go through it in some detail, if I may.
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. Thank you very much for answering those introductory
 4 questions.
 5 You have previously stated within one of your
 6 witness statements that the Peter Ball case represented
 7 a perfect storm, "at least for those of us involved".
 8 What do you mean by that?
 9 **A. Yes, the perfect storm I had in mind at the end of '92**
 10 **into '93. We have a number of things running. The**
 11 **perfect storm was in fact two diocesan bishops. To have**
 12 **one diocesan bishop confronting me on this is bad**
 13 **enough, but the brothers are identical twins. They**
 14 **stood together. They were quite -- and said with one**
 15 **voice that, "Peter has not done anything wrong".**
 16 **At the same time, we had a constitutional crisis**
 17 **with Prince Charles and Princess Diana's breakup of**
 18 **relationship and we had the ordination of women coming**
 19 **on the horizon later that year, '93 into '94.**
 20 **As you will know, I was a strong supporter of**
 21 **the ordination of women. I wanted the gifts of women to**
 22 **be recognised in the church and I took the lead in that**
 23 **respect. So a great many things, Counsel, were going on**
 24 **at that particular time. That's what I meant by it.**
 25 Q. Do you think that that therefore maybe meant that you

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1 were not quite as focused upon the Peter Ball issue as
 2 you could have been, or should have been, because you
 3 were dealing with, you know, people either saying to
 4 you, "I'm going to leave the church with the ordination
 5 of women" or, "Why aren't you making women bishops?"
 6 **A. No, it was much more pragmatic than that. It was simply**
 7 **that so much was going on that this was the very worst**
 8 **time to have something like this dropped into my lap.**
 9 **It was my feeling at the time, all these things coming**
 10 **together.**
 11 Q. You said that one of the reasons that you identified the
 12 perfect storm, because you were dealing with two
 13 bishops. Why did that make any difference, the fact
 14 that there were two of them?
 15 **A. Well, it's the level of seniority; it's the very fact**
 16 **that two bishops making one statement -- in the case of**
 17 **Michael, "My brother could never have done a thing like**
 18 **that or things like that", and Peter himself saying it.**
 19 **So I wouldn't have wanted to put too much of a weight on**
 20 **that small sentence or two. I was describing that it**
 21 **came at an incredibly busy time. My wife and I had just**
 22 **come out of Sri Lanka from a visit there, which was**
 23 **great, about to go into South Africa on January 15.**
 24 **A lot is going on. This is a very busy life, trying to**
 25 **handle all these things at the same time.**

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1 Q. You set out in your second witness statement that your
 2 prior knowledge of Peter Ball prior to your accession
 3 to -- your enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury was
 4 limited. Did you have any knowledge of this scheme that
 5 he ran or any knowledge of him at all?

6 **A. Yes, very indirect knowledge, because, as principal of
 7 Trinity Theological College, I had young men coming from
 8 The Scheme. I'm in touch with one young man to this day
 9 who is a priest in the Diocese of Liverpool who to this
 10 day is a great supporter of Peter. Peter was an
 11 immensely inspiring and charismatic person. Although
 12 I never saw him in action, that was the impression that
 13 everyone told me: he was very popular, at many different
 14 levels of society, as you well know.**

15 **So from that point of view, he -- I knew of his
 16 gifts. Never met him. That's the irony. The first
 17 time I met him was when he and his brother came to see
 18 me and I had to confront them on this matter.**

19 Q. Others have told the inquiry that in certain theological
 20 colleges the St Francis treatment of Peter Ball was well
 21 known. Did rumours -- "the St Francis treatment" being
 22 sort of naked praying and matters of that nature. One
 23 of the witnesses to the inquiry has said that to us.
 24 You were obviously principal of a theological college
 25 for a while and you said you had various Schemers pass

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1 through your theological college. Did rumours of that
 2 nature ever reach your ear?

3 **A. No, not at all. Indeed, if I can explain,
 4 Trinity College is well known as a more evangelical, low
 5 church college. We didn't have many people who came
 6 from The Scheme. We had some. They often came to us,
 7 even if they were of an Anglo-Catholic orientation.
 8 They wanted to experience something of a different
 9 theological training, as in the case of this young man
 10 in the Liverpool diocese.**

11 Q. I obviously understand what you have just said to me,
 12 but for the benefit of the general public who may well
 13 be watching along and who won't have seen the Chichester
 14 hearings -- I don't think we need to go through a whole
 15 recap on the difference between Anglo-Catholicism and
 16 evangelism, but for a little potted history, Peter Ball
 17 was an Anglo-Catholic; that's right, isn't it?

18 **A. That's right.**

19 Q. Therefore, most people on his scheme would have been
 20 Anglo-Catholics or would have had that tendency?

21 **A. The Scheme was devised to introduce people to a kind of
 22 monastic life, so a rule of life in which holiness,
 23 discipline is -- are echelons, whereas a more
 24 evangelical low church, where people know of these
 25 traditions in the Church of England -- you mentioned the**

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1 **Franciscan Order, and I approached Stephen Platten, one
 2 of my colleagues, who in fact actually is I think
 3 a director within the Franciscan movement, and he told
 4 me quite clearly that the kind of behaviour that Peter
 5 was doing had nothing to do with the Franciscans. In
 6 fact, indeed, they would disapprove of it quite
 7 completely. But, however, there's an element of that in
 8 the Roman Catholic tradition. If you take St Bernard of
 9 Clairvaux, the thing of throwing yourself into nettles
 10 because you have temptations of the flesh. That kind of
 11 bizarre thing did go on.**

12 Q. Well, yes. I mean, I think I understand that within the
 13 concept of medieval monasticism or think about Egyptian
 14 monasticism and St Simon Stylites sitting on his pillar,
 15 those things did happen. But we are talking about
 16 20th century Church of England, kind of -- even the most
 17 Anglo-Catholic, I think, would probably strain to say
 18 there's a relationship between him and St Bernard of
 19 Clairvaux. Wouldn't you agree?

20 **A. Yes, I would, but we are not talking about the average
 21 Anglo-Catholic here, we are talking about one particular
 22 man, Peter Ball, who abused and used his influence and
 23 his power to trap young people and convince them this
 24 was a Catholic approach and discipline.**

25 Q. Just for the avoidance of doubt, Danny, would you mind

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1 getting up Stephen Platten's memo: ACE000283_001 over to
 2 283_002. This is something that is slightly out of
 3 order, but it is probably sensible to deal with it at
 4 this stage. This is a note you received after
 5 Peter Ball's arrest from Stephen Platten about
 6 St Francis and Franciscan spirituality. I think if
 7 I just summarise the first five paragraphs, which is
 8 basically telling you about who St Francis was, the fact
 9 that he was very wealthy, the fact that he had a moment
 10 of truth and he literally flung off:

11 "... and the fact that he stripped himself naked
 12 before his father in the centre of town. Through his
 13 symbolic act, St Francis committed himself to a life of
 14 poverty ... he talks of marrying Lady Poverty."

15 And the Franciscans became known as the
 16 "poverellos", "little poor ones". Also talking about
 17 the Poor Clares and the combination of Francis's life
 18 and his own personality -- this is fifth from the
 19 bottom. Danny, could you get that paragraph and the
 20 rest of that up:

21 "... meant that Franciscan spirituality has taken on
 22 a very specific character. It tends often to be
 23 affective, responding warmly ... [lots of] music, dance
 24 ...

25 "There is, however, no tradition ... [to] individual

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1 or corporate nakedness as part of the expression of
 2 Christian spirituality. Such a move would be a radical
 3 initiative of individual discipleship."
 4 Is that trying to say basically, you know, if
 5 somebody wants to do it themselves, fair enough, but it
 6 is not something the Franciscans would encourage,
 7 approve of or even see as usual?
 8 **A. Yes, I mean, Stephen, in describing of that, I read that**
 9 **as saying that Francis and his movement would wholly**
 10 **disapprove of this kind of behaviour.**
 11 Q. Coming back now to your knowledge of Peter Ball, you in
 12 fact chaired the Appointments Commission that put
 13 Peter Ball forward as one of the two candidates. As
 14 I understand it, what happened at that time in respect
 15 of diocesan bishops was that there was a long list, then
 16 there's a short list, then the Appointments Commission
 17 which you chaired would have a big meeting, and that
 18 involved both clerical members and lay members, and two
 19 names were then put forward to the Prime Minister for
 20 the Prime Minister to choose.
 21 Now, we have documents from the Cabinet Office,
 22 chair and panel, behind tab 114, which is volume 2 of
 23 your bundles. Danny, would you mind getting up
 24 CAB000013_003 and 005.
 25 This, in fact, is from Sir Robin Catford. I wanted

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1 to get the letter that you had, but we seem to have some
 2 minor difficulties working out what the number -- I do
 3 apologise. They only appeared from the Cabinet Office
 4 last week.
 5 So this is what Robin Catford said about Peter Ball,
 6 if I could just indicate:
 7 "The archbishop himself does not indicate a personal
 8 preference."
 9 So you in fact, although you chaired the
 10 commission -- when you chaired the commission, would you
 11 have had references from various individuals attesting
 12 to Peter Ball's character? Is that right?
 13 **A. Yes, we would have done. We would have had clear**
 14 **references for all the candidates, and we looked at**
 15 **14 names.**
 16 Q. You looked at 14 names. Did any of those references
 17 raise or deal with any particular issues to do with
 18 Peter Ball?
 19 **A. There was nothing out of the ordinary that came through**
 20 **the references.**
 21 Q. Did those references -- I know that the process is
 22 confidential, but did any of those references include
 23 references from Bishop Eric Kemp, who was then his
 24 diocesan bishop?
 25 **A. Really, I cannot remember. There must have been some**

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1 **references from Eric, because Eric was a great supporter**
 2 **of Peter Ball. But there was nothing that we discussed**
 3 **that raised any questions about any irregularity in**
 4 **Peter Ball's lifestyle.**
 5 **I can honestly say that under my chairmanship,**
 6 **I would never have allowed anyone to go forward for**
 7 **a diocesan job who had any question about his sexuality**
 8 **or anything like that. It just wouldn't happen.**
 9 Q. We understand, in fact, that Peter Ball had been
 10 rejected from being diocesan Bishop of Norwich because
 11 of an alleged cloud over his behaviour, largely because
 12 I think he was a monk and a celibate and there were sort
 13 of question marks about what might have been going on.
 14 Did you know anything about that?
 15 **A. No.**
 16 Q. Did anybody tell you about that?
 17 **A. No, no-one told me anything. I didn't know about that.**
 18 **But I only found out that either in preparation for the**
 19 **Gibb Report or from the Relativity of this inquiry.**
 20 Q. I have now found the document. It is behind tab 111.
 21 It is -- this is your letter to John Major, who was the
 22 then Prime Minister, CAB000010_001 and 002. This, I am
 23 assuming, is fairly standard form. It is the letter
 24 that you would have written to John Major --
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. -- saying who should be the picks, so to speak. Then on
 2 the first page, it's mainly about the other gentlemen,
 3 so we don't need to worry about that, and then
 4 Peter Ball. Danny, could you get up the second page and
 5 would you mind expanding that as much as you possibly
 6 can, please:
 7 "Peter Ball ... is 59", et cetera, et cetera:
 8 "He has an originality of outlook and an urgency to
 9 seek out God in all aspects of life that keeps him open
 10 to new possibilities and makes him acceptable to people
 11 of all traditions. He is loved for his humility and
 12 simplicity of life ... He has great physical and mental
 13 stamina, and leads by example ..."
 14 This is in the second paragraph:
 15 "He has a remarkable reputation as an evangelist,
 16 and has particularly winning ways with the young and the
 17 unchurched."
 18 He is connecting with people, "much valued by youth
 19 groups ... his pastoral care and public courage at the
 20 time of Ian Gow's murder."
 21 Peter Ball was the Bishop of Lewes at the time of
 22 Ian Gow's murder which had happened probably about
 23 a year before and Ian Gow was blown up in Eastbourne.
 24 So that's why that was particularly relevant:
 25 "Although a bachelor he has always been a most

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1 generous host, at times almost making his home into
 2 a welcoming community.
 3 "Bishop Peter would bring a marvellous quality of
 4 inspiration, vision and purpose, a sense of renewal ...
 5 Bishop [something] strength would lie in guiding the
 6 diocese through change ... Each in his own way would
 7 make his mark ... something that the diocese has
 8 especially emphasised."
 9 Now, I'm assuming that you say in fact you hadn't in
 10 fact met Peter Ball at this particular point in time, so
 11 where did all these comments come from? Were they from
 12 other individuals, from references?
 13 **A. The way this is done through the CAC, we had two**
 14 **secretaries. One would have been the church's**
 15 **secretary, a man called Hector.**
 16 Q. Hector McLean, yes?
 17 **A. Hector McLean. It would have been one of**
 18 **the secretaries who would have written up this letter on**
 19 **behalf of the entire commission and I would have signed**
 20 **it.**
 21 Q. Right.
 22 **A. So I would have had a hand in the shaping of the letter,**
 23 **but no doubt it would have come to me as a result of the**
 24 **CAC coming to the conclusion that we had two names to**
 25 **offer. The Prime Minister could take either of**

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1 **the names, if he chose, but we had a clear preference**
 2 **for the other man.**
 3 Q. For the other man, yes, and you made that clear in your
 4 letter, that you had a clear preference for the other
 5 man?
 6 **A. I haven't seen on the screen the first page, but**
 7 **I assume it's there.**
 8 Q. In fact, you don't say that in your letter. You say:
 9 "The idea behind it is ..."
 10 It says -- the only thing you say which may be
 11 related is:
 12 "Each in his own way ..."
 13 It's the last sentence:
 14 "... would make his mark in the total community,
 15 something that the diocese has especially emphasised."
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. However, in the document that I previously got up,
 18 behind tab 114, chair and panel, of your bundle,
 19 CAB000013_001 through to 006, it's just to indicate that
 20 at the bottom of that page it says:
 21 "The archbishop himself does not indicate a personal
 22 preference, and his letter states clearly that either
 23 name would make a good Bishop of Gloucester."
 24 That's the bottom of page 0013_001:
 25 "Each has a different range of gifts to offer ..."

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1 Can I ask you, at CAB000013 -- this is
 2 Hector McLean's sort of pen picture. Danny, do you have
 3 that?
 4 **A. Before you move on, does the letter indicate whether**
 5 **two-thirds majority was given to Peter or was it left**
 6 **open ended, because I can't remember.**
 7 Q. It says, and this is back on 1, can we go back to 1:
 8 "Both candidates carry the full recommendation of
 9 the commission but there is a 'preference' vote of 8:4
 10 in favour of [the other candidate]."
 11 Whose name, in fact, appears there:
 12 "This only just reached the two-thirds majority
 13 which standing orders require before a preference vote
 14 can be valid: but even a unanimous vote is not binding
 15 on you, as you are entirely free to submit either name
 16 to the Queen."
 17 **A. I'm sorry the name has gone up there.**
 18 Q. That's not your fault, that's ours.
 19 **A. The point of the matter, it was very clear from that**
 20 **that the commission was really struggling with this one.**
 21 **We had two quite different men. One man was in favour**
 22 **of the ordination of women, very clearly, and the other**
 23 **man was not in favour.**
 24 Q. Peter Ball was not in favour of the ordination of women?
 25 **A. He wasn't in favour, no.**

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1 Q. In fact, the diocese wrote to you afterwards, and one of
 2 the concerns that individuals within the diocese told
 3 you, both at the time and afterwards, was that the
 4 Diocese of Gloucester was in favour of the ordination of
 5 women --
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. -- largely?
 8 **A. Yes.**
 9 Q. And they were slightly concerned and perturbed that
 10 Peter Ball had been put in place, who was a leading,
 11 shall we say, opponent of the ordination of women?
 12 **A. Yes. I wouldn't say he was a leading opponent, but**
 13 **because he was a very significant voice, he would have**
 14 **seemed like that. But the point on it -- it's only the**
 15 **last few days I've seen in the files a letter from the**
 16 **Dean of Gloucester to Robin Catford expressing dismay on**
 17 **that matter, that, "You have given us a man who is**
 18 **opposed to the ordination of women and our diocese wants**
 19 **one in favour".**
 20 Q. Well, that's information we got from the Cabinet Office,
 21 was that Sir Robin Catford received two or three letters
 22 from the then Dean of Gloucester saying, "How could you
 23 have imposed Peter Ball on us? We didn't want him.
 24 This isn't fair?"
 25 **A. Yes.**

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<p>1 Q. Can we now go to CAB000013_003, which is 2 Sir Robin Catford's analysis of Peter Ball. 3 Can I just ask, this is sort of -- why is being 4 a squash blue at all relevant to whether or not one 5 becomes a diocesan bishop? It seems to be something 6 that's mentioned quite often, "before taking a science 7 degree at Cambridge". Is that just to make him a bit 8 more of a slightly rounded human being? 9 A. It might have done. I mean, I hope on my records it 10 says I'm a supporter of Arsenal, but I don't know that 11 that would convey anything. Probably not. 12 Q. One never knows. 13 It then says, if one then goes on to page 4, over to 14 page 5, this is Sir Robin Catford's analysis. It must 15 be said, the poor gentleman on the other side didn't 16 really get much of a look-in, because the only way I can 17 describe this is a sort of gushing paean to the wonder 18 that is Peter Ball: 19 "Peter Ball is a most unusual person who could give 20 Gloucester just the special lift it now needs through 21 his inspired spiritual leadership. Affluence and 22 deprivation, the intellectual and the prosaic, he's 23 terribly good fun", et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. It 24 says, there are two considerations here, tending to 25 favour candidates in a more conventional mould than</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>	<p>1 secretary was influencing the mind of the Prime Minister 2 and going beyond his responsibilities. I find this 3 quite appalling. I didn't know it was going on at the 4 time. Because the clear structure of the Crown 5 Appointments Commission under my leadership or, if it 6 was the case of the Province of York, the archbishop 7 concerned would have discussed this with the officers, 8 the representatives, the two secretaries there, to 9 convey the wishes of the Appointments Commission. It 10 does look as though Robin has gone further than that in 11 shaping the mind of the Prime Minister. 12 What should have happened, the Prime Minister should 13 have seen me to go over this letter and then a decision 14 should have been made, and this happened several times 15 with respect to Tony Blair. There were several moments 16 when we couldn't find our way through a particular 17 appointment, and I met the Prime Minister, we argued it 18 out and, on one occasion, his instincts were quite right 19 and we followed his advice. 20 So, yes, I find this worrying. 21 Q. But in fact, shortly after Peter Ball's resignation, 22 somebody did write a letter to Hector McLean, your 23 appointments secretary, so your half, shall we say, of 24 the appointments process, it being split half and half 25 and both of them going out to see people in the diocese</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p>
<p>1 unmarried monks who can be disturbing and challenging as 2 well as exciting and pastorally caring." 3 Do you have any idea what Sir Robin Catford might 4 have meant by "disturbing and challenging"? Is that 5 simply because they are celibate? 6 A. I have no idea, Counsel. 7 Q. Thank you. Then he says, if one then goes to 8 "Procedure" at the bottom of CAB000013: 9 "It is quite important in maintaining ... that you 10 should not always take the first name ... This was 11 allowed to happen under Gladstone ..." 12 I love the fact that that was about a century 13 beforehand, Gladstone not having been Prime Minister 14 since about 1886: 15 "... thus establishing a convention which has not 16 now been breached for over a century. Some church 17 people ... would like this to happen ... This will be 18 your fifth such appointment, and so far you have not 19 chosen the second name. I would not advise you to do so 20 simply on that account, but it would be useful ... when 21 there are clearly good grounds for doing so to exercise 22 your limited freedom to act independently." 23 Did you know any of this at the time? 24 A. You know, Counsel, I find this very deeply disturbing. 25 I didn't know this was going on, so very clearly the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 and matters of that nature? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Danny, could we have ACE000608_001. This is a letter 4 from Hector McLean to yourself dated 15 April 1993. 5 This is a letter where somebody called Alan Webster 6 had written to say: 7 "... Alan is a little more free with his comments 8 about what goes on ..." 9 This is the first paragraph: 10 "... in the Crown Appointments Commission than he 11 ought to be ..." 12 "There are two reasons why I say that ... I have 13 seen Robin in action ..." 14 This is the second paragraph: 15 I think they were complaining about Peter Ball's 16 appointment and I think it was one of those "I told you 17 so" letters, but also saying this was also 18 Robin Catford's fault: 19 "... I have seen Robin in action a great deal and 20 I think it is unfair he is accused of bringing political 21 pressure to bear. I certainly knew that he was very 22 aware that Mrs Thatcher hoped that the commission would 23 submit the names of both of the Ball brothers, and in 24 particular Peter, sometime but I can recall ... the 25 commission when Peter was being considered, and of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>

1 course he was considered on a number of occasions.
 2 Indeed, both of us thought the time had passed when
 3 Peter would be submitted by the commission and ...
 4 [somewhat of a surprise] ... Memory can be faulty, but
 5 I do not recall Robin bringing inappropriate pressure to
 6 bear in the commission when Gloucester was being
 7 considered ...
 8 "Second, one should not take Alan Webster's view of
 9 the earlier incident in Lewes as necessarily being
 10 correct."
 11 Do you have any idea what's being referred to there?
 12 We don't entirely know. There was some sort of satanic
 13 ritual which happened in the mid '80s in Lewes, and we
 14 think it might be that. But we are not entirely sure
 15 about what that is?
 16 **A. No, I have no idea, Counsel.**
 17 Q. We have also got some discussion there that Bishop Kemp
 18 said that, "Peter could manage the 'right sort of
 19 diocese' and he refers to Bath and Wells and Lincoln for
 20 example". That's on the top of the second page, Danny.
 21 Could you get up the second page for me, please?
 22 If you could blow up the top of that, so that's what
 23 Bishop Kemp was saying about Bishop Ball at the time:
 24 "... Eric Kemp certainly implied to me on occasion
 25 that the earlier incident was now well in the past and

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1 ought not to stand in Peter's way."
 2 As we now know from the Cabinet Office, in fact
 3 Sir Robin Catford did bring inappropriate political
 4 pressure to bear, but it wasn't upon the commission, it
 5 was in fact upon the Prime Minister himself?
 6 **A. Yes, I have no idea of the incident he is referring to.**
 7 **It wasn't even mentioned in the Crown Appointments**
 8 **Commission. I never heard of any incident of that**
 9 **nature.**
 10 MS SCOLDING: Thank you very much. Chair, would this be an
 11 appropriate moment to take a short break, as I have just
 12 finished one topic?
 13 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms Scolding. We will return at
 14 11.25 am.
 15 (11.11 am)
 16 (A short break)
 17 (11.30 am)
 18 MS SCOLDING: Before we pass on to the events which happened
 19 between November 1992 and March 1993, there is just one
 20 more preliminary issue I need to ask you about, which
 21 is, when you arrived at Lambeth Palace, there was
 22 a secretariat in place, including various senior
 23 individuals. Amongst those was a gentleman called
 24 Bishop John Yates who we are going to talk about quite
 25 a lot over the next few minutes who was a Bishop at

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1 Lambeth, who was called the Bishop at Lambeth. Can you
 2 describe to us what Bishop Yates' role was during your
 3 time and tenure?
 4 **A. Yes. Bishop John Yates had been Bishop of Gloucester.**
 5 **He was a very senior bishop and I invited him to take**
 6 **the place of Ronald Gordon, who has been Robert Runcie's**
 7 **chief of staff. The role of John Yates is manifold in**
 8 **many respects. His first responsibility was to**
 9 **represent me vis-a-vis the House of Bishops, share with**
 10 **them, so that, if there was a problem, the bishops know**
 11 **that they could go to John, John would help them,**
 12 **contact me. Other roles, he would be in charge of**
 13 **the rest of the team, meet them weekly, discuss their**
 14 **matters, moments of crisis. He would then consult me**
 15 **wherever I was in the world. So there was a very happy**
 16 **and strong relationship between us all.**
 17 Q. Was he, in effect, your sort of troubleshooter for the
 18 bishops?
 19 **A. Yes. I wouldn't quite put it that way.**
 20 Q. Maybe you wouldn't characterise him in those terms,
 21 but --
 22 **A. No. His role might have included that if there was any**
 23 **trouble to shoot. But he would be the person that they**
 24 **would consult first of all -- if I was in Lambeth, then**
 25 **the bishops would contact me, so there was that**

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1 **relationship of trust between us all.**
 2 Q. You have talked about the fact that there was
 3 a relationship of trust. We know that some individuals
 4 called Mr and Mrs Moss, who were Peter Ball's driver and
 5 housekeeper, domestic -- part and parcel of his domestic
 6 arrangements, met with Bishop Yates at some point
 7 in September or October 1992 and told them about
 8 Peter Ball's view that Neil Todd needed to be beaten to
 9 show penitence before God, informed him of the fact that
 10 that was what Peter Ball had said to Neil Todd.
 11 Now, obviously, they went to Bishop Yates because he
 12 had been their diocesan bishop and Mr and Mrs Moss in
 13 their statements before Dame Moira Gibb, and also to us,
 14 say, "Well, we trusted Bishop Yates implicitly. He was
 15 a very good man. He was marvellous with the homeless.
 16 We knew he would understand us". Did he ever tell you
 17 about this?
 18 **A. No. Not once. And it was a shock to read it -- I don't**
 19 **know where it was, whether it was on Relativity or as**
 20 **a result of the Gibb Report. Perhaps someone can tell**
 21 **me later. But I didn't know about that at all. And it**
 22 **certainly would have affected me deeply.**
 23 Q. So whilst you therefore described that bond of trust,
 24 obviously it would appear that -- I mean, that is the
 25 sort of thing that Bishop Yates should have told you,

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<p>1 isn't it?</p> <p>2 A. I would have thought so, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. I mean, a serious allegation against a senior --</p> <p>4 a bishop --</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. -- whom were you were pastorally and disciplinarily</p> <p>7 responsible for?</p> <p>8 A. And sadly, he is not here to answer for himself.</p> <p>9 Q. No, of course. Given that he didn't tell you that, does</p> <p>10 that maybe -- or should that give us a view as to the</p> <p>11 way that Bishop Yates would, or should, have approached</p> <p>12 these matters, as maybe not terribly important or not</p> <p>13 terribly significant?</p> <p>14 A. I have got to surmise that I wouldn't have thought that</p> <p>15 that would be his usual way of dealing with a matter,</p> <p>16 that he would normally speak to me and consult me,</p> <p>17 whether to do with the fact that I was travelling, it</p> <p>18 went out of his mind, there may be reasons for that, but</p> <p>19 I do agree that this is such a big thing that I would</p> <p>20 have expected him to have consulted me and told me.</p> <p>21 Q. I'm just thinking, if it was something like</p> <p>22 "Mr and Mrs Moss came to see me and they weren't very</p> <p>23 happy with Bishop Ball", well, you needn't have been,</p> <p>24 but if it was, like, "Peter Ball is threatening to beat</p> <p>25 young men in the middle of the Bishop's Palace and the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p>	<p>1 works.</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. You then received a briefing from them. Did you know</p> <p>4 anything about what they were going to come to talk to</p> <p>5 you about on that day?</p> <p>6 A. We're up against the limits of memory now because</p> <p>7 I don't recall the context. I mean, in terms of not</p> <p>8 informing me of things, I wouldn't naturally jump to the</p> <p>9 conclusion that this is quite deliberate on their part.</p> <p>10 It could be to do with the immensity of the allegations</p> <p>11 and so on that it all rolled into one. When they came</p> <p>12 to see me, the crisis was upon us. And so we consulted</p> <p>13 on that day and then I called in -- called the Ball</p> <p>14 brothers in to see me the following day.</p> <p>15 Q. You called the Ball brothers in to see you the following</p> <p>16 day but what you didn't do is, after having heard what</p> <p>17 Bishop Kemp and Roy Williamson had told you, you didn't</p> <p>18 say to them, "We must go to the police", did you?</p> <p>19 A. The police were already on to it, as I understand it.</p> <p>20 Q. I think the following morning the police were on to it.</p> <p>21 But on that day --</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. Can you remember whether there was any discussion of</p> <p>24 needing to go to the police or was it seen at that time</p> <p>25 as an internal church matter?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>
<p>1 gardener knows about it and ..." I mean, in clerical</p> <p>2 terms, that's quite shocking, isn't it?</p> <p>3 A. It's bizarre, but it's also deeply shocking, deeply</p> <p>4 worrying, in terms of behaviour.</p> <p>5 Q. I also understand that Roy Williamson, who was Bishop of</p> <p>6 Southwark, knew about these allegations before the</p> <p>7 police were informed. Individuals who had gone to see</p> <p>8 Neil Todd went to see him to tell his story. Did he</p> <p>9 immediately telephone you and say to you, "I have had</p> <p>10 a young man come. I'm very worried about what's going</p> <p>11 on"?</p> <p>12 A. No, he did not. I'm sure he should have done, but he</p> <p>13 didn't.</p> <p>14 Q. Also, Eric Kemp, we understand, also spoke to Neil Todd.</p> <p>15 Did he phone you or speak to you or see you in any way?</p> <p>16 A. No, I met up with Eric Kemp and Roy Williamson I think</p> <p>17 it was on 11 December, I can't be sure about that.</p> <p>18 Q. You received a briefing from them on 11 December 1992,</p> <p>19 which was in fact the day before Neil Todd's allegation</p> <p>20 was reported to the police by his parents. So you heard</p> <p>21 on that day I think Eric Kemp and Roy Williamson had</p> <p>22 known about this for a couple of weeks, or certainly for</p> <p>23 some time. Neil Todd had then attempted suicide. He</p> <p>24 then attempted suicide again, which was when the police</p> <p>25 came involved. So that's the way that the chronology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>	<p>1 A. No, I think it was clear on that day it was inevitably</p> <p>2 a matter for the police.</p> <p>3 Q. So Peter Ball was then arrested on 12 December 1992?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Peter Ball then came to see you the following Tuesday,</p> <p>6 as I understand it.</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Why did you have him come and see you in that way?</p> <p>9 A. I'm not sure about the point of the question there.</p> <p>10 I would have expected that was my duty, to see them as</p> <p>11 soon as possible. Why I didn't see them straight</p> <p>12 away --</p> <p>13 Q. No, no, it's fine. It's 12 December, you see them three</p> <p>14 days later on the 15th. I'm not seeking to imply</p> <p>15 criticism of you not having seen him. I'm just asking a</p> <p>16 question as to, given that he had been arrested, why did</p> <p>17 you go and think it was suitable to have an interview</p> <p>18 with him, so to speak?</p> <p>19 A. It seemed obvious to me that this is so serious</p> <p>20 a matter, I must see them, because his future was at</p> <p>21 stake at this particular point. I thought that that</p> <p>22 would have been my conclusion at the time.</p> <p>23 Q. But given that you potentially -- you knew he had been</p> <p>24 arrested, you knew he had been arrested for sexual</p> <p>25 offending, you knew it was serious, that there were</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p>

1 allegations of beating, et cetera, et cetera, which
 2 would, if nothing else, be disastrous in terms of
 3 the press, if nothing else, in terms of the way that the
 4 press could spin those sorts of matters. So did you not
 5 think, "Well, I might have to discipline him, so it
 6 might not be sensible for me to be the one who goes to
 7 see him"?

8 **A. I think, Counsel, at that point, I saw these as**
 9 **allegations. I didn't see this necessarily that it's**
 10 **all clear cut. So I had to see them, talk to him about**
 11 **it and with his brother as well, and it became clear to**
 12 **me there were questions to be answered.**

13 Q. You say, and you say this at paragraph 45 of your second
 14 witness statement:
 15 "My meeting was pastoral in nature."
 16 Just understanding, what do you mean by that?

17 **A. I think my initial point was that there were**
 18 **allegations. I must find out from him what it was all**
 19 **about. So I talked to both brothers, and they actually**
 20 **said -- protested their innocence, his innocence. Both**
 21 **brothers said -- I remember Michael saying, "This is**
 22 **impossible. Peter would never do a thing like that".**

23 Q. Do you think it was sensible -- I mean, with the benefit
 24 of hindsight, and we know what Michael has said, which
 25 is that he says he didn't know anything about it,

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1 et cetera, et cetera. I mean, these things were
 2 embarrassing, shameful, you know, the acts and the
 3 events that we are talking about. Do you think maybe
 4 you should have interviewed Peter in private? Because
 5 he may well not have wanted his brother to know, but it
 6 might have been something he might have told you if you
 7 had interviewed him on his own?

8 **A. I think I've seen somewhere that Peter said he did see**
 9 **me privately later. I have no recollection of that. As**
 10 **far as my memory is concerned, I saw the brothers**
 11 **together.**

12 **As for shamefulness, and that kind of thing, the way**
 13 **I was approaching it, in terms -- I wanted to know --**
 14 **"Allegations have been made against you. What have you**
 15 **done?", and I had his clear statement, "I have committed**
 16 **no crime. I haven't done anything particularly wrong".**
 17 **That was the kind of line he was taking.**

18 Q. Did you probe him about what he meant, because there are
 19 various things that could be described as Clintonian
 20 within his police interview, in terms of what he kind of
 21 did or did not do. Did you probe him about exactly what
 22 it was he was meant to have done or what he did not do
 23 at the particular time?

24 **A. This may seem to be the kind of thing I ought to have**
 25 **a clear memory of, and have to confess I don't have**

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1 **a memory of that. All I remember is the confrontation.**
 2 **I remember his indignant replies, that he didn't do**
 3 **anything, that, you know, "My lifestyle ...", and so on.**
 4 **A great deal of self-defence on his part. Right. But**
 5 **I knew then that the police were dealing with this**
 6 **matter. I had to leave the criminal side of this to the**
 7 **police.**

8 Q. Two days after you met with Peter Ball, you wrote him
 9 a letter -- chair and panel, behind tab 15, volume 1 of
 10 your documents. Danny, ACE000195.
 11 Now, this is your handwriting, Lord Carey, so I am
 12 going to ask you maybe for some help in deciphering it:
 13 "I am writing this two days after our meeting, so
 14 relieved that the press coverage has not been spiteful
 15 or misleading."
 16 Now, I think, as I understand it -- I think
 17 DI Murdock says this in his witness statement -- what
 18 had happened was there was a leak, probably from the
 19 police, DI Murdock says it's likely to have come from
 20 Gloucester police station, on the day that Peter Ball
 21 was arrested, so there had been national press coverage
 22 of his arrest:
 23 "Indeed, the response so far has been most
 24 encouraging with the most positive things said about
 25 your distinguished ministry."

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1 If you can enlarge the second paragraph:
 2 "Peter ..."
 3 I think that is what this says, Lord Carey, but I am
 4 sure you can help me:
 5 "... I want you to know that you are in my heart and
 6 constantly in my prayers. You need to know further that
 7 the matter does not diminish my admiration for you or my
 8 determination to keep you on the episcopal bench. You
 9 are greatly loved by so many in the church and beginning
 10 to make a significant impact on the diocese. So be
 11 encouraged and don't lose heart. A theological
 12 thought ...", et cetera, et cetera. Then there are some
 13 matters about some spiritual advice would be the way
 14 I say it. At the end of the letter:
 15 "May God keep you from despair and, over in the
 16 darkness, enable you to see the light of his presence
 17 and the warmth of his love."
 18 What I am interested in is "the matter does not
 19 diminish my admiration for you or my determination to
 20 keep you on the episcopal bench". Could you explain
 21 that?

22 **A. Yes. The first comment I want to make, as I look back**
 23 **now, is what a sickly letter it was, and I'm rather**
 24 **disappointed. But you've got to remember, and we have**
 25 **been over this before, he was actually a deeply**

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1 respected person in the church at that time,
 2 charismatic. I did want to keep him on the episcopal
 3 bench. I saw him as a man with many gifts. For a long
 4 time, that was my intention. Of course the police
 5 investigated, and there was nothing more to be said
 6 about that. But my intention there was to say, "Don't
 7 lose heart. These allegations -- we don't know if they
 8 are allegations or more than that. We have got to wait
 9 and see". So these are the very early days.

10 Q. But --

11 **A. I stand by that letter written at that particular time.**

12 Q. What people may say about that is that this indicates
 13 a fixed intention for you to think, "Right. I need to
 14 keep Peter. Everybody loves him. Everybody thinks he's
 15 marvellous". You're not just -- "Everybody has told us
 16 how charismatic he was, how marvellous he was", and
 17 therefore that then became your fixed intention: "I am
 18 going to do what I can to try to save Peter from himself
 19 as much as from anybody else"?

20 **A. It could never be fixed because it's very dependent upon**
 21 **other things -- for example, the law.**

22 Q. Yes.

23 **A. He would never be able to stay as a bishop on the bench**
 24 **if he had committed these things, and, as we now know --**
 25 **because there are two aspects to this. We had the**

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1 **caution, but in 2014 he was convicted of events back**
 2 **there, and we know that the Gloucester Police knew about**
 3 **them, knew far more than I did about the events back**
 4 **there. I had very little knowledge, and what I knew was**
 5 **in the background, and, yes, I did want to keep him on,**
 6 **but inevitably the axe was going to fall.**

7 Q. Can I just -- you obviously wrote to Peter, but you
 8 didn't write directly to Neil Todd or anyone else who
 9 made their concerns known about Peter Ball to you. Why
 10 was that?

11 **A. I think this gives me an opportunity to say something**
 12 **directly, if I may, to those who have been abused and**
 13 **let down by me and others in the church.**

14 **You know something of my history, that I came into**
 15 **the ministry when I was quite young. I was in the air**
 16 **force. I was an 18-/19-year-old, and I had the most**
 17 **marvellous people who were able to help me and nurture**
 18 **me. They had -- they didn't have that. They fell into**
 19 **the trap of a pretty wicked person, a deluded person,**
 20 **who used his considerable influence to shape them**
 21 **wrongly, and I regret we didn't see that earlier, and**
 22 **I want to say that, yes, we failed the abused in**
 23 **a number of different ways and, if I were to do it now,**
 24 **I think -- of course, with hindsight. We didn't have**
 25 **the safeguarding procedures in place then. One thing**

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1 **I could have done is to set up an action committee to**
 2 **delve into the matters more and individually as well.**
 3 **We didn't do that. But I think it would be quite wrong,**
 4 **Counsel, to assume that nothing was happening.**

5 **If you take Neil Todd, for example, he did receive**
 6 **care, the hospital chaplain, a number of bishops --**
 7 **I think the Bishop of Southwell reached out to him and**
 8 **Neil said, "No, I don't want to know you". In the case**
 9 **of, say, Ely diocese, I know that the**
 10 **Reverend Ros Hunt -- I think you have heard from her --**
 11 **Q. We will hear from her tomorrow.**

12 **A. She was a marvellous person who stepped in on behalf of**
 13 **the Ely diocese, or it could have been the Southwell**
 14 **diocese. So we didn't let them down totally. There was**
 15 **help there, but not enough, and that's what I would say.**

16 Q. I know that Neil Todd was offered the services of
 17 the Bishop of Southwell and, in fact, because he knew
 18 his local -- a local parish priest whose wife happened
 19 to be a psychotherapist, I know that he had some
 20 counselling that way.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. But none of the other individuals who came forward at
 23 the time, even if they made complaints to the police,
 24 were offered any sort of counselling or spiritual
 25 support, other than via Ros Hunt. Even at the time,

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1 that was the subject of some criticism. Danny, would
 2 you mind getting up ACE000527, tab 20. This is dated
 3 11 March 1993. This is from a lady called Helen Reeves,
 4 who is the director of Victim Support, a well-known
 5 organisation providing support to individuals
 6 principally within the criminal justice system:
 7 "Dear Archbishop.
 8 "I am sure you will have received a considerable
 9 amount of correspondence regarding the very unfortunate
 10 case of Bishop Ball ... Victim Support has been closely
 11 involved with the family of the young man concerned
 12 [Neil Todd], and I am writing to you at their request.
 13 "... the family has been deeply disturbed ... but by
 14 the absence of concern which has been expressed by
 15 senior representatives of the Church of England. I have
 16 today read through a large file of press cuttings ...
 17 which contain expressions of concern for Bishop Ball and
 18 comments about the need for forgiveness. Indeed, the
 19 only reference that I could find to the young man who
 20 was the victim of this crime was ... he hoped 'the
 21 victim will be able to forgive Bishop Peter'. There
 22 appears to be no concern expressed for the young victim
 23 and no statement that prayers will be said for his
 24 future or for his welfare. The family feels that his
 25 interests have been seriously neglected, and this

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1 apparent insensitivity by the church is having serious
2 effects on the young man himself, his mother and younger
3 children in the family.
4 "It may be that press statements have included
5 comments of concern ... [so please provide any press
6 statements]", et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.
7 So they themselves were expressing significant
8 concerns to you. Did you not think about -- this
9 probably is skipping too far in the chronology, but as
10 we are here, did you not think about, after the caution,
11 saying, "May I come to see you? May Bishop Yates come
12 to see you? May somebody else who is a senior member of
13 the church come to see you to express their
14 unhappiness?"
15 **A. Counsel, could you tell me who answered the letter?**
16 Q. I don't know, we haven't got a copy of the letter. Do
17 you remember even seeing this letter? It is addressed
18 to you, so I'm assuming at some point you may have seen
19 it?
20 **A. No, I have to say, I've got no -- my working habit was**
21 **that every letter that came to Lambeth should have**
22 **a reply, so I'm fairly confident a very serious letter**
23 **of this nature would have had a response from -- the**
24 **Bishop at Lambeth or myself should have responded to**
25 **that. So I'm really appalled if this was ignored.**

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1 Q. Well, we don't know whether it was or wasn't. It may
2 well be that it's just -- you know, we have got 50,000
3 documents, so it may well be hiding somewhere.
4 **A. Can I go back to the point I was making, it's not**
5 **a question of a lack of care. I have already said that**
6 **within the diocesan structure, there would have been**
7 **care, because the Church of England is an organisation**
8 **with 30 bosses in the Diocese of Canterbury, and my**
9 **expectation, that he would be cared for in the diocese**
10 **concerned. But going back to the point I was making**
11 **earlier, yes, as I look back now, we didn't show the**
12 **kind of substantial care that this young man should have**
13 **received, and we now know he's dead and a great deal of**
14 **sadness surrounding that.**
15 Q. We think the response might be at -- Danny, would you
16 mind getting this up for us -- ACE003298_027 and 028.
17 No. Forget about that. We will come back to the
18 response later.
19 Immediately after the news broke of Peter Ball's
20 arrest, a number of letters were received by the
21 secretariat at Lambeth Palace which made a number of
22 other allegations about Peter Ball. Now, you make the
23 point quite clearly that you didn't see them all
24 together and you would have seen them in dribs and
25 drabs, and so therefore you might not necessarily have

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1 put them together as sort of one document or showing one
2 chain of events. However, if we can get those letters
3 up -- tab 56, chair and panel, ACE003053. Could I ask,
4 Danny, that you don't get up 002, please. I will give
5 you an alternative number, because there are some issues
6 with the redaction, so please don't show 002, and I will
7 give you an alternative number for that.
8 These are a series of letters which are known as
9 "the seven letters", "the six letters", "the five
10 letters", various letters. I would like to just take
11 you through them so we can be clear about what you knew.
12 As you say, it was your role that anything that was
13 written to you personally would have been seen by you at
14 some point and would have had a response not necessarily
15 from you but from a member of your staff.
16 Can we go first to ACE003053_008 and 009.
17 This is one of the first letters. Danny, would you
18 mind blowing up the first page first. This is an
19 individual -- this is somebody's father who writes to
20 you:
21 "This is not information that we have discussed" --
22 this is what the first page says:
23 "This is not information that we have discussed
24 outside the immediate family, nor would we have raised
25 it in any circumstances other than the recent sad

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1 events. It comes only to you by confidential letter for
2 you to use at your discretion, or to ignore if you see
3 fit."
4 That's the first paragraph:
5 "Some two and a half years ago our son was 17 and
6 a boarder in his final term at Sussex. Following an
7 internal disciplinary decision we were asked to take him
8 out of school ... The headmaster told us that the Bishop
9 of Lewes, as he then was, had a small resident group of
10 those contemplating life in religious orders, and that
11 he had sometimes been able to take boys from the school
12 in similar difficult circumstances. It was arranged for
13 [X] to go there and we much appreciated the kindness ...
14 "When [so-and-so] returned home for a long weekend
15 ... he was very reticent about the prospect of going
16 back to [Peter Ball's]. When pressed, it became
17 apparent that he felt 'uncomfortable' there. While
18 there was no specific action which could have caused
19 concern, we understand that the bishop had suggested
20 that [he] should share his bedroom as there was
21 a shortage of accommodation (though [X] subsequently ...
22 discovered that there was at least one other unoccupied
23 room). The bishop also enquired what [X] normally wore
24 in bed and approved as 'natural'. The fact that, like
25 many others, he usually slept naked.

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1 "We do not believe that there was any physical
 2 approach made to [X], nor that there was anything more
 3 than innuendo, but [X] certainly felt that he had been
 4 propositioned, if only indirectly.
 5 "As he was able to return to the school at this
 6 stage ... we decided to do nothing."
 7 Now, this is significant because later on Peter Ball
 8 says, "Well, this was dealt with by the police and the
 9 headmaster", so that begs the question was there another
 10 incident of this nature which still maybe hasn't come to
 11 light:
 12 "... we decided ... would have embarrassed the
 13 bishop himself who had acted charitably towards us ..."
 14 I think we can maybe see the clericalism at work
 15 there. The idea you don't want to embarrass a bishop
 16 when he's propositioned your 17-year-old son is somewhat
 17 extraordinary from the mind-set of 2018:
 18 "... it would also have reflected badly on the
 19 school itself and on [X] himself who was only there as a
 20 result of disciplinary action already taken. We felt it
 21 best to put matters behind us and ... what action might
 22 have been appropriate ... [X] himself has not responded
 23 to any of this]."
 24 But then it says at the top of the next page:
 25 "We have relations in senior professional positions

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1 in Sussex who knew that [X] had lived [there] but not of
 2 any of the above events. They independently expressed
 3 concern that he should [not] have been there, as local
 4 'knowledge' indicated that the circumstances would not
 5 have been ideal for placing a boy of impressionable
 6 age."
 7 Obviously, one doesn't really know there whether or
 8 not that's kind of unfair rumours about Bishop Ball's
 9 sexuality or because of what more was known:
 10 "I apologise if this letter ... I ... would be
 11 prepared to discuss it, but you will appreciate that his
 12 concerns were based upon his interpretation of apparent
 13 innuendo and on his subsequent unease ... Neither we nor
 14 he are prompted by any malicious intent but we would
 15 have been unhappy about continuing to keep to ourselves
 16 information that might have an effect on the well-being
 17 of others ..."
 18 You knew, therefore, on 19 December 1992 -- or you
 19 would have received this, I'm imagining, at some point
 20 shortly thereafter -- that a 17-year-old boy was made to
 21 feel uncomfortable enough that he told his mum and dad
 22 that a bishop had propositioned him, something I imagine
 23 most people don't want to tell their parents and would
 24 try to avoid telling them unless they absolutely had to.
 25 But yet you didn't see this as a corroborative evidence

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1 of a similar pattern to that which Neil Todd talked
 2 about?
 3 **A. I think just as alarming is the fact that this refers to**
 4 **an incident two and a half years before, when Peter was**
 5 **Bishop of Lewes. In other words, he didn't report it**
 6 **back then. That would have actually had a bearing on**
 7 **his appointment as Bishop of Gloucester. We didn't know**
 8 **about that then.**
 9 Q. Even if --
 10 **A. I don't know how to respond to that. Can you tell me**
 11 **what response went from Lambeth?**
 12 Q. Well, the response to that -- I'm not entirely sure that
 13 we have got that in the bundle. But we will see if we
 14 can find it. We will find that, so we can look --
 15 **A. Counsel, I do take the point -- I mean, this is**
 16 **terrible, and certainly would have influenced me,**
 17 **particularly in terms of the fact there were other**
 18 **letters as well. But at this particular time, he was**
 19 **being looked at by the police. It was out of my hands**
 20 **in terms of criminal activity. We assumed the police**
 21 **were handling, and they would have known something of**
 22 **this behaviour.**
 23 Q. But how would they have known of this behaviour? The
 24 letter expressly says, "We haven't told anybody else.
 25 We are only telling you now. We didn't involve the

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1 police. You can use that letter at your discretion"?
 2 **A. Yes. I don't think it would have seemed to us at**
 3 **Lambeth that this would naturally mean we hand it over**
 4 **to the police.**
 5 Q. Right.
 6 **A. I don't think --**
 7 Q. Why is that --
 8 **A. I don't think it was in our mind-set at the time to see**
 9 **this allegation -- I don't think it would have normally**
 10 **come to us to say, "Yes, this is police", because the**
 11 **allegations are shrouded in some ambiguity.**
 12 Q. Well, yes. I mean, even if they didn't amount to
 13 a criminal offence, and obviously -- I mean, as we now
 14 know, gross indecency doesn't necessarily involve
 15 genital contact, and I suspect that knowledge of law
 16 would not have been on the tip of your -- what it does
 17 show is something deeply worrying --
 18 **A. Yes, it does.**
 19 Q. -- about the bishop's character?
 20 **A. Yes, it does.**
 21 Q. About his morality --
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. -- which is of central concern, is it not, to the
 24 church?
 25 **A. And a behaviour pattern that is deeply worrying.**

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1 Q. Yes. So in a way, it doesn't matter whether the
 2 behaviour in and of itself amounted to a criminal
 3 offence. What it was, was corroborative of what
 4 Neil Todd was saying --
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. -- about the behaviour towards him --
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. -- was it not?
 9 **A. I wonder if we could find out later if Lambeth -- if**
 10 **I or Lambeth replied to that?**
 11 Q. Yes. I have currently got two to my left scurrying,
 12 shall we say, with some alacrity to try and do so.
 13 Right. ACE000308:
 14 "The archbishop has read your letter and is most
 15 grateful for the sensitive and understanding spirit in
 16 which you wrote it. ... but hopes that you will
 17 understand that he faces a horrendous pressure ..."
 18 But then it says, in the second paragraph down:
 19 "On his behalf, I am to tell you that he entirely
 20 endorses and supports your decision not to pass the
 21 information you have about [X] to the police (though all
 22 the information we have here suggests that the
 23 Gloucestershire Police have been conducting their
 24 investigation ...). Some enquiries have been made
 25 already on behalf of the archbishop, but ... he believes

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1 he must wait until the result of the police
 2 investigation ... As you perceptively suggested, the
 3 archbishop might then have difficult decisions to take
 4 in order to give the right pastoral support ... both to
 5 Bishop Peter himself ...
 6 "We hope we are right in surmising here that,
 7 whatever the precise nature or explanation of your son's
 8 experience at the bishop's house ... no lasting harm or
 9 traumatic memories ..."
 10 I'm assuming it was dictated by John Yates. You
 11 weren't in the country at that time. But the letter
 12 doesn't say, "I don't want to tell the police". What
 13 the letter says in fact is -- that letter seems to
 14 suggest "he entirely endorses and supports your decision
 15 not to pass the information about X to the police",
 16 whereas the letter doesn't say "I'm not going to pass it
 17 to the police", what it says is, "I haven't told the
 18 police because we were embarrassed and didn't want to
 19 bring any more embarrassment on the family and our son,
 20 et cetera, et cetera, but you can do what you wish with
 21 it"?
 22 **A. If I can observe, Counsel, if you bear in mind that he**
 23 **was the former Bishop of Gloucester, he knew the police**
 24 **very well indeed, and he does qualify:**
 25 **"The information we have suggests the**

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1 **Gloucester Police have been conducting their**
 2 **investigation with impeccable care and tact."**
 3 **He is assuming they may well be aware of this**
 4 **incident.**
 5 Q. I will say I'm slightly struggling with that. If you
 6 have a letter from somebody who says, "We haven't told
 7 anyone. We certainly haven't told the police", and
 8 certainly the strong inference from that letter is, "and
 9 we are just bringing it to your attention because we
 10 think there is something that should be done". You know
 11 Bishop Yates has had discussions with the police?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. We in fact know that took place on 22 December.
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. Do you not think it strange that Bishop Yates didn't
 16 hand that letter over --
 17 **A. I think --**
 18 Q. -- which would have possibly arrived before?
 19 **A. 25 years later, I feel, in his position, he should have**
 20 **done, but if I can just remind you, "he entirely**
 21 **endorses and supports your decision not to pass the**
 22 **information over". So the parents have decided, "We are**
 23 **not going to give it to the police", and John goes along**
 24 **with the decision that the parent is making. I'm not**
 25 **excusing him, but I'm saying you can read it and**

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1 **understand why he is saying, "I think it makes sense for**
 2 **you to stay with your decision as it stands".**
 3 Q. Yes, but of course those parents didn't know what you
 4 knew?
 5 **A. No.**
 6 Q. All those parents knew was that this had happened and
 7 that there was some other sort of allegations, the exact
 8 nature of which were not so clear, certainly at that
 9 stage. Later I know they were splashed all over the
 10 tabloid papers, but not at that particular stage?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. Can we now go on to one of the other letters,
 13 ACE003053_012 to 014. This is quite a long letter.
 14 This is a letter from someone who was a member of
 15 the clergy, so it's 12, 13 and 14. It starts saying:
 16 "I am writing in connection with the recent
 17 allegations against Father Peter. I imagine that many
 18 will write to you in reference to this matter, but I do
 19 hope you read this since I have direct knowledge and not
 20 hearsay of what lies behind the allegations. In 1982,
 21 I belonged to his scheme. I joined The Scheme. I was
 22 very impressed."
 23 Then, fourth paragraph:
 24 "My time around Father Peter sidetracked me from my
 25 calling and filled my head with many notions about

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<p>1 celibacy, the state of the church, radical Christianity, 2 et cetera, which I had to ditch." 3 Then the last paragraph says: 4 "Being around Peter wrecked at least three years of 5 my life. One of the main reasons was the confusion 6 I was thrown into. I had respect for him and his ideas 7 as a form of initiation whereby I took temporary vows of 8 poverty, chastity and obedience to him. I thought one 9 took poverty, chastity and obedience to God rather than 10 to him. I stripped off all my clothes and went into 11 chapel with him to make these vows. Peter's ideas in 12 life, and I accepted this, but Peter went further and 13 suggested to me later that I strip off again and caress 14 him and he me as a form of nongenital love. This he 15 assured me was good for me, liberating me from 16 inhibitions." 17 Then the next page says, the first paragraph: 18 "This may sound extremely odd, but I sort of slid 19 into his way of thinking and it seemed okay." 20 Then it identifies the fact that he isn't, in fact, 21 homosexual or bisexual, but in fact he's heterosexual: 22 "I came to this conclusion that Peter was really 23 using me ..." 24 This is halfway down the page: 25 "... Peter was really using me and not helping me as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 77</p>	<p>1 chaplain, Vickery House, to trust him and I did, second 2 only to my parents. I had been let down and for several 3 years I was actually deeply affected. I wanted to be 4 a priest but somehow this all barred my way." 5 Then he ends up becoming one: 6 "Very little good has come out of it. I still think 7 Peter has great gifts but he has also has a side which 8 I think he will not accept. I feel he did use me, not 9 sexually but emotionally, providing love, even 10 adulation." 11 Then there is something completely irrelevant. But 12 then in the middle of the next page, it says: 13 "Many will probably write and support Peter. In one 14 way, that is good because it is hard for him. But it's 15 been hard for many of us as well through him. I have at 16 least one other person who has experienced what I have 17 and would be prepared to collaborate my story. There 18 are more too." 19 Then it says in bold type: 20 "Please do not close it down, talk to him, do 21 something about it." 22 Then it says: 23 "Peter would be mortified by this letter, but I am 24 prepared to face him with it, whatever the consequences, 25 because I am fed up with all the coverups and the abuse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 79</p>
<p>1 he claimed. We did not have sex but he subtly [implied] 2 that I could do anything if it helped me, or words to 3 that effect. At the time, I believed this to be genital 4 contact. Later, on a different occasion, Peter asked me 5 to do the same thing. I was uneasy. I felt like 6 a woman who was being pressurised by a man to do 7 something she does not want to. I felt he was using his 8 power, the respect and loyalty I felt for him, to use 9 me. I went into the garden in the dark on the pretext 10 I was going to ask God about it. Really I needed to get 11 away. I came back and said no." 12 Then it's said: 13 "I knew this behaviour was going on with others but 14 I cannot say if they felt like me. I think some had no 15 problems about it at all. What I do know is that in my 16 case the loyalty and my ideals that I had invested in 17 Peter and his scheme were dealt a severe blow. I could 18 no longer trust him." 19 Then it says in the next paragraph: 20 "I felt incredibly let down not just by his 21 emotional and possible sexual pressure on me but also by 22 his lack of concern for me." 23 Then if one ignores the next paragraph, it says: 24 "Eventually I chucked the whole thing over but it 25 took me a long time. He had encouraged me, as had his</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 78</p>	<p>1 of power that goes on in the C of E. You, yourself, you 2 know yourself that it is there, its sinful nature. 3 I believe that the young man who accused Peter is very 4 brave. For God's sake, make sure he is supported and 5 believed. Peter will make out great sympathy for him 6 and his innocence, but take another look. He is not out 7 for publicity. He is like I was: put upon by Peter. 8 I did not write this letter out of revenge. I am 9 embarrassed by its contents and I did not write them as 10 a confession, but because I wanted you to understand. 11 It is all so subtle, but it's not right ultimately. 12 I owed it to myself and to others to write this." 13 Now, this was received on 22 December 1992. You 14 write immediately back. But what's interesting is, you 15 said, "Well, we didn't really understand" -- earlier in 16 your evidence you have said to me, "We didn't really 17 understand abuse of power then. We really didn't 18 understand that". But this relatively young man who had 19 been through that experience kind of nails it exactly, 20 and tells you directly about the fact that Peter was 21 exercising his abuse of power. This is somebody who was 22 another priest, somebody who had obviously had a very 23 difficult time. So it is not really fair to say that 24 the issue of abuse of power wasn't -- it might not have 25 been acute in your mind but it certainly was acute in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 80</p>

1 the minds of those who had been subject to Peter Ball's
 2 ministrations, was it not?
 3 **A. Well, thank you for showing me that letter. I have seen**
 4 **it before, of course. I mean, it is deeply shameful,**
 5 **isn't it? I feel really not only sad, but ashamed as**
 6 **well, because obviously we didn't care enough for people**
 7 **like that, and it is a very brave letter. I'm glad he**
 8 **came out with it. Could you remind me what response we**
 9 **made?**
 10 Q. Yes. You wrote a response at ACE003053_010 and 011.
 11 Your say in your first sentence, and this, again, is
 12 your handwritten response -- I think this is your
 13 handwriting, is it not?
 14 **A. Yes, it is.**
 15 Q. "Thank you very much for your moving, frank and somewhat
 16 'shocking' letter. I realise that it must have taken
 17 a great deal of courage to write it and I admire you
 18 greatly for doing so.
 19 "As the police are taking great pains to investigate
 20 the young man's allegations, I cannot comment on the
 21 point or the contents of your letter, except to say that
 22 it appears to have similar details that are most
 23 worrying. I can assure you, however, that I do not
 24 intend to allow any 'coverup'. All of us at the sacred
 25 ministry have been entrusted with a huge office which

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1 places great responsibility ... Bishops, particularly,
 2 have a jurisdiction and a position in society which
 3 calls for their special responsibilities -- that high
 4 expectation must be maintained.
 5 "As you asked me to confront Peter with your letter,
 6 I shall do so at the most appropriate time."
 7 Pausing there, did you ever confront Peter with this
 8 letter?
 9 **A. If this is the -- I don't know, because you haven't**
 10 **given me the details of the person. If it is somebody**
 11 **with the initial [redacted] --**
 12 Q. Yes --
 13 **A. Then it is -- I confronted him.**
 14 MS SCOLDING: Can we cut the feed? Don't worry.
 15 **A. I can give you the person's first name, if you wish.**
 16 Q. No, don't say anything.
 17 Chair, I ask you to make a restriction order in
 18 respect of the relevant matter, the naming of
 19 the initial. I have shown Lord Carey the details of who
 20 it is, but we will not mention that again.
 21 As far as that individual is concerned, I have got
 22 that, did you ever confront Peter Ball with that letter?
 23 **A. Yes. I mean, this is a man I ordained, and I confronted**
 24 **him on April 5, or somewhere around that, in Canterbury.**
 25 **His brother was there as well. I called them in. We**

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1 **had two hours together, in which the letter was shown to**
 2 **him, and this is the closest I saw Peter Ball come to**
 3 **tears, and I was very hard with him.**
 4 **The irony is, I was writing that letter**
 5 **on December 22 when DI Murdock was in with John Yates in**
 6 **an adjoining study asking for letters. I had two**
 7 **letters on my desk and I was replying to them that very**
 8 **morning. This was one of them.**
 9 Q. Did you ever think about passing the letter to the
 10 police after -- I mean, obviously, 22 December, that
 11 couldn't have happened --
 12 **A. Well, I --**
 13 Q. -- but passing that letter, because that letter was
 14 plainly, as you, yourself, identify, similar details
 15 which are most worrying?
 16 **A. Yes, apologies for interrupting you then.**
 17 Q. No, of course.
 18 **A. Yes, very conscious of that. But, you know, the problem**
 19 **was, the situation at the time was that not every letter**
 20 **wanted us to go to the police. In some cases, they**
 21 **actually said they didn't. But if you take the second**
 22 **letter I wrote to the mother of a son on the same day --**
 23 Q. We will come on to that.
 24 **A. -- and I won't mention names, I actually said to her,**
 25 **"If there are any other examples of this, please go at**

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1 **once to the police". So there was no reluctance on my**
 2 **part to send people to the police, but it wasn't**
 3 **actually in our psyche at the time to take every letter**
 4 **to the police, as we might do today.**
 5 Q. Did anybody ever interview the individual concerned from
 6 within the church? Obviously he was another ordained
 7 person, so possibly -- unlike individuals who were
 8 outside the church, you possibly thought, well,
 9 obviously what he says might need to be taken especially
 10 importantly and seriously. Did anybody ever go and
 11 interview the particular gentleman that we are talking
 12 about?
 13 **A. This particular man?**
 14 Q. Yes.
 15 **A. I can't be sure of that. My suspicion is that no-one**
 16 **did. I remained in contact with him for a while.**
 17 **I have lost contact with him. But I do believe he is**
 18 **still in the ordained ministry. I can't be sure of**
 19 **that.**
 20 Q. I'm afraid I don't know.
 21 There is then another letter. Can I take -- Danny,
 22 would you mind getting up ACE003053_006, please. Chair
 23 and panel, again, same tab number.
 24 This letter is dated 19 December. This is the
 25 letter you have just talked about in which you returned

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1 to someone. Again, I will read parts of it out:
 2 "I have been greatly concerned about the behaviour
 3 of Bishop Peter Ball for a number of years. It is my
 4 wish that he should cease to run any schemes for young
 5 people and may be kept from damaging any more young
 6 people's lives in the future. I have every sympathy
 7 with the young man who had the courage to bring this
 8 matter out in the open and would like him to know that
 9 many people are very concerned for him.
 10 Yours sincerely, [AN-A108's mum].
 11 "I would appreciate knowing that you have personally
 12 received this letter."
 13 That was then responded to at 005, same reference,
 14 so just the page before:
 15 "I acknowledge your letter ... as you know, an
 16 enquiry ... if you have any light to shed on any
 17 incidents affecting young people, please do get in
 18 contact with the Gloucester Police.
 19 "If, however, you are a little reluctant to do so,
 20 don't hesitate to write to me again with fuller
 21 details."
 22 That's your letter where you said, "Please do go to
 23 the police"?"
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 **Q.** This lady writes back on 4 January 1993. 003. If one

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1 can sort of blow that up a bit:
 2 "Thank you for your letter dated 22 December 1992 in
 3 which you wish to invite me to write again with fuller
 4 details of incidents affecting young people.
 5 "My own son is my source of information in this
 6 matter as he participated in Bishop Peter's scheme ...
 7 and was approached by Bishop Peter on a number of
 8 occasions with unwelcome suggestions of a homosexual
 9 nature. Bishop Peter would, I believe, deny the
 10 homosexual aspect of [this], claiming them to constitute
 11 a 'freeing experience'. The whole scheme has had a very
 12 bad, long-term effect on my son ... this family has also
 13 suffered ...
 14 "There was also a priest on The Scheme ... who
 15 behaved in a similar manner. Since I have recently
 16 heard that, with Bishop Peter's help, he has been
 17 appointed chaplain to Ardingly Public School for Boys,
 18 I feel it right to say that he too should not occupy
 19 such an official position. In my view, neither of them
 20 should ever again have contact of a pastoral nature to
 21 do with young people.
 22 "No-one to whom I have spoken about these matters is
 23 seeking retribution (although we do not think that
 24 Bishop Peter should continue in high office ...) neither
 25 do we want the media, especially the tabloid press, to

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1 publicise it further. All we do want is to prevent
 2 damage to anyone else.
 3 "It may not be wrong to be homosexual if that is
 4 a person's natural orientation, but it surely is wrong
 5 to try to persuade others to participate in homosexual
 6 acts.
 7 "As for Bishop Peter himself, I hope he may be cared
 8 for as the sick person I believe him to be."
 9 They then wrote further. So that's a further letter
 10 which sort of outlines -- although it doesn't outline
 11 explicitly, it certainly is another indication of
 12 someone else --
 13 **A. Of concern, yes.**
 14 **Q.** -- unconnected with the other two individuals --
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 **Q.** -- who says, "This also happened to my son"?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 **Q.** It is interesting, isn't it, that on two occasions it's
 19 parents writing on behalf of their children --
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 **Q.** -- which arguably, you know, you might think that
 22 individuals reading of Neil Todd might write in,
 23 fantasists or things like that, but it is unlikely
 24 people who are fantasists are going to pose as the
 25 parents of those -- it seems like a pretty genuine

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1 letter, doesn't it?
 2 **A. Yes, it does, and I think it is a very brave letter as**
 3 **well. Did the letter get a reply?**
 4 **Q.** I'm afraid I don't have the response to the second --
 5 I did have the response to the first one, but not the
 6 second one. But Ms McNeill and Ms Bicarregui are
 7 working industriously upon that.
 8 If we could however turn -- what it then said in
 9 particular was that Vickery House was acting as
 10 a chaplain to a public school. Can you remember whether
 11 anybody did anything about that? Would that have been
 12 something you would have said to Bishop Kemp? Whether
 13 it was right or wrong, it's certainly something that
 14 required a bit more investigation, did it not?
 15 **A. Yes, I think we were very clumsy and very unwise not to**
 16 **follow that up at the time. We now know, of course,**
 17 **that he was imprisoned, wasn't he, later?**
 18 **Q.** Yes, he was imprisoned in 2015 for six and a half years
 19 for sexual offending.
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 **Q.** Certainly from your recollection, and I know you
 22 wouldn't have been directly responsible, but you can't
 23 think of anything which happened subsequent to that
 24 letter in respect of Vickery House's appointment as
 25 a chaplain?

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1 **A. My fear or my guess is that it wasn't followed up.**
 2 Q. Can we now come to the next letter, which is at
 3 ACE003053_017. This was written by yet another
 4 individual who I think we should say had nothing to do
 5 with any of the other individuals. It's handwritten,
 6 so, again, I will attempt to de-cipher it:
 7 "Your Grace.
 8 "I notice from the front page of Wednesday's
 9 Daily Telegraph that the church is conducting an
 10 investigation ..."
 11 This was received on 19 December:
 12 "... into allegations of indecent behaviour on the
 13 part of Bishop Peter Ball of Gloucester. This is to let
 14 you know that when I was a 17-year-old schoolboy at X,
 15 Peter Ball, during the course of a counselling exercise
 16 for people who did not want to go to the school
 17 chaplain, asked me to masturbate in front of him, in
 18 order, he said, to allow me to relieve my guilt and
 19 tension. I never went to the authorities about this
 20 then, but I wish I had. Now I notice he is up to his
 21 old tricks with another 17-year-old. I thought I ought
 22 to allow you and the police to know about it. I should
 23 be happy to help you with any further details about the
 24 incident.
 25 "Yours sincerely [AN-A93]."

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1 So we have at least two incidents of people who were
 2 under 18 being subject to unwanted approaches, and in
 3 one case in the middle of a counselling session at
 4 school being asked to masturbate. Now, I mean,
 5 that's -- you know, I mean, even for the unfortunately
 6 sort of hardened of heart, that's kind of pretty
 7 extraordinary, and it's even more extraordinary
 8 behaviour for a bishop?
 9 **A. I entirely agree with you, Counsel. I think it is awful**
 10 **behaviour. As I say, as the leader of the church at the**
 11 **time, I'm deeply ashamed of this. But I do read that as**
 12 **indicating that he went to the police as well.**
 13 Q. We do know that AN-A93 did separately write to the
 14 police and the police in fact interviewed him at the
 15 time of the 1992/93. But, really, I suppose the
 16 question is, did you send the letter to the police? It
 17 doesn't actually matter whether the police saw it or
 18 not. The question is what you did about it?
 19 **A. Well, my response is, was it acknowledged by Lambeth?**
 20 Q. Again, I think Ms McNeill and Ms Bicarregui are on the
 21 case, so to speak, with that, and we will get those up
 22 later.
 23 **A. Fine.**
 24 Q. Can I just make it clear, none of these letters were
 25 passed to the police at any time during the 1992 and

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1 1993 investigation, were they?
 2 **A. Well, what we have got to ask is, did the police**
 3 **directly write to Lambeth, to me at Lambeth, saying, "We**
 4 **want all the letters"? Is there evidence that they came**
 5 **actually asking for the letters? Now, we do know that**
 6 **DI Murdock came on the 22nd, when I was in my office,**
 7 **and it's very strange that I never met the man. I'm not**
 8 **actually pouring doubt that he was there, because we**
 9 **have seen sight of the fact that he did call on**
 10 **John Yates.**
 11 **My worry is that I had no contact with him. I had**
 12 **no -- no-one came to see me and said, "Will you hand the**
 13 **letters over?"**
 14 **So what is happening is that Bishop John Yates is**
 15 **being set up as a man who deliberately stopped the**
 16 **letters reaching the police. I really don't believe**
 17 **that's true, because John Yates was an admirable man.**
 18 **I think there must be a misunderstanding of that**
 19 **meeting.**
 20 Q. We have found the response to AN-A93.
 21 **A. Okay.**
 22 Q. It is at ACE003053_016. It is simply a holding
 23 response, because it says:
 24 "The archbishop is away from Lambeth for Christmas
 25 but I will of course make sure that he is informed about

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1 your letter after his return.
 2 "Yours sincerely, John Yates."
 3 **A. Well, there is no evidence I ever saw the letter.**
 4 Q. It doesn't really matter whether you personally saw the
 5 letter or you personally didn't see the letter --
 6 **A. No.**
 7 Q. -- or you personally did see some of them or didn't see
 8 some of them.
 9 **A. Yes, I agree with the point, that these letters should**
 10 **have been made known to the police.**
 11 Q. Can I take you to -- there were some further replies
 12 that you made in March, ACE000590, just so you are clear
 13 about the responses that were made, quite rightly.
 14 So you wrote in the aftermath, shall we say:
 15 "... the investigation of the police resulted in
 16 a police caution ... own enquiries have still to be
 17 completed ... admitted guilt ..."
 18 Above:
 19 "... write to you again concerning Bishop Peter Ball
 20 ...
 21 "... view of the allegation for which the bishop has
 22 admitted guilt and bearing in mind the incident about
 23 which you wrote took place 12 or 13 years ago, the
 24 archbishop is not minded to pursue this particular
 25 incident further unless you yourself think it important

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1 to do so."
 2 Obviously, none of the individuals wrote back and
 3 said it wasn't important to do so, but, I mean, the fact
 4 that it took place 12 or 13 years ago shouldn't really
 5 matter, should it?
 6 **A. No. No. That letter should also have been sent to the**
 7 **police.**
 8 Q. Can I ask, Danny, would you mind getting up ACE000215.
 9 Ignore that, Danny, that's -- right.
 10 I mean, in all the circumstances, you're in
 11 a situation where you know that Neil Todd -- by
 12 Christmas Eve, say, you know that Neil Todd has made
 13 certain allegations, you have had four letters. There
 14 is also a letter from AN-A10, which I am going to take
 15 you to in a minute. None of these letters are saying,
 16 "We are out for gain". They are all saying, "This is an
 17 intensely private matter. We don't want any tabloid
 18 speculation, but we do want you to do something about
 19 it", but yet, it's been admitted that none of those
 20 letters were passed to the police. You said in your
 21 response a little while ago, "We didn't pass them to the
 22 police because the police didn't ask for them". What
 23 the police will say to us is, "We didn't know they
 24 existed, so how are we meant to ask for things if we
 25 don't know they exist?".

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1 Do you not think, with the benefit of hindsight,
 2 that all this information should have been turned over
 3 to the police so they could have decided what to do with
 4 it?
 5 **A. I think the problem is that, 25 years later, of course**
 6 **one would see it very clearly. It is the mind-set,**
 7 **though, in 2018. Going back then, when, in a piecemeal**
 8 **fashion over that week or two, the police were doing**
 9 **their investigation, and we know the police had some**
 10 **evidence of the letters, and I saw these allegations,**
 11 **you know, we had a number of letters. I don't think**
 12 **there was any clear policy, and that's part of our**
 13 **bewilderment, looking back then. I will admit, as an**
 14 **individual looking back now, what is described through**
 15 **these letters is appalling behaviour by a bishop, and**
 16 **a man with trusted authority who let us all down very**
 17 **badly, and it is very clear now, yes, we should, we**
 18 **should have handed those letters over.**
 19 Q. I think I must put to you, Lord Carey, even then, this
 20 was pretty -- you know, I mean, now it's appalling, but
 21 even then it would have been appalling. I mean, this is
 22 somebody, you know, offering to masturbate a child in
 23 the middle of a sort of public school. I mean, that's
 24 quite extraordinary. A bishop offering to masturbate
 25 a 17-year-old boy in the middle of a public school --

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1 masturbate himself, but in front of the bishop.
 2 **A. Yes, I mean, Counsel, I am thoroughly with you. I think**
 3 **it is deeply shameful. But I do want to repeat again**
 4 **that we are looking at this 25 years on. We were**
 5 **bewildered at the time. We assumed the police were**
 6 **investigating this thoroughly and interviewing people.**
 7 **There was no awareness at the time we had to pass these**
 8 **letters on that we might have assumed today. As you saw**
 9 **from one of the letters, I did urge somebody to go to**
 10 **the police.**
 11 Q. Yes.
 12 **A. So it is not all one way, by any means.**
 13 Q. If I can just get up the reply of -- you asked to see
 14 the reply.
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. If we can get the reply to the AN-A108. Danny,
 17 ACE000583. This is the ultimate response. I think what
 18 seems to have happened is, at the end of -- after the
 19 caution, you wrote to everybody:
 20 "The archbishop has asked me to write to you again
 21 following the further recent publicity ... [is grateful
 22 to acknowledge the letter] ... the archbishop felt your
 23 letter was sensitive and generous in its understanding
 24 of the matter.
 25 "... Peter [Ball] resigned instantly ... he has also

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1 accepted pensionable retirement, being over 60 and far
 2 from well. That fact alone should make it extremely
 3 unlikely that he will be in a position of comparable
 4 pastoral responsibility or influence again."
 5 As we know, that in fact turned out not to be the
 6 case:
 7 "I may add that the archbishop's own confidential
 8 enquiries into the whole matter have not yet been
 9 completed, though I am sure you would concur with the
 10 hope that if decisions about Bishop Peter's future do
 11 emerge ... they will escape the glare of lurid publicity
 12 in the media.
 13 "The archbishop well understands that from your
 14 point of view the well-being and future of your son will
 15 be the main concern. The archbishop cannot, of course,
 16 put the clock back ... he can, and does, offer his own
 17 personal sympathy ...
 18 "In your letter you mentioned another priest from
 19 the Diocese of Chichester ... That is outside the
 20 archbishop's own jurisdiction, but the bishop of
 21 the diocese has been made aware of your anxieties."
 22 So it does appear that you did let Eric Kemp know.
 23 I think Eric Kemp then did nothing, or certainly there
 24 is absolutely no evidence on any files that anything
 25 then happened, but you did in fact let him know.

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1 But, again, you don't then at that point sort of
 2 identify or sort out or say, "But of course we will take
 3 this into account" or "Of course this is part and parcel
 4 of our enquiries".
 5 Even if you didn't want to pass these letters --
 6 even if you didn't pass these letters to the police, did
 7 nobody think about sending Ronald Gordon, who was
 8 carrying out a sort of informal investigation, sending
 9 him down to meet all these people to sort of hear their
 10 narratives, hear their stories, so that he could think
 11 about what should be done?
 12 **A. As far as I'm aware, and thinking back to that**
 13 **particular period, again, I have got no memory of**
 14 **discussing this with Bishop John Yates. I want to say,**
 15 **again, I apologise that we obviously did very little as**
 16 **a following up, because you know that in fact the**
 17 **particular person or investigation into this and under**
 18 **Ronald Gordon really didn't amount to much anyway.**
 19 Q. No.
 20 **A. And that is deeply embarrassing.**
 21 **I think our mind-set at the time was that the police**
 22 **were investigating this carefully and doing their job**
 23 **very well. I think we were all disappointed that he**
 24 **only received a caution and that was all, and that**
 25 **actually left me with a great dilemma: how then to care**

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1 **for Peter Ball in terms of what ministry he has in the**
 2 **future. So we were left with that kind of impasse.**
 3 Q. I think I will come on to ask you about what happened in
 4 the caution in a bit, if I may. I just want to take you
 5 to another letter which you received from an individual
 6 called AN-A10, who we heard from yesterday.
 7 Now, this letter is at ACE000213_001. This is --
 8 I think I described it as a somewhat bashful letter
 9 yesterday. It says:
 10 "I have wrestled with my conscience these last few
 11 days and I have very reluctantly decided to get in touch
 12 with you ..."
 13 We think this is dated 18 December, certainly
 14 received on the 21:
 15 "I have something which I am uncertain whether or
 16 not I ought to relate, concerning a private meeting and
 17 talk which I had with Bishop Peter ten and a half years
 18 ago when I was 21 years old. I am unsure whether it is
 19 of substantive relevance to the present enquiry. I am
 20 sorry to write to you in this roundabout fashion ..."
 21 It is a quite opaque letter, I think we all have to
 22 accept that, but what it does say -- but there is some
 23 material information, which is redacted, which may well
 24 have made you think that this was quite a serious thing,
 25 but, again, AN-A10 tells us that nobody got in touch --

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1 somebody wrote to him but nobody sort of phoned him up
 2 or wrote to him and said, "Could you tell us a little
 3 bit more" unlike AN-A10's mother who was asked to write
 4 with more, that didn't happen. The only response he had
 5 at the time is set out at ACE006855_004. We looked at
 6 these letters yesterday, Lord Carey, so this says:
 7 "The archbishop is away ... but I will of course
 8 make sure that he is informed ..."
 9 AN-A10, the individual who wrote the original
 10 letter, then wrote another letter, this is at 003:
 11 "Thank you for your letter in February."
 12 Sort of following up saying, "Well, have you done
 13 anything?":
 14 "Perhaps you could be kind enough to know whether or
 15 not the archbishop intends to reply."
 16 He's following up AN-A10 with that letter. The
 17 response of Lambeth Palace is at 001, Danny, of the same
 18 matter:
 19 "When I wrote in February, I promised to keep you
 20 informed about events in connection with Bishop Peter.
 21 However, I imagine, as there was such publicity, that
 22 you will now know that ... the archbishop's own
 23 enquiries are not yet completed ..."
 24 I'm not clear -- that's the second time that's been
 25 said, but in fact the impression that's given is in fact

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1 the enquiries had in fact been completed by that time.
 2 Do you know why somebody would have said they haven't as
 3 yet been completed?
 4 **A. No, I can't. I have to say, Counsel, again, it's deeply**
 5 **embarrassing. We mishandled this. That's very clear.**
 6 **We have been fobbing people off. They should have had**
 7 **direct replies. We should have carried on our enquiry**
 8 **and dealt with it in a more serious and adult manner**
 9 **than we did. I can only say that that is how I read it**
 10 **now.**
 11 Q. Can we turn, Danny, to 002. This is a letter that
 12 I think John Yates wrote personally to AN-A10 shortly
 13 after he had written to say, "What's going on?". In the
 14 second paragraph down, John Yates says:
 15 "What has happened is broadly as follows ..."
 16 This is dated 18 February so it predates the
 17 caution:
 18 "The police [something] into the allegations
 19 originally much longer than expected and we are still
 20 awaiting information about whether any legal proceedings
 21 will follow on from them. Meanwhile, last month the
 22 archbishop did ask for his own confidential inquiry to
 23 be made. However, although a number of letters,
 24 including yours, might call for further investigation
 25 if, for example, the police investigation simply came to

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1 nothing, the archbishop thought to pursue such enquiries
 2 before knowing the result of the police's efforts would
 3 simply cause distress, both to the people like yourself
 4 who have kindly responded to the archbishop and to
 5 Bishop Peter."
 6 So, in fact, it seems to be -- you said, "Well,
 7 I can't really understand what's gone on, why we didn't
 8 investigate more about those", but it seems to have
 9 been, from what Bishop Yates says, anyway, to have been
 10 a sort of semi-deliberate policy on behalf of
 11 Lambeth Palace to say, "Well, look, we are going to wait
 12 for the -- one completely understands, we will wait for
 13 the police to finish their investigations. Depending
 14 upon what happens, we will undertake our own
 15 investigations".
 16 Now, as it was, what is said in that letter didn't
 17 in fact happen, did it?
 18 **A. Well, there was a serious intention to follow this up,**
 19 **but, as I said earlier, it seemed to me that it just**
 20 **faded away because we relied -- the police had made**
 21 **a decision, there's nothing more we can do, because when**
 22 **we go into the legal side of this, part of the problem**
 23 **was, well, what can we do? What measure can we bring in**
 24 **to actually penalise Bishop Peter Ball for his actions**
 25 **he's done. I can only say that that is how I read it**

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1 **25 years later.**
 2 Q. Well, I think obviously all I can do is say, again, what
 3 the police would say if they were standing here, is they
 4 would say, "Well, we can't know about things that we
 5 don't know about. It is an unknown unknown", to use
 6 Donald Rumsfeld's language?
 7 **A. Except, Counsel, I have seen on Relativity what the**
 8 **police reports at the time were, and they were enough to**
 9 **hang him.**
 10 Q. Well, it's not for me, I'm afraid, I can't respond --
 11 **A. I'm sorry.**
 12 Q. I can't respond to any questions posed. I'm afraid
 13 I just have the luxury of asking all the questions and
 14 not having to answer any.
 15 **A. My apologies, Counsel, for putting it in that particular**
 16 **way. But I have seen that the police knew far more than**
 17 **we did at the time and we were --**
 18 Q. Well --
 19 **A. -- in the dark.**
 20 Q. I'm not sure that they knew far more than you did.
 21 I think if I were to sort of be standing here on behalf
 22 of someone else, I think I would probably be standing
 23 here saying you both had enough to hang him, but maybe
 24 both of you chose not to, depending on the way that you
 25 were to look at it.

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1 Again, what is also interesting, with the passage of
 2 time -- Danny, would you mind getting up ACE000255? So
 3 this is something that was written on 23 December 1992,
 4 so after at least three of these letters. This is
 5 a press release from the Diocese of Gloucester, but this
 6 is a personal message from you. Danny, would you mind
 7 trying to get out the -- so this will be read out in
 8 churches throughout the Gloucester diocese. How regular
 9 was it for personal messages from the Archbishop of
 10 Canterbury to be read out in various dioceses?
 11 **A. It's very rare indeed, and this was done because the**
 12 **diocese, on the eve of Christmas, finds it's lacking its**
 13 **diocesan bishop. So after consultation, I was asked to**
 14 **write a pastoral letter to the diocese, and this is the**
 15 **form it took.**
 16 Q. Now, this pastoral letter was written on 23 December, so
 17 after you'd received that letter that you considered to
 18 be shocking, that you wrote -- you know, a moving
 19 response, shall we say, to the individual. You said:
 20 "We hope and pray that investigations will clear
 21 his name and that he will be restored to his great work
 22 of Christian ministry. Bishop Peter has always given
 23 unstintingly to the service of Christ".
 24 "Aware of the devastating effect that any such
 25 accusation has on those accused, the archbishop asks

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1 that people continue to remember Bishop Peter in their
 2 prayers."
 3 What do you think about that use of language?
 4 **A. I agree. I want to say two things about it. At the**
 5 **time the investigation was going on by the police,**
 6 **I couldn't assume that Peter was guilty. I had to go**
 7 **along with this, waiting for the evidence to come.**
 8 **Secondly, what I would have like to have said in that**
 9 **also is concern for those accused -- sorry, those**
 10 **abused.**
 11 Q. Yes.
 12 **A. And that doesn't feature there.**
 13 Q. Can I just indicate that of course I understand, we are
 14 all innocent until proven guilty, we all fully accept
 15 that, but saying, "We hope and pray that the
 16 investigation will clear his name", now, that seems,
 17 certainly with the benefit of hindsight, to indicate
 18 that you had already prejudged or you very much wished
 19 he was innocent?
 20 **A. Well, I would say for myself there was still an open**
 21 **mind about his innocence. I mean, I was devastated by**
 22 **those accusations. All that I had here was a very**
 23 **highly regarded bishop who was well known throughout the**
 24 **United Kingdom for his work, and, Counsel, you know how**
 25 **many letters of support he got. I mean, they ran into**

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1 **thousands of letters. So we had this great pressure**
 2 **coming on us, on me, to say, "This can't be true". So**
 3 **you had that kind of -- that's behind this letter.**
 4 Q. Well, I mean, I certainly agree you had an enormous
 5 number of letters, not just from people of prominence,
 6 you also had lots of letters from lots of ordinary
 7 people. You had I think it was 32 letters in total in
 8 support of Peter Ball saying he is a saint, he is
 9 marvellous, and these were from ordinary people up and
 10 down the land. So I accept that. I also accept that
 11 various prominent people would have gotten in touch,
 12 written to you and various other things. But, again,
 13 I'm afraid I have to press you on this, Lord Carey:
 14 "We hope and pray that the investigation will clear
 15 his name."
 16 I have to say, given that -- I mean, you said,
 17 "I thought he was innocent". Could you really have
 18 thought he was innocent after at least four people had
 19 told you of things that were completely corroborative of
 20 what Neil Todd told you?
 21 **A. I think it was very clear to me, as I look back now,**
 22 **a view was being formed in my mind that -- I think**
 23 **I write about it in my personal diaries, that he has no**
 24 **future left in the church, but I want to repeat again,**
 25 **at this particular period -- don't forget that I had**

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1 **only seen him on 11 December. That's only a week,**
 2 **ten days, before. Things were still shaping up. The**
 3 **investigation was going on. I think we all know where**
 4 **we hoped and prayed for one thing, but it hasn't turned**
 5 **out the way we expect.**
 6 Q. Very often -- I do -- I understand that. But I think
 7 it's use of the term "clear his name" that in particular
 8 has caused upset, because it is not saying, "We hope and
 9 pray there will be a just resolution" or "We are hoping
 10 and praying for there to be an outcome which is fair" or
 11 "We are thinking of -- we hope that the criminal process
 12 plays out", all of those things one could have
 13 understood. But I think it is use of the words "clear
 14 his name" which has stuck in the craw, shall we say, of
 15 a number of individuals who are victims and survivors?
 16 **A. Counsel, I agree with you, and I think I shouldn't have**
 17 **been so generous in my views on that.**
 18 Q. The other thing -- obviously, as you have already
 19 identified -- is that there isn't any mention of
 20 the victims in those circumstances.
 21 **A. Yes.**
 22 Q. Do you agree that that's a significant omission?
 23 **A. Looking back now, the mind-set is, yes, it was.**
 24 **I should have mentioned that, and I can say we didn't,**
 25 **and I apologise for that omission.**

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1 Q. Shortly after Christmas, so you have got all the
 2 letters, and then shortly after Christmas the
 3 Bishop of Ely writes to you, identifying -- and this,
 4 chair and panel and Danny, is at ACE003053_015. This is
 5 a letter which was received on 8 January 1993. As
 6 I understand it, you may well not have been in the
 7 country at that point. I'm not entirely sure.
 8 I don't --
 9 **A. No, I think I was, yes.**
 10 Q. What it says is:
 11 "I have been today contacted by a deacon in the
 12 diocese, the Reverend Ros Hunt, who tells me she is the
 13 confidant of two persons who have allegations about the
 14 behaviour of Bishop Peter Ball. She tells me that they
 15 are very senior and that she believes them to be true.
 16 She further has explained that both she and the persons
 17 concerned have made statements to the police in the last
 18 two days.
 19 "Obviously this is information which you must have
 20 and I have her permission to tell you. I have no
 21 further details myself.
 22 "I place myself entirely at your disposal if I can
 23 be of any help, and assure you of my prayers."
 24 So you are then told that there are at least two
 25 other individuals. So we know of sort of, say, four

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1 individuals directly about -- who have made allegations
 2 of improper behaviour by Peter Ball. You are then told
 3 that Ros Hunt knows of at least two more and "she tells
 4 me that they are senior and believes them to be true".
 5 Did anybody then go and see Ros Hunt or any of those
 6 individuals to ask them about their experiences?
 7 **A. I was aware of Ros Hunt, and I mentioned her name**
 8 **earlier. I think she is an admirable person who was**
 9 **very helpful to the two individuals in the diocese of**
 10 **Ely.**
 11 **Again, I don't know what happened as a result of**
 12 **following the names up. No names are given here, so**
 13 **I don't know if the names are included in the names we**
 14 **have already looked at.**
 15 Q. No, they are different. They are two different
 16 individuals.
 17 **A. Did the Bishop of Ely -- do we know, did he take it to**
 18 **the police? I'm asking these questions --**
 19 Q. Ros Hunt -- the letter tells you, Lord Carey, just so
 20 that we can clarify:
 21 "She tells me that they are very senior ... she
 22 further has explained that both she and the persons
 23 concerned have made statements to the police in the last
 24 two days."
 25 So Ros Hunt had gone to the police, had discussed

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1 with these individuals, she believed the allegations to
 2 be true. So all I'm asking is, as far as you're aware,
 3 did anybody then go and ask questions either of these
 4 individuals or of Ros Hunt within the church?
 5 **A. Counsel, I cannot remember now what happened as a result**
 6 **of this letter.**
 7 Q. Given the number and nature of allegations that had been
 8 made by this time in early January, how could you have
 9 disbelieved Neil Todd, which is implicitly what happens
 10 by your uncritical support of Peter Ball?
 11 **A. There was no intention to disbelieve him in any way.**
 12 **I think by this time a view had been formed by myself**
 13 **and my senior colleagues that there's evidence that his**
 14 **behaviour was -- Ball's behaviour was terrible and he**
 15 **had to be disciplined.**
 16 **The police were dealing with this. I was not**
 17 **dealing with the criminal aspects of this. So we left**
 18 **it. Now, I know it must seem to you that we let people**
 19 **down very badly, and I have already said we had at that**
 20 **particular time. I do want to say, though, there was**
 21 **a great deal of confusion on our part about the nature**
 22 **of this.**
 23 **Can I add something? I have said again and again,**
 24 **yes, we made major mistakes, but -- and we all have.**
 25 **I look around this room. We have all made mistakes.**

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1 **Sometimes terrible mistakes. I think you have got to**
 2 **ask yourself a question, were the mistakes we made at**
 3 **Lambeth intentional in their nature to destroy people,**
 4 **and I would argue no.**
 5 **John Yates, who took such -- alluding to him, he was**
 6 **a very fine person, and he is not here to defend**
 7 **himself. Did he make immoral mistakes? I would say,**
 8 **no, he didn't. There was confusion. That was one of**
 9 **the things that was running through the narrative at**
 10 **that particular point.**
 11 Q. We have talked briefly about the fact that you brought
 12 Ronald Gordon back. I understand from what you have
 13 said today that Ronald Gordon was the previous Bishop at
 14 Lambeth?
 15 **A. Gloucester.**
 16 Q. Gloucester. No, wasn't John Yates --
 17 **A. Sorry, John Yates was the --**
 18 Q. Ronald Gordon was the previous bishop at --
 19 **A. At Portsmouth. But he had been the Bishop at Lambeth in**
 20 **Robert Runcie's time.**
 21 Q. You brought him back to carry out some form of internal
 22 investigation?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. Why did you decide upon him? He was obviously a retired
 25 bishop, so shall we say he was a sort of elderly

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1 gentleman, shall I put it that way?
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. Was there any particular reason why you asked him to
 4 carry out this task? If it is of any assistance, Danny,
 5 can we get up ACE000281, which is a handwritten
 6 document, I believe, from Dr Purkis to Bishop John
 7 setting out that there should be a senior trusted person
 8 to carry out -- it says, "a senior trusted person to
 9 carry out an investigation to assess the veracity and
 10 significance of all the letters received at Lambeth".
 11 So there was a telephone conversation with Graham James,
 12 who was then the bishop of St Germans, who is the
 13 suffragan Bishop of Truro, one of the suffragan bishops
 14 in Truro:
 15 "This person's office would help ABC, as soon as
 16 possible after police enquiries are finished ... to
 17 judge the seriousness of what has actually been done, on
 18 the prudent assumption that at some stage it will be
 19 made public.
 20 "I hope these thoughts are helpful."
 21 This, I think, is Bishop John's handwriting -- am
 22 I right in thinking that, on the second page?
 23 **A. Yes, that's right.**
 24 Q. "[Something, something, something]. But I think that
 25 Peter should be told personally by ABC beforehand that

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1 it is to happen.
 2 "Who should do it? Someone used to assessing
 3 'evidence' et cetera ... and therefore a lawyer rather
 4 than a priest? But eminent enough to receive
 5 embarrassing details of episcopal (alleged)
 6 indiscretions ... ?
 7 "Are we looking for a retired judge, or someone like
 8 the retired Bishop of Ely ...?"
 9 Then it says a name which I think is probably
 10 irrelevant.
 11 There were plenty of very high-ranking members of
 12 the judiciary or senior members of the judiciary, who
 13 were professing Anglicans, who you could have asked to
 14 perform this task. Why did you choose Ronald Gordon for
 15 the task rather than, as Dr Purkis suggests, or as
 16 Bishop Yates in fact also suggests, somebody who was not
 17 a priest?
 18 **A. I think, again, looking back, we should have done, and**
 19 **it would have been far better if we had had a very**
 20 **experienced lawyer to have done that. But bearing in**
 21 **mind that we had Frank Robson, our own lawyer, to also**
 22 **comment as well, I think the reason why we went for**
 23 **Ronald Gordon was his experience. He knew the church**
 24 **very well. He had more time on his hands because**
 25 **I think at this point he was Canon in residence at**

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1 **Oxford -- in Oxford, and he was quite willing to do it.**
 2 Q. Yes. I think he performed some kind of role within
 3 Oxford University because various people go to see him
 4 in Oxford.
 5 **A. He was a highly respected person, and we felt, I felt,**
 6 **that he would do the job very well.**
 7 Q. So can you remember -- I mean, we don't have any written
 8 information, we don't have any letters to and from him
 9 that we have found. It may well be that they are buried
 10 in a mountain, but we have tried to find them -- saying
 11 "This is your task. This is what you are meant to do".
 12 Obviously, it is 25 years later. Can you remember what
 13 you tasked Ronald Gordon with doing?
 14 **A. I don't, because that would have been dealt with through**
 15 **Bishop John Yates. I think he would have been the first**
 16 **person handling this. I think this was done at a time**
 17 **when I was abroad, but I'm not sure of the date. Could**
 18 **you remind me of that date again?**
 19 Q. The date of the memo was 8 January.
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. Ronald Gordon certainly goes to see Peter Ball on
 22 29 January, or, rather, Peter Ball comes to see him in
 23 Oxford on that date.
 24 **A. Okay.**
 25 Q. So at some point between 5 January 1993 and

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1 29 January 1993.
 2 **A. Yes. I returned from South Africa on 2 February.**
 3 **29 January is the date when Ronald Gordon, Frank Robson**
 4 **and John Yates met in Oxford. There was some confusion**
 5 **whether the detective -- whether Mr Murdock was there as**
 6 **well. I don't think he was.**
 7 Q. Certainly there is no mention of that in any of
 8 the memos.
 9 It is interesting that you say that Bishop Gordon
 10 was a highly respected person, et cetera, et cetera. At
 11 paragraph 57 of your second witness statement in time,
 12 you say -- maybe we could get this up, please, Danny,
 13 WWS000143_012. About halfway down that paragraph --
 14 would you mind blowing up paragraph 57 for me:
 15 "With the benefit of hindsight, I can see that
 16 introducing a second very experienced and, in his case,
 17 retired bishop to the team of those advising me may not
 18 have been the best course on this particularly sensitive
 19 subject, given that Bishop John Yates was also nearing
 20 retirement. Both were extremely wise and able men, but
 21 they were both from a generation to whom notions of
 22 safeguarding or child protection were, if anything, even
 23 more alien than they were to me. To be clear, none of
 24 us would even have conceived of these allegations
 25 amounting to child sexual abuse."

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1 That is despite the fact that there were at least
 2 two occasions where the individuals concerned were under
 3 18, and let's bear in mind that the age of consent
 4 whilst all this offending was going on was 21. So it
 5 was under 18, and so therefore they would have been
 6 considered to be children in law.
 7 **A. Yes. At that time.**
 8 Q. At the time.
 9 **A. Yes. I think that is an accurate paragraph that we**
 10 **wrote, and I express there, yes, with hindsight, it**
 11 **wasn't an appropriate decision because, as you know, the**
 12 **enquiry really did fizzle out. We just assumed the**
 13 **matter was done, there was nothing more we can do, and,**
 14 **sadly, we didn't follow it through, and the consequences**
 15 **were very damaging.**
 16 MS SCOLDING: Chair, I don't know whether or not this might
 17 be a convenient moment to break, just before I move on
 18 to some more documents?
 19 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms Scolding. We will return at
 20 2.00 pm.
 21 MS SCOLDING: Thank you very much, Lord Carey. Just to
 22 indicate, you are on oath, so you are perfectly entitled
 23 to discuss anything except your evidence. Thanks very
 24 much.
 25 (1.00 pm)

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1 (The short adjournment)
 2 (2.00 pm)
 3 MS SCOLDING: If I may start with identifying something that
 4 was touched upon this morning but to which we said we
 5 would go off and find the answer, which was about what
 6 the previous incident was in 1986. We have found the
 7 answer. Danny, please don't put this up, but it will be
 8 put on the website, because we haven't had a chance to
 9 check it for redactions yet: ACE000134, for anybody who
 10 has Relativity.
 11 In essence, our understanding is that, related to an
 12 individual within the area of Lewes, not Peter Ball, who
 13 was discouraged from undertaking exorcisms, and
 14 apparently Peter Ball ostensibly provided a letter of
 15 support -- it wasn't clear that in fact he knew that he
 16 was providing a letter of support -- which was then used
 17 to raise money for fraudulent donations, as
 18 I understand, by the individual. So it is not quite as
 19 I described it this morning, for which I apologise.
 20 **A. No.**
 21 Q. So that maybe makes that clear.
 22 Just before lunch, we were just coming on to
 23 Ronald Gordon's investigation. Now, this appears to
 24 have involved discussing matters at a meeting which
 25 involved Peter Ball, his solicitor, Ronald Gordon and

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<p>1 Frank Robson. Now, we have got two versions -- we have 2 got a note of what happened at the meeting, both from 3 Frank Robson and also from Ronald Gordon. If we could 4 look at Frank Robson's note of the meeting first, which 5 is behind tab 62, chair and panel, and WWS000146, Danny, 6 please. Tab 62 of volume 1, chair and panel. 7 This is Frank Robson's report of what happened. Can 8 you remember ever seeing this? I know it is a terribly 9 long time ago. It is dated 1 February 1993. 10 A. Counsel, I would imagine I've seen it. 11 Q. Okay. 12 A. But I have really no recollection of it, 25 years later. 13 Q. If I could just identify here, this is sort of 14 discussion -- it is a combination -- it is a report, so, 15 therefore, it is a combination of both what was said but 16 also views. So if we go down to -- the first paragraph 17 is just about what the allegations were and what is 18 happening with the police. The second one is saying 19 that somebody will go to the press, whatever the police 20 decide to do. That's paragraph 2. Paragraph 3: 21 "If the police decide to take no objection or if 22 there is a caution, PB will offer his resignation. He 23 hopes that the archbishop will not accept this 24 immediately but will consult before coming to 25 a decision." <p style="text-align: center;">Page 117</p> </p>	<p>1 firmly in respect of him, because his belief -- even 2 though it was erroneous from your perspective, he had 3 a sincerely held belief that everybody loved him and 4 that, therefore, as long as you said, "Peter, it's all 5 fine, you can stay", that you could weather any sort of 6 press storm, which doesn't seem to me what was being 7 said internally within Lambeth Palace? 8 A. No, he was living in a different world at that 9 particular point. The rest of us were of the view that 10 he had no ministry left. My great regret about that, it 11 fizzled out and we didn't really do anything to follow 12 it up. It was almost as if we said, "Okay, the police 13 have done their job, we have nothing left to do". 14 Q. In fact, when questioned about the letters -- which is 15 down at paragraph 6, Danny, of this document -- this is 16 Peter Ball's explanation: 17 "When The Scheme first started, he showed a film of 18 St Francis to the young men and some went into the 19 chapel and flung off their clothes and said they wanted 20 to dedicate their lives to God. Subsequently, people 21 heard of this and wanted to do the same. I would agree 22 that this was perhaps unwise, but it was a free-and-easy 23 household and nakedness amongst those living there was 24 nothing unusual." 25 Now, that in and of itself -- I mean, a sort of <p style="text-align: center;">Page 119</p> </p>
<p>1 In the context of what we are talking about, the 2 idea of you not accepting his resignation would seem 3 maybe to be of -- really, you weren't going to do 4 anything other than accept his resignation, were you? 5 A. No. I think it's rather academic, in a way, because the 6 way it was appearing to me at the time was the evidence 7 was building up against Peter Ball. I couldn't see any 8 way in which the police were going to drop the matter. 9 Q. He then says: 10 "He believes that the diocese is desperate to have 11 him back on any conditions. He claims to have received 12 1,200 letters of support. He also thinks that diocesan 13 staff would like him back. He considers that if the 14 archbishop should issue a statement to the effect that 15 his resignation has been offered but that it has not 16 been accepted pending consultation ... give the press an 17 opportunity ..." 18 Doesn't this show that Peter Ball's grip on the 19 reality of the situation that was facing him was 20 somewhat amiss during this particular period? 21 A. Yes, and this was the case for several months as well. 22 He was in denial that he had done anything wrong. 23 I think that's very typical of his behaviour at the 24 time. 25 Q. Doesn't that maybe show that you needed to act very <p style="text-align: center;">Page 118</p> </p>	<p>1 naturist bishop in and of itself would have been a cause 2 for speculation and remark, even if nothing else: 3 "Whilst it was probably unwise ... an expert such as 4 Una Kroll ..." 5 I'm not entirely sure who Una Kroll is, I'm assuming 6 an expert in some form of spirituality or theology: 7 "... has said that he is naive and innocent and will 8 be prepared to testify to this effect." 9 He then goes through and basically tries to blacken 10 the name of various individuals by saying either that 11 somebody really doesn't like his father, this might be 12 what's happening, one of the other people was a strange, 13 mixed-up young man, and then at 3 he says -- yes, at the 14 top of 000146_003: 15 "... (PB) may have been foolish, but he hopes that 16 it will be remembered that he has produced about 17 40 priests for the church from The Scheme. His 18 philosophy is that the church and the western world are 19 going soft ... He wants to challenge this softness, and 20 to follow people like St Bernard ..." 21 Who we discussed just before lunch: 22 "He has tried to bring the passion of Christ into 23 the world ...", et cetera, et cetera. 24 Then there is quite a lot of discussion about money, 25 Peter saying he didn't have enough money, and Peter Ball <p style="text-align: center;">Page 120</p> </p>

1 at that stage asked about possible assistance.
 2 Now, I am going to ask you about the assistance the
 3 church gave to Peter Ball later, but just to identify
 4 one of the things, and this is the first time we see
 5 this here, is Peter Ball asking for money to assist him
 6 with defending himself?
 7 **A. Yes. If I can make a general remark about that, I mean,**
 8 **you see here his ability to justify himself, which is**
 9 **rather pitiful, but the other thing that concerns me is**
 10 **the way in which he uses theology for even ends in**
 11 **justifying himself in terms of what he is doing for the**
 12 **world, and so on.**
 13 Q. Yes.
 14 **A. It is pitiful.**
 15 Q. At the bottom of the page, it says:
 16 "Comment by FER."
 17 So this is Frank Robson:
 18 "PB's lawyers clearly think that the police have
 19 prima facie evidence of gross indecency. PB also
 20 appears to accept that is so. He does not accept that
 21 he has acted immorally, however. Whatever was done was
 22 done with the highest of motives. He realises that
 23 'Bloggs in the front row' is unlikely to see it that
 24 way."
 25 **A. We touched upon it earlier that he was trying to justify**

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1 **himself and separating bad behaviour from immorality.**
 2 Q. There is then discussion about what the possibilities
 3 are, if one goes to the next page, which is: police do
 4 nothing. That's unlikely to happen. They administer
 5 a formal caution and there is discussion, I think, for
 6 the record, about what a caution is:
 7 "PB's lawyers indeed almost expect that this will be
 8 the outcome. They have made sufficient allowance and
 9 then the police lay charges. This is likely to be
 10 heavier. There is argument" --
 11 Then at (c) it says there are arguments saying that
 12 PB should resign, even if there are no charges:
 13 "A bishop should not put himself in a position where
 14 matters can even be contemplated. By his own admission,
 15 he has been foolish. His ministry in Gloucester will
 16 now be impaired. Against this, there is the fact it is
 17 unfair that PB's ministry should end as a result of
 18 a complaint by a disturbed young man."
 19 Now, that's a very, very unfortunate use of words.
 20 I mean, obviously Neil Todd had mental health problems,
 21 but they emanated from the abuse -- well, at least in
 22 part, as we understand it, from the abuse to which he
 23 was subjected. So to call him "a disturbed" -- but is
 24 that the way that Neil Todd was being viewed in
 25 Lambeth Palace at that stage?

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1 **A. I really can't comment on that. Personally, I wouldn't**
 2 **see it in that way. But this is obviously the way that**
 3 **John Yates viewed it.**
 4 Q. I think in fact this is from Frank Robson, just to be
 5 clear about that.
 6 **A. Oh, okay.**
 7 Q. Then there is discussion about his resignation being
 8 overwhelming, almost overwhelming, if there is a police
 9 caution, and him being charged. There's an issue about
 10 his resignation. Then the question of disqualification
 11 will have to happen and there's an issue of his chances
 12 of obtaining a disability pension. I will ask you about
 13 that later.
 14 But as far as -- what I really wanted to say was, in
 15 the light of the fact that Peter Ball seems to have (a)
 16 admitted in that meeting that there was some gross
 17 indecency -- that there was gross indecency, and,
 18 secondly -- or certainly Frank Robson considered that
 19 that was the case -- his explanation for the letters
 20 is -- I think I will leave that to the public and the
 21 panel, what conclusions they wish to reach about that,
 22 but I would say it's not necessarily as plausible as it
 23 could be, shall I put it like that, at its most
 24 charitable.
 25 Why didn't the church at that stage think, "This is

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1 a man who is obviously" -- I think he was unwell
 2 himself, so, you know, "unwell, he was under great
 3 strain, he was subject to criminal proceedings. What we
 4 need to do is really put him out of his misery and
 5 prevent him from ministry", why didn't you do anything
 6 about it once you'd heard his side of the story?
 7 **A. It became very clear to me around that time that he had**
 8 **no ministry left and, therefore, once we had had the**
 9 **police verdict, then it would be a matter of finding**
 10 **some way of reviewing his future ministry.**
 11 **Now, what happened following, of course, then we had**
 12 **his illness, he was under a very good psychiatrist --**
 13 **I won't mention her name -- but she did contact me to**
 14 **say, "He's very suicidal. Please can you get on and**
 15 **tell me what is going to happen, because he could take**
 16 **his life at any minute".**
 17 **I think that was a crunch moment, I think, for us**
 18 **all, and I think, therefore, the kind of good intention**
 19 **to follow through with our own discipline rather fizzled**
 20 **out because we felt, he's a very sick man, he's going to**
 21 **retire, there's nothing more we can do about it.**
 22 Q. Can I now turn to Bishop Gordon's note of the meeting,
 23 which is behind tab 65. Danny, WWS000161. At (iii) on
 24 the first page under "Introduction":
 25 "RG was brought into this matter to honour the

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<p>1 archbishop's public statement that appropriate enquiries 2 would be made by the church. Certain letters had been 3 received by the archbishop. These might need to be 4 discussed. They should be discussed ... directly with 5 PB. There might not be much time left before major 6 decisions would have to be made. 7 " (iv) all those present wished to give the greatest 8 possible help to PB in his unenviable position." 9 That's (iv). I think Danny has helpfully put that 10 up. That's the first sentence. 11 I mean, (a) an inference that could be drawn is the 12 reason for the meeting was partly to ask him about it, 13 but mainly to ask him about it in order to try and 14 exculpate him from any further liability or 15 responsibility rather than undertake a fair and 16 impartial inquiry. What's your view about that? 17 A. Well, I think this is something you should put to 18 Frank Gordon when you meet him, because, honestly, 19 I have got no recollection of that. I wasn't involved 20 in the meeting at all. I was still in South Africa. 21 Q. Thank you. 22 A. I received the report when I got back. So, yes, I mean, 23 it's wholly regrettable. 24 What I do observe, though, if you look at that 25 particular paragraph, "before certain letters have been</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 125</p>	<p>1 naivety." 2 Paragraph 8.2: 3 "PB believes it more than likely there has been 4 a considerable degree of malevolence at work." 5 This is 9.2: 6 "In this connection, PB offered two considerations: 7 his theology, and opinion in the diocese of Gloucester." 8 This is what it says at 9.3: 9 "[He] should be very surprised if PB's theology ... 10 would have much or any support among devoted and 11 instructed church people ... it would be regarded with 12 cynicism ... " 13 This is what it says at 9.4: 14 "... PB may be deluding himself ..." 15 9.5: 16 "There must surely be a case for PB out-facing any 17 critics, and saying that he will continue as bishop ... 18 though, if the facts were known, [it] would have to 19 include an apology for naivety ... 20 "PB may plead that the archbishop will give him at 21 least a chance by supporting his return ... 22 "... the decision ... needs to be great clarity as 23 to where the responsibility lies. 24 "... I believe PB ... could get away with an 25 announcement saying merely that PB naturally wished to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 127</p>
<p>1 received by the archbishop". There is no reference that 2 the police were hunting for these letters at the time, 3 and I don't know what we infer from that. But when you 4 think this is only a short while after the detective had 5 been to Lambeth Palace looking for the letters, there's 6 no awareness here that anyone said, "Hold on. The 7 police are asking for these letters". Now, I find that 8 curious. 9 Q. Right. 10 A. But going back to your main point, this is a pathetic 11 situation we are in. We should have done something more 12 firmly about this. We should have followed up 13 procedures to discipline the man more fully. We failed 14 to do that. 15 Q. But in fact, if one looks at what Ronald Gordon's 16 conclusion is, which is at page 3, _003, under 17 "Conclusion", 8.1: 18 "Personally, I should be quite prepared to accept 19 his assurance that there was no criminal intention in 20 his conduct with Neil Todd at Gloucester, or in 21 incidents from further back in his life such as those 22 referred to in the letter from [AN-A99]. However, one 23 cannot be sure that either the police or the court or, 24 if and when the facts are known, the general public 25 would be so ready to accept that PB's only fault was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 126</p>	<p>1 confer with his archbishop ..." 2 This is more about the resignation and what would 3 happen if there was a caution. 4 If I could just ask you about paragraph 13.2, which 5 is WWS000161_005: 6 "... whether to accept the caution ... whether ... 7 resignation would need to follow ... 8 "If resignation is requested as a condition of 9 the caution I have no doubt PB should resign. The 10 alternative ... 11 "If a decision whether or not to resign was not 12 a condition ... would a decision to carry on ... be 13 supportable?", et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. 14 So as far as I can see it, therefore, the inference 15 that I give -- there are two inferences that can be 16 raised from this. Firstly, that Ronald Gordon was not 17 necessarily of the view that Peter Ball should resign, 18 and that in fact he'd simply acted naively. What's your 19 view about that being a reasonable inference that 20 somebody could draw from the information that we have 21 looked at this morning? 22 A. Yes. Well, I think Ronald Gordon was quite wrong about 23 that, because we had the evidence that you summarised 24 earlier about the beatings in Gloucester itself. If 25 that was considered along with the other offences,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 128</p>

1 **there's clearly a case for resignation and discipline.**
 2 **If I can mention, we touched upon that this morning, if**
 3 **you look at the letters, I was also seen as a very hard**
 4 **boy in relation to Peter Ball. People were writing to**
 5 **me saying, "Why are you so harsh with him?" Even**
 6 **Michael, his brother, wrote in 1994 to say, "You have**
 7 **never supported my brother". So the point I'm making is**
 8 **that, at this particular time, I was in favour of**
 9 **a resignation and him slipping away from the scene. His**
 10 **illness, though, compounded the problem in that it**
 11 **avoided following up the Gordon enquiry, which I thought**
 12 **was rather weak.**
 13 Q. Yes, but the Gordon enquiry seems to say, "Well, he was
 14 terribly naive. He probably has to go because of
 15 the press and PR, but, really, he is still Peter and he
 16 is foolish", I think the word -- he seems to agree with
 17 the foolishness, which seems -- do you think that may
 18 well have unconsciously or consciously influenced your
 19 decision not to take any ecclesiastical disciplinary
 20 proceedings at the time?
 21 **A. We were working as a team and I think the general team**
 22 **view was, the man has now resigned -- which he did after**
 23 **this of course. He was a sick man. I think we were**
 24 **probably too soft on him, anyway, to say, now he is out**
 25 **of ministry, he is no longer going to be a troublemaker**

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1 **and let's get on with life again. I think we were too**
 2 **weak at that particular point, even though later on**
 3 **I was accused of being too hard on him.**
 4 Q. Just to be clear, we had a discussion right at the
 5 beginning, you would agree that the evidence that you
 6 even had in 1992/93 demonstrated that, irrespective of
 7 the criminal proceedings, there may well need --
 8 ecclesiastically, what Bishop Ball had done was probably
 9 a breach of the quality of people who are admitted to
 10 holy orders, they are meant to be a wholesome example
 11 and patterned to the flock of Christ -- that's what
 12 Canon C4 says?
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. Undoubtedly, that's a breach of that. Secondly,
 15 Canon C18 identifies that bishops must be an example of
 16 righteous and Godly living. So there is -- I mean, can
 17 we be clear, there is no doubt that his behaviour
 18 amounted to a breach of both of those canons in
 19 unequivocal terms?
 20 **A. Yes, I fully agree with that. Indeed, I said earlier in**
 21 **relation to myself the expectation I have for myself as**
 22 **a priest and a bishop, I apply that to anyone who is**
 23 **going to follow this way of life. I totally agree.**
 24 Q. In fact, the expectations on churchmen are in fact
 25 higher. You are meant to live a more moral life and

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1 a greater life in order to demonstrate -- you are an
 2 example of leadership for others within your parish?
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. Despite -- I mean, I understand that Peter Ball was
 5 unwell at the time in question. But the question really
 6 is, when he had recovered -- and so therefore you might
 7 not have wanted to have automatically instituted
 8 disciplinary proceedings, but why didn't you, when he
 9 then began his campaign to return to ministry, say, "No,
 10 look, I'm terribly sorry, Peter, what you have done is
 11 a complete breach of C4 and C18. One, you can't ever
 12 come back and, two, you now seem to be well enough, so
 13 I'm going to institute ecclesiastical proceedings
 14 against you"?
 15 **A. I fully agree. We didn't do that. Why didn't we do it?**
 16 **Because actually he was a very manipulative person. His**
 17 **behaviour, for example, in terms of the illness he**
 18 **had -- as I look back now, I wonder to what degree he**
 19 **was actually seriously ill. He was a consummate actor.**
 20 **So I don't believe there was a true illness. I have my**
 21 **doubts about that, in any case.**
 22 **I think you are absolutely right: our expectation is**
 23 **the holiness of life; our expectation that he should**
 24 **have embodied that. We should have followed through**
 25 **disciplinary proceedings, even on the basis of the fact**

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1 **that he is now out of ministry.**
 2 **One of the things we debated, Counsel, at the time**
 3 **was whether we should put him on the Lambeth**
 4 **Caution List. Now, we discussed this as a body with**
 5 **Frank Robson.**
 6 **The general feeling was -- and this could be my**
 7 **fault here. I have always assumed the Lambeth**
 8 **Caution List is for those in active ministry. For**
 9 **example, I put people on the list when I was Bishop of**
 10 **Bath and Wells. One particular man was slammed on the**
 11 **list. I gave him a supervisor and three years later he**
 12 **was readmitted to ministry after being given that**
 13 **opportunity for him to learn his lesson.**
 14 **We didn't follow that one through because I said,**
 15 **"Well, this man is sick. He's retired, resigned from**
 16 **his ministry. What damage can he possibly do?"**
 17 Q. I think that's fine when -- I mean, people would argue
 18 that that's not fine, and, you know, I don't reach
 19 a concluded view one way or another. But as an answer,
 20 that might have been acceptable if he wasn't seeking
 21 a return to ministry. But he very quickly did seek to
 22 return to ministry, which I will come to in a moment.
 23 So at that stage, didn't you think, well, I need to put
 24 him on the Archbishops' List, the Lambeth List, whatever
 25 you want to call it, it has been called different things

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1 by different people. Because I know, for example,
 2 another bishop had been put on there because he'd
 3 committed adultery. Other individuals were on there for
 4 things like adultery, which obviously are canonical
 5 offences. I think everyone would probably think
 6 adultery is significantly less serious than the offences
 7 which Peter Ball was eventually convicted of, even
 8 though I know it is a sin in the eyes of the church.
 9 Given that, when he was then sort of, as you say,
 10 wheedling, manipulating his way back -- and there is
 11 lots of evidence that that is the case -- why didn't you
 12 just say, "No, he needs to be on the Caution List,
 13 that's it"?
 14 **A. As I said a moment ago, and if I can pick up your point**
 15 **about the bishop and adultery, I have a feeling that the**
 16 **man was in active ministry -- am I right about that?**
 17 Q. Yes.
 18 **A. Where I am talking about people in retired ministry, for**
 19 **whom there are already limits set up. I mean, I'm**
 20 **a retired bishop. I can't possibly walk into people's**
 21 **church and say, "I want to take a service". So there**
 22 **are guidelines here and, furthermore, we did -- he**
 23 **didn't return to ministry for two years, 1995, when he**
 24 **did return to ministry. I was anxious to keep him away**
 25 **as long as possible. As I have admitted in my witness**

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1 **statement, I regret very much that I didn't put him on**
 2 **the Lambeth Caution List because of his nature to**
 3 **incrementally come back to me to say, "Will you allow me**
 4 **to do this?", and all the time I'm saying, "No, I don't**
 5 **want you to do that". Yes, I put myself in an**
 6 **impossible situation/position by not putting him on that**
 7 **list, which would have helped enormously, but it's no**
 8 **sort of magic bullet or anything like that. As I say,**
 9 **it is designed for those in active ministry.**
 10 Q. If I could identify, Frank Robson had, in December 1992,
 11 provided John Yates with some advice. I don't know
 12 whether or not you would ever have seen it. Danny,
 13 would you get that up? The relevant portion is
 14 WWS000204_021, second paragraph. Danny, if you wouldn't
 15 mind getting that up:
 16 "The point to make here is that conduct that amounts
 17 to less than the criminal offences ..."
 18 There was some discussion about -- this was some
 19 advice that was given to you about whether or not what
 20 Peter Ball did could amount to a criminal offence:
 21 "... actual physical contact is not necessary ..."
 22 So it identifies on the first page that he could be
 23 convicted of the offence of gross indecency and
 24 identifies some bits and pieces, and he says:
 25 "Quite clearly, if Bishop Peter is charged and

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1 pleads guilty, he should resign his see. I think that
 2 he should probably do the same if he is charged and he
 3 decides to plead not guilty. This might seem to be hard
 4 and even unfair, but I don't see otherwise how it can
 5 say ..."
 6 It then goes on at the first page to say:
 7 "I have already mentioned the matter of money. If
 8 a decision is made to prosecute ... and whether he
 9 pleads guilty or not guilty, Peter will need the best
 10 possible legal advice and this can cost a great deal of
 11 money. It is also the fact that in the interests of the
 12 church he has the best possible defence. Is it possible
 13 to make discreet enquiries of Bishop Michael as to
 14 whether there is money available? If there is not,
 15 I can see the Church Commissioners might be in
 16 a difficult position if they wish to assist, but it is
 17 important to limit any damage there might be to the
 18 church."
 19 On the second page, if there is a prosecution, the
 20 second point -- WWS000204_021. The second paragraph,
 21 please:
 22 "The point to make here is that conduct that amounts
 23 to less than criminal offences of indecent assault ...
 24 might be considered by the general public to be
 25 scandalous and also might amount to the EJM Measure

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1 offence of 'conduct unbecoming the office and work of
 2 a clerk in Holy Orders'.
 3 As you have said yourself, in 1992/1993 you had
 4 enough evidence, irrespective of the evidence the police
 5 gathered, and Frank Robson provided you with advice,
 6 that that was a possibility. It may have been
 7 difficult, it may have been cumbersome, it's unlikely to
 8 have been conducted in the full glare of publicity, but
 9 wouldn't that have been a more sensible option to just
 10 have said, "Right, we need to deal with this now. We
 11 need to tackle it firmly", rather than thinking, "Well,
 12 he isn't very well, so we will just let it all fizzle
 13 out"?
 14 **A. Counsel, yes, I fully agree. I mean, 25 years on, I say**
 15 **as I look back, yes, we should have acted in a firmer**
 16 **way than we did. Now, why not? Pity may have**
 17 **influenced myself and others. It could have been**
 18 **a longing that at some point in the future he might have**
 19 **a ministry again. Personally, theologically, I'm of**
 20 **the opinion that there is such a thing as grace and**
 21 **repentance and renewal and restitution, and these things**
 22 **are important to me. So that might well have been -- in**
 23 **other words, I didn't say "never".**
 24 Q. There is a difference between grace and repentance and
 25 permitting someone to return to ministry, because

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1 forgiving somebody on a personal level is very different
 2 from saying that person should escape responsibility for
 3 their actions.
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. They are two different things, aren't they?
 6 **A. They are, and, further -- this goes back to my regret:**
 7 **if I had put him on the Lambeth Caution List, this would**
 8 **have meant I would have put him under the supervision of**
 9 **somebody else, who would have guided him through that,**
 10 **but we didn't do that. That was the mistake I and**
 11 **others made. Because I don't think he ever learned his**
 12 **lesson. Although he never re-offended -- we must**
 13 **underline that, he never did, after that period -- it**
 14 **was a mistake I and others made.**
 15 Q. Do you think that the fact that the acts were same sex
 16 in nature made any difference? I'm just trying to
 17 envisage, if you had received a letter from somebody who
 18 said, "When I was a 17-year-old girl, a bishop asked me
 19 to masturbate in front of him", would there have been
 20 any question, irrespective of somebody's psychiatric
 21 health, that they would have been placed on the
 22 Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure?
 23 **A. It's quite difficult to answer that one, really,**
 24 **because -- a hypothetical case like that, I don't know**
 25 **if we would. I think we should have looked at this with**

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1 **some worrying eyes, whether it is a male or female. It**
 2 **is still wrong to do that.**
 3 Q. You talked first-off about how holy Bishop Ball -- you
 4 didn't know him personally but he was perceived as
 5 holiness. Do you think, as well, his saintliness
 6 enabled him to get away with things before you? So he
 7 could pretend to be naive. Now he says, "I'm so
 8 foolish, I'm so naive". Do you think that you all chose
 9 to view the habit before the person?
 10 **A. I think sometimes in nature one's gift is the mirror**
 11 **image or the opposite side of one's weaknesses. So here**
 12 **we have a man who was quite charismatic in personality,**
 13 **but the way he was able to influence others was also the**
 14 **way he was able to entice them and draw them in to his**
 15 **way of life. So he was a consummate actor, if you like,**
 16 **in using his personality in that kind of way. Am**
 17 **I answering your point?**
 18 Q. Well, I think so, but I think -- isn't that the
 19 difficulty, that it's all too easy for people within
 20 society to say, "This is somebody spiritual. They can't
 21 possibly have done this"?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. And their very spirituality provides them with the
 24 plausibility --
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. -- so that, firstly, people believe them. As you say
 2 yourself, "I automatically believed him. He was
 3 a bishop. I didn't think it was possible for bishops to
 4 do things like this", and also it is unbearable to think
 5 about the fact that somebody has been able to do that.
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. So one's instinctive view is almost to think, "He can't
 8 possibly have done that"?
 9 **A. Yes, and the way also he said to the young people**
 10 **concerned, "Look, people like Francis of Assisi did this**
 11 **type of thing". It's very broad and it demonstrates**
 12 **your commitment to the Lord", that kind of thing. It's**
 13 **very manipulative and that's a key word in describing**
 14 **his personality.**
 15 Q. Did you not recognise that manipulation? Obviously the
 16 individual we saw this morning in the letter says he is
 17 a deeply manipulative person. Did you not recognise the
 18 manipulation at that time?
 19 **A. Well, we did soon afterwards. If we look through the**
 20 **witness statements, he was constantly coming back trying**
 21 **to manipulate me and, when I was away, manipulating**
 22 **Frank Sargeant and others, always pushing the boundary.**
 23 Q. I am asked to ask you a question on behalf of
 24 Switalskis' victims, survivors and complainants: when
 25 the letters were discussed at the meeting with

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1 Ronald Gordon and Frank Robson, were they provided -- do
 2 you know whether or not they were then passed to
 3 Peter Ball's defence team?
 4 **A. You mean after the January --**
 5 Q. There was a meeting in January, yes.
 6 **A. I don't know, Counsel. I don't know if they were**
 7 **passed. The point I was making earlier, there didn't**
 8 **seem to be a linkup between the visit of the detective**
 9 **on 22 December, and that paragraph in my witness**
 10 **statement I think is 96. But the one that went up on**
 11 **the screen.**
 12 Q. But they appear to have been discussed with the defence
 13 without having been passed to the prosecution, so to
 14 speak. Did nobody ever think, "Well, that seems a bit
 15 the wrong way around"?
 16 **A. Again, they should have been passed on, yes.**
 17 Q. So you say, in effect -- this is what -- if we can go to
 18 tab 33, Danny, ACE000572. This is a memo from
 19 Bishop Yates to yourself on or around the time of
 20 the caution:
 21 "Have you considered whether it might be wise to
 22 have somebody with you when you speak to the Ball
 23 brothers?
 24 "If you have to think about discipline ... perhaps
 25 Frank Robson should be asked ...

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1 "However, given that he has retired as well as
 2 resigned, has Peter really come to terms with that? The
 3 Caution List may not be appropriate. A [something]
 4 might be a letter from you to Peter laying out certain
 5 stipulations about his activities in the future."
 6 **A. Counsel, what I can't remember, what time of**
 7 **the year -- April the 7th. I have got a feeling it**
 8 **might have been Easter --**
 9 Q. It was Easter.
 10 **A. So I was right. I think at the time I tried to get**
 11 **somebody to be with me. No-one was around and so**
 12 **I decided to see them on my own. Again, one could say,**
 13 **looking back, I should have had somebody senior with me**
 14 **to take notes at that meeting and also to spell out what**
 15 **expectations I would have of his conduct in the future.**
 16 Q. In fact, I think the reality is, as you have identified,
 17 and there are other sort of memos which say similar
 18 things, basically, as soon as he'd resigned and was
 19 cautioned, it seems like everybody breathed a large sigh
 20 of relief and thought, right, that's it?
 21 **A. That was the point I was going to make also, that, "He**
 22 **is now off our hands and, thank God". I think there was**
 23 **an element of relief, yes.**
 24 Q. Can I just deal with -- we know now that there is
 25 somebody called Reverend Tyler who was commissioned by

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1 sort of Eric Kemp and solicitors for Peter Ball, kind of
 2 almost jointly -- well, Eric Kemp certainly paid for it,
 3 although the instructions came via his then criminal
 4 defence solicitors firm.
 5 We have a copy of this report and its investigation.
 6 We know that you knew of this investigation, or at the
 7 very least your senior staff knew of this. This report
 8 is very damning about Peter Ball. Why did
 9 Lambeth Palace never ask for a copy of it or why was no
 10 copy of it found within any Lambeth Palace records?
 11 Because I would have assumed that a -- am I right in
 12 thinking that a blue file would still have been kept
 13 about Bishop Ball, even in his retirement?
 14 **A. I'm rather glad you said he was employed by Chichester**
 15 **and others. He was not employed by Lambeth Palace at**
 16 **all. I'm aware that I had -- that Frank Robson -- it**
 17 **must have been John Yates told me about Tyler. I never**
 18 **met the man. I never saw the report.**
 19 Q. In fact, he says he -- there was some discussion about
 20 meeting you within his report, but never says it --
 21 **A. No.**
 22 Q. So you didn't ever see it? Did you ever ask to see it?
 23 You knew there was this slightly unusual, shall we say,
 24 situation going on?
 25 **A. No, because I saw this as somebody else handling this.**

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1 **It had nothing to do with Lambeth. Indeed, I saw this**
 2 **as quite a dangerous thing. I trusted the police to go**
 3 **and do the job well. I didn't think it was the church's**
 4 **responsibility to start doing detective work. That**
 5 **sounded too much like a novel. So I would have washed**
 6 **my hands completely of that.**
 7 Q. Do you know if John Yates or Ronald Gordon or
 8 Frank Robson ever saw the Tyler Report?
 9 **A. Well, Frank Robson is still alive. No, I don't know the**
 10 **answer to that. The way that John Yates -- John Yates**
 11 **was such a thorough person. I wouldn't be surprised if**
 12 **he knew more about the Tyler Report, but I got a feeling**
 13 **that he rather washed his hands of it. It didn't come**
 14 **up in conversation with him.**
 15 Q. Do you not think -- again, you may say to me this is
 16 with the benefit of hindsight -- that you should have
 17 got hold of a copy of that report? I mean, it was
 18 something that was sort of at least paid for by one of
 19 the diocesan bishops, it was something which was --
 20 ended up was extremely critical of Peter Ball, sort of
 21 said that, you know, "I went out to exculpate him and
 22 ended up inculpating him", in effect. We will hear some
 23 more about the exact details of his investigations. But
 24 do you not think that somebody should have seen it, or,
 25 that you should have seen it so that you could have

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1 known what the conclusions were?
 2 **A. No, Counsel, I don't think I come into this at all.**
 3 **I didn't like this kind of action. As I say, I only**
 4 **came into this tangentially and only by John telling me**
 5 **that this is happening.**
 6 **I rather disapproved of that kind of behaviour.**
 7 Q. Peter Ball within his witness statement, and also very
 8 many letters, says that he was pressurised in resigning.
 9 Do you think you did put pressure on him to resign?
 10 **A. No, we didn't put any pressure on him to resign.**
 11 **I think it was inevitable he had to resign because of**
 12 **the damning police report on him.**
 13 Q. I mean, it does appear clear that whenever a senior
 14 member from Lambeth Palace goes to see him, the word
 15 "resignation" is almost the first word that they say.
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. We have also got him saying, "I really don't want to
 18 resign. I think I can weather this storm if you support
 19 me, George" -- sorry, "Lord Carey", "if you support me
 20 Lord Carey", using the terminology he used rather than
 21 terminology to you, "everything will be fine"?
 22 **A. He was always trying to minimise his behaviour. "I did**
 23 **nothing really wrong. It was not immoral". So he's**
 24 **pleading in his defence that -- he still wants to be**
 25 **kept on on the episcopal bench, "I still have a future.**

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1 **No-one is supporting me", and rather pitiful comments**
 2 **like that.**
 3 Q. Your characterisation of it now, you wrote a letter, for
 4 example, to Michael Ball in September 1993 saying,
 5 "I think -- I have always thought that Peter is
 6 basically innocent?"
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. And you repeated that again within your witness
 9 statement, that at the time you thought that. That's
 10 quite different to what you are saying now. So did you
 11 just ignore all this information that I have put -- that
 12 we have put before you today, then?
 13 **A. No, it was a rather incremental thing happening here.**
 14 **The case was building up against him. He was very**
 15 **clever at hiding his tracks, of pleading innocence, and**
 16 **that was going on for many, many months. I did say**
 17 **that, and even in his defence you will remember in 2014**
 18 **I made a statement to the effect that he was basically**
 19 **a person who I trusted, and so on. But, I mean, this is**
 20 **something halfway through the '90s, you can see in my**
 21 **witness statement how I was getting so fed up with his**
 22 **manipulative behaviour and I lost trust in him.**
 23 Q. We will come on to that now. You have already explained
 24 to us that you knew that a caution meant that he'd
 25 accepted his guilt. You also knew that the caution was

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1 for gross indecency. Frank Robson had told you in the
 2 memorandum he sent you in December about what gross
 3 indecency meant, the fact that it was, you know, an
 4 offence -- a sexual offence in nature. You have then
 5 said on a number of occasions within the contemporaneous
 6 documents we have got, "But I didn't really know that
 7 what he did was that serious", or, "I didn't really know
 8 exactly what it is that he did". Can you really say
 9 that's the case?
 10 **A. Yes, I think I can really say that. I mean, this is**
 11 **what I said to the police: "Please tell me exactly what**
 12 **he did". As I explained this morning, Counsel, I ended**
 13 **up thinking it's rather narcissistic behaviour, rather**
 14 **infantile. Of course I quickly later realised it was**
 15 **far more than that and it demanded his resignation. But**
 16 **in the scale of things, I think all of us at the time**
 17 **were saying, well, he wasn't raping anybody, there was**
 18 **no penetrative sex. I think our weakness was actually**
 19 **to put it as the lowest of the low instead of seeing**
 20 **that, whatever it is, it's conduct unbecoming of**
 21 **a bishop or clergyman.**
 22 Q. Not only is it conduct unbecoming of clergymen, it is
 23 also -- I mean, in a way, it's kind of minimising --
 24 minimising it is convenient for you and the church,
 25 isn't it? "Well, he did something, he was quite

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1 foolish", so it means you don't have to examine how far,
 2 for example, the culture of clericalism might have
 3 played into this, how far the culture of deference might
 4 have played into this, how far homosexuality or
 5 attitudes towards same-sex relationships might have
 6 played into this. It enables you, as a church, to
 7 escape responsibility by saying, "It doesn't really
 8 matter. He was just a bit foolish, and this is some
 9 sort of oddball in Sussex", rather than think, this is
 10 an example of abuse of power at work?
 11 **A. Yes, it is. It is also very reflective of human nature**
 12 **generally. We all have the tendency to say, "It was**
 13 **only so and so" and try to minimise our conduct. This**
 14 **is a far more serious thing in which we see somebody --**
 15 **and we see in ourselves, where he tried to actually make**
 16 **light of behaviour which is seriously wrong.**
 17 Q. You also suggested to the Bishop of Ely -- can we get
 18 up, please, ACE003298_183. This is a sort of --
 19 in April, this is the Bishop of Ely writes to you -- in
 20 fact, writes to John Yates:
 21 "In the aftermath of the discussion ... [he] raised
 22 the question of the continuing pastoral care ...
 23 "The first concerns the process to be followed in
 24 the future, in the unlikely event of this sort of
 25 complaint ... By his account of things ... if there had

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1 been some procedure for investigating the complaint
 2 within the church ... [then he is likely not to have
 3 gone to the police] ...
 4 "... who claim to have been abused. Is anyone
 5 responsible for overseeing their pastoral care? ...
 6 "I realise of course I have no direct responsibility
 7 ... But I did get the impression of a straightforward
 8 and caring person who had a real concern for the
 9 vulnerable. Is there anything you can tell me on either
 10 of those two matters ..."
 11 So those are sort of -- so you have got the
 12 inevitable aftermath, you have decided not to give him
 13 a caution. But then there is the Bishop at Ely, so he
 14 is a diocesan bishop -- am I right in thinking about
 15 that? He would have been a diocesan bishop. He's
 16 saying, "Well, can we try and change the structures and
 17 practices of the church to try to stop what has happened
 18 happening again?", obviously partly for the church's
 19 protection and benefit, but also for the benefit of
 20 others.
 21 Given that other people are writing to you and you
 22 then write a letter back, saying, "Dear Gordon, thank
 23 you very much for your letter about the Peter Ball
 24 case", but it then says -- can we get up ACE003298_182?
 25 This is the end of this letter:

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1 "Perhaps we can do better than that. If people's
 2 diaries will ever allow it, I would be attracted to the
 3 idea of having a short consultation here at Lambeth with
 4 the handful of people who have been most involved in the
 5 Peter Ball case ... to compare notes and see whether we
 6 can be better prepared for what we hope will never
 7 happen again."
 8 Do you know if that meeting ever happened, either
 9 with yourself or with the senior team?
 10 **A. Now, I am glad to see this letter. I really don't know**
 11 **if it was ever followed up.**
 12 Q. Right. Because that was written on 23 April 1993.
 13 Because I think what possibly Bishop John Hind or people
 14 in Chichester might say is that, had the mettle been
 15 seized at that stage, there may not have been the
 16 difficulties with practices and processes that were then
 17 thrown up about 15 years later, which then led to the
 18 commissaries coming into force. Do you have anything
 19 you want to say about that?
 20 **A. Very little, Counsel. I really can't comment on this**
 21 **particular document. I'm not sure if I've seen it, but**
 22 **if I -- I wasn't aware of that meeting, for example, if**
 23 **it ever took place.**
 24 Q. Right.
 25 **A. It would have been lovely to say, "Yes, it happened, and**

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1 **so and so resulted from it", but I can't say that.**
 2 Q. Can we get up -- can we turn now to the letters you
 3 wrote to the DPP and the CPS. So we are going slightly
 4 back in the correspondence?
 5 **A. Yes, I understand.**
 6 Q. You wrote -- can we go to tab 31, chair and panel, of
 7 the bundle, volume 1, this is a letter you wrote to
 8 chief constable Albert Pacey on 5 February,
 9 ACE000437_001. This is a letter that I certainly dealt
 10 with in my opening. The third paragraph. You then say,
 11 second paragraph down, something which you seem to have
 12 contradicted in your evidence earlier today:
 13 "I have known the bishop for some 10 years or so."
 14 Second paragraph, sorry, Danny. I got distracted.
 15 Is that simply, "I have known the bishop", ie, I have
 16 known of him?
 17 **A. Yes, it is. I was aware of that when I looked at it**
 18 **recently. The reason for that, I was principal of**
 19 **the theological college. I started in 1982, so the**
 20 **ten years would have been from that particular point.**
 21 **So I'd known of him, and the "of" didn't come out.**
 22 **There are two mistakes. There was that and also with**
 23 **reference to "style" when I meant "lifestyle". That**
 24 **comes up later.**
 25 Q. Obviously in the next paragraph down, it's:

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1 "Indeed, the testimony from many young men is such
 2 that, if he is guilty of unprofessional behaviour, it is
 3 quite unrepresentative of his style."
 4 Even if one substitutes the word "lifestyle", this
 5 letter was in February. You had had the letters that we
 6 dealt with this morning. There had also been the
 7 meeting between -- this was after the meeting between
 8 Bishop Gordon and Peter Ball at which various matters
 9 were discussed and at which gross indecency had been
 10 agreed. It was after you knew -- you already knew about
 11 the allegations, or at least some of the allegations, in
 12 respect of Neil Todd. It was after you knew about the
 13 fact that Ros Hunt had also gone to the police with two
 14 other individuals to make different allegations.
 15 Do you really think you should have said "it is
 16 quite unrepresentative of his lifestyle"?
 17 **A. Yes, I think so, for this very reason: the enquiry was**
 18 **still going on by the police. I wasn't going to jump to**
 19 **conclusions at that particular point. I was offering**
 20 **some thoughts on the lifestyle of the bishop in order to**
 21 **actually say, "Here is a man who has actually been**
 22 **a very influential leader in the Church of England.**
 23 **This is what I know about him".**
 24 **The letters you refer to -- of course, damaging as**
 25 **they are, they're on one side. They are at the moment**

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1 **unsubstantiated, even though I was drawing conclusions**
 2 **from them. So I think it's not -- nothing wrong about**
 3 **saying that.**
 4 Q. You could have just not said anything. You didn't have
 5 to say "it's quite unrepresentative of his lifestyle".
 6 You could have just simply said, "He has helped a lot of
 7 people"?
 8 **A. I could have done, yes.**
 9 Q. Secondly, why did you write this letter? I mean, you
 10 say in the next paragraph down:
 11 "I thought you should have my general reactions to
 12 Peter, but I repeat, in no way am I seeking to interfere
 13 with your investigation or influence the decision which
 14 the Crown Prosecution may have to make."
 15 Why did you -- I mean, really, you don't write those
 16 letters unless you want them to have some impact, I'm
 17 assuming?
 18 **A. Well, when I write letters, I do want to make an impact,**
 19 **and at that particular point, I had an estimate of him**
 20 **which was a high one. So I wanted the -- I said very**
 21 **clearly, "I don't want to interfere with your**
 22 **investigation". In fact, I was very anxious it could be**
 23 **seen as doing exactly that. But at the same time, here**
 24 **is a man under a great deal of strain. I still had**
 25 **a pastoral duty towards him. And I felt it was an**

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1 **honourable thing to do.**
 2 Q. I understand that you had a pastoral duty towards him,
 3 and that's obviously commendable. But it seems to me
 4 there's a difference between, "I will support you
 5 spiritually, I will support you pastorally, I will help
 6 you in whatever way -- I will get you whatever
 7 psychiatric help you need. You are obviously not a well
 8 man", and writing a letter to a chief constable
 9 basically saying, "He is marvellous".
 10 **A. Yes.**
 11 Q. And "This is completely out of character"?
 12 **A. But I'm also saying in that letter, in the paragraph on**
 13 **the screen, "I am totally committed to the principle**
 14 **that clergy should accept the highest possible**
 15 **standards", so I am saying to him indirectly, "You carry**
 16 **on with your investigation, because this is the standard**
 17 **I expect from clergy. If he is going to fall from it,**
 18 **then he must take the penalty".**
 19 Q. Yes. Well, yes, you say:
 20 "... special pleading would be entirely
 21 inappropriate. At the same time, I believe I am
 22 justified to draw to your attention the excruciating
 23 pain and spiritual torment which these allegations have
 24 inevitably brought upon a man in his exposed position
 25 and with his sensitivities. Whatever the outcome in

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1 law, he will have suffered grievously."
 2 That's the case -- I mean, anyone accused of sexual
 3 offending suffers grievously, do they not?
 4 **A. I fully appreciate that, but this is coming from his**
 5 **psychiatrist and doctor.**
 6 Q. Why couldn't you have left it to his psychiatrist and
 7 doctor to make those points --
 8 **A. Because she was saying to me, "Can you get the police to**
 9 **hurry up with their investigation, because my patient is**
 10 **suffering?".**
 11 Q. You then write to Chief Constable Pacey again. This is
 12 at tab 36, ACE000591_001. The first paragraph is a sort
 13 of kind thing saying, "My deep appreciation of the way
 14 in which your officers tackled this".
 15 In the second paragraph:
 16 "... I am left very much in a quandary concerning
 17 what action I now take with regard to the bishop because
 18 so much depended upon the nature of the police
 19 investigation. One of the results of the confidential
 20 nature of the investigation is that I am somewhat in the
 21 dark concerning the nature of his misdemeanour. This,
 22 in turn, affects what kind of discipline I put him under
 23 ... It is my intention to see him and his brother
 24 shortly and to go over the matter ... There [is a
 25 gradual range] ... an opportunity ...

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1 "If you did feel you could approach some of the
 2 witnesses, seeking their permission ... I can promise
 3 them total confidentiality ..."
 4 Now, the police in fact said no to that. But did
 5 you, for example, ask the police, "Well, could you
 6 provide me with a copy of the caution that was
 7 administered?" or "Could you provide me with some
 8 information about the caution administered?", because
 9 that would have set out factually what Peter Ball had
 10 agreed to do, in effect?
 11 **A. Yes, I would have loved them to have produced anything,**
 12 **but they declined to do so. I think the situation these**
 13 **days, 2018, the police are much more cooperative, but**
 14 **back then, I think the police kept this kind of thing to**
 15 **themselves. That is my understanding.**
 16 Q. I mean, I know that -- I know that you have said earlier
 17 that John Yates had a very good relationship with the
 18 then chief constable, because obviously they'd -- he'd
 19 been the bishop at the same time that the chief
 20 constable had been the chief constable.
 21 **A. Yes.**
 22 Q. There seems to have been off-the-record chats between
 23 various people. Did nobody try and have a sort of
 24 off-the-record chat with Chief Constable Pacey to say,
 25 "Look, I know you can't officially give me the names of

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1 the victims, and I wouldn't expect you to, but just give
 2 me the facts of what it is he's pleaded guilty to"?
 3 **A. That is what I wanted.**
 4 Q. Can I now turn to money? It is a matter of record that
 5 after Peter Ball's resignation, firstly, he got
 6 a disability pension but, secondly, that there were
 7 thousands -- there are different sums thrown around in
 8 different documents. There was a significant sum of
 9 money, in the thousands, I think, in a memo
 10 of October 1994 -- I don't think we need to get it up,
 11 but Frank Sargeant mentions sums of about £12,500 being
 12 spent between 1992 and 1994. Why was Peter Ball given
 13 that amount of money? I mean, bear in mind that that
 14 would be sort of almost double that amount of money
 15 probably in today's terms.
 16 **A. Can I say, there was nothing improper about this. We**
 17 **had Church Commissioners' money and my discretionary**
 18 **money. My discretionary money was often used for**
 19 **bishops in distress and clergy in distress, whether in**
 20 **this country or Sudan or wherever. The Church**
 21 **Commissioners were approached on this occasion by**
 22 **Peter Ball or his brother, who gave some money for legal**
 23 **fees, and other matters as well. Therefore, my**
 24 **discretionary money was added to that as well, I think**
 25 **through Frank Sargeant.**

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1 Q. Do you think it was appropriate to give somebody who'd
 2 accepted a caution for gross indecency while a bishop
 3 discretionary funds? I mean, it's not quite the same as
 4 sending it to the poor in Sudan, is it?
 5 **A. You're absolutely right, but I think at the time we felt
 6 that, as a retired bishop, he needed help and I was glad
 7 to give it, and the Church Commissioners did after
 8 careful scrutiny of his finances.**
 9 Q. As I understand it, there has been a Metropolitan Police
 10 investigation of whether or not there was a criminal
 11 case to answer in respect of fraud or corruption or some
 12 sort of misuse of money in this respect. I understand
 13 that they have determined that no criminal proceedings
 14 should occur as far as that. But certainly I'm asked to
 15 ask this question on behalf of victims and survivors:
 16 from their perspective, it seems particularly galling
 17 that Peter Ball should be sent money to go on holiday
 18 when the victims and survivors weren't given one session
 19 of counselling?
 20 **A. I fully agree with you now. Again, it's the question of
 21 a different mind-set, isn't it? I mean, I have already
 22 expressed my regret that we didn't care enough at the
 23 time for the victims themselves. Of course, I would
 24 have gladly given money to that end.**
 25 Q. Just to sort of show Peter Ball's manipulation in

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1 respect of money, can we get up, please, Danny,
 2 ACE000738. Can we look at the second paragraph, please,
 3 Danny. This is a letter from Peter Ball dated 1994. He
 4 wrote similar-ish sort of letters at the time:
 5 "I feel very, very diffident about writing this
 6 letter, especially when I turn on the television in the
 7 presence of awful starvation in the Sudan, but the
 8 trouble is that we have made our calculation for bills
 9 and what you have so wonderfully and generously said,
 10 both in September when I was with you and also
 11 in October when the last little nuisance flared up, that
 12 is that you would send £5,000 at Christmas and next
 13 Easter to help with the legal expenses. It's so, so
 14 awful to have to write this. If your discretionary fund
 15 won't run to it, I shall understand."
 16 I mean, these are kind of quite significant sums of
 17 money. This postdates the discussion that you had --
 18 well, no, actually, it doesn't postdate the discussion,
 19 the memorandum, from Frank Sargeant. It is quite
 20 troubling that he says, "I feel terribly sorry for all
 21 the people in Sudan, but can I have £10,000, please?"
 22 **A. Yes, I know, this is wheedling and a typical -- I don't
 23 know, could you inform me if we gave the money?**
 24 Q. We don't know is the answer to that question.
 25 **A. We didn't always say yes.**

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1 Q. The fact that he felt able to write to you basically
 2 asking -- I'm not suggesting you were an episcopal cash
 3 point, but it does seem that, you know, he didn't stint,
 4 shall we say, for asking for additional sums of money.
 5 Obviously, he would have had a clerical pension.
 6 I accept that a clerical pension is not probably a thing
 7 of wonder, I would imagine, financially at least, but it
 8 does seem to be somewhat unusual. I mean, do very many
 9 other retired bishops write and ask you for money for
 10 their bills?
 11 **A. No, but I repeat again that I did use the money
 12 generously for clergy, for sick people, not only clergy,
 13 and I went out of my way to do that. So, yes, I know
 14 I gave Peter Ball money, as did the Church
 15 Commissioners, and this was after consultation with
 16 others.**
 17 Q. Can I just identify a correction, chair, if I may?
 18 Lord Carey, earlier in your evidence, I think it was
 19 about an hour ago, first thing this morning, it said --
 20 you had said that there was evidence -- you had said
 21 that Gordon had said -- Bishop Gordon had said it was
 22 wrong to reach the view he did on 29 January because he
 23 had evidence of beatings, but the letters of course
 24 don't actually say anything about beatings. They simply
 25 mention watching people masturbate and the naked prayer.

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1 **A. Okay, thank you.**
 2 Q. Just to correct that.
 3 **A. Thank you for that correction.**
 4 MS SCOLDING: That's a correction on behalf of
 5 Winckworth Sherwood representing you.
 6 Chair, I don't know whether now might be an
 7 appropriate moment to take a short break?
 8 THE CHAIR: Yes, Ms Scolding, we will return at 3.20.
 9 MS SCOLDING: Thank you very much. Obviously, Lord Carey,
 10 you are still under oath.
 11 **A. Thank you.**
 12 **(3.04 pm)**
 13 **(A short break)**
 14 **(3.20 pm)**
 15 MS SCOLDING: Lord Carey, thank you very much. I know this
 16 has been a long day for you.
 17 If we can now deal with Peter Ball's return to
 18 ministry, the evidence shows that within about three or
 19 four months of Peter Ball's resignation, there was the
 20 first of a series of letters which passed either from
 21 Michael Ball or Peter Ball which asked for him to be
 22 returned to some form of ministry, identifying that lots
 23 of people still felt that he was wronged, that you,
 24 yourself -- you have mentioned this before -- had
 25 treated him harshly and unfairly.

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<p>1 Your first response to one of these letters -- can 2 we get up ACE000705. I think this is the right number. 3 This might be when this fails me. No? Well, it is 4 a letter in October 1993. There are a series of letters 5 which identify that things weren't going that well. But 6 you did say in that letter: 7 "I do so want Peter to exercise a ministry at the 8 right time." 9 What did you mean by this? 10 A. Yes, I meant that I hoped there would be a time when he 11 would be able to return to ministry fully as a retired 12 bishop. 13 Q. In fact, you say that again in a letter to Michael Ball 14 in June 1994, tab 132, chair and panel, of your bundle, 15 ACE000822. This is the second paragraph down: 16 "I have never disguised the fact that I have always 17 longed for Peter to have a ministry in the church again 18 but the basic problem has always been balancing Peter's 19 desire to get cracking with questions about his health 20 and, perhaps of equal importance, the credibility of 21 the church in the eyes of the public ... while some may 22 be impatient or even dismissive of this factor, I cannot 23 afford to be. ... having said that, I have consistently 24 said it has been my intention to restore Peter to 25 ministry gradually."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 161</p>	<p>1 Q. Yes: 2 "There is now a note from Donald Coggan ... 3 "I have given some thought about a number of 4 possible options in the hope of breaking the sad 5 deadlock ... persistent, rather manipulative attempt by 6 the Balls to get you to 'authorise' [permission] to 7 officiate ... apparently ... for your staff and ... that 8 any significant relaxation of your inhibition might be 9 ... Peter ... if reported in the press ... All the 10 explanations ... 11 "You could make it clear, once and for all, that you 12 could never sanction a return to public ministry. 13 A bishop, once 'disgraced' in the media, has to accept 14 that there is no way back (unless it is in an overseas 15 province). The damaging articles in 'The Sun', which 16 were ... repudiated ... have on this argument done 17 literally irreparable damage. Has a bishop ever been 18 successfully 'reinstated' in the past?" 19 This is a gentleman in whom you reposed a great deal 20 of trust. What he is basically saying is, "Don't do it, 21 because it isn't going to work". 22 If one goes to the next page: 23 "You [have stated] publicly that Peter has 24 officially retired on a pension ... There is therefore 25 no question of ... being [appropriate] to be appointed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 163</p>
<p>1 This is around two years after his resignation. Do 2 you think that this was unnecessarily precipitate? 3 A. I have already said that if I had had my way and 4 followed my instincts, he would have been on the Lambeth 5 Caution List. I didn't put him there, for the reasons 6 I have given earlier, that I just assumed that that is 7 for people returning to a regular active ministry. He's 8 retired. He was going to be very limited indeed. Yes, 9 it was my hope, because I do believe in the possibility 10 of repentance, forgiveness and restitution, as I said 11 earlier. So I'd hoped at some point he would. They 12 were always begging me to bring him back. I decided I'd 13 wait a clear two years before we did so on a very 14 limited and partial basis. 15 Q. You said you let him back on a very limited or partial 16 basis. Can I double-check, there was no risk assessment 17 at that time, was there? 18 A. No, none at all. A pity. 19 Q. In fact, in some of the letters and some of 20 the descriptions, Bishop John Yates, for example, wrote 21 a long and detailed memorandum to you in March 1994, so 22 shortly before you wrote this letter in June. Can we go 23 to WWS000166? This is in response to correspondence 24 that Peter Ball had sent. 25 A. Awful writing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 162</p>	<p>1 to a stipendiary or full-time ministry, but, recognising 2 [this] ... you would expect [that he should be given] 3 PTO in his own diocese ... either immediately or from 4 some designated date ..." 5 I suppose the question I really want to ask is, 6 Bishop Yates wrote to you saying, "Peter Ball is 7 manipulating you. What you need to do is just put your 8 foot down and say he is never going to be returned to 9 ministry". Because I think this was in the context of 10 the fact that Lord Lloyd of Berwick, around that time, 11 goes to see certainly a member of your senior team to 12 have a discussion with him about whether or not Peter 13 could be a sort of stipendiary vicar somewhere in 14 Portsmouth, as I understand it, because he had a friend 15 who had a patronage of an incumbency? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Do you not think you should have said, "I'm terribly 18 sorry, there can never be a return to public ministry 19 for you"? 20 A. Yes. Indeed, I wish I had at that particular point. 21 But the letter actually or the document shows, the first 22 paragraph, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, 23 Donald Coggan, believes in him and his gifts. You have 24 got that. That's one of the evidences that people 25 wanted him to return to ministry. You see through that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 164</p>

<p>1 memo a number of "could's". "You could do this", "You 2 could do that". So John is not actually saying or 3 giving me any advice on what particular form -- he 4 leaves it to me. For example, in paragraph -- at the 5 bottom of the second page, it's to do, I think, with 6 St Feock's, in other words, he could settle there, and 7 that's what we gave permission from '95 onwards. But 8 hindsight being what it is, yes, I should have acted 9 more decisively, and we should have actually imposed 10 a total ban on him. But theologically, I saw the 11 possibility of a fresh start for him in a very limited 12 fashion, and, Counsel, if I can remind you, I have 13 already said that events proved that he never 14 re-offended, and I felt that he would never so because 15 we had removed him from a power base where he could 16 exploit vulnerable people.</p> <p>17 Q. Yes, but he did still have a power base, didn't he? The 18 first point you made, as you see at the top, 19 Donald Coggan, who was the Archbishop of Canterbury 20 prior to Robert Runcie, if I remember rightly, believed 21 in him, and various other people of prominence. Are you 22 saying you were influenced by those people whom you 23 respected saying, "Well, I have always believed in Peter 24 and Michael"? Because, of course, they didn't know 25 really what had gone on, whereas you did?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 165</p>	<p>1 there was a document that said, "Bishop Peter Ball 2 transgressed in these areas", and if it was appropriate 3 to send it out to all and sundry -- we didn't have 4 a document like that. I didn't know how to communicate 5 that to the rest of the world without destroying his 6 ministry even further. The man was cautioned. He'd 7 resigned. He had lost his reputation. He was a weak 8 and quite a bitter person as well. All this was going 9 on. Maybe I was too pastoral. Perhaps I was too kind 10 towards him and didn't --</p> <p>11 Q. In fact, your staff, in fact, sort of, in effect, 12 largely sort of maybe implied that, because -- Danny, 13 would you mind getting up ACE000839_004? This is in 14 response to some correspondence that Peter Ball had sent 15 you: 16 "Finally, and this is very much a personal 17 observation, I was left feeling angry after reading the 18 correspondence. Peter is manipulative, status-ridden 19 and hypocritical (about money and obedience) and has put 20 an intolerable burden on you. I see no evidence that 21 his therapy is helping him address these issues in his 22 life -- if anything, he is getting worse. If he is as 23 spiritually sick as I suspect, then I think he needs 24 considerable counsel before he can be of help to others, 25 and I am worried about the way in which he and Michael</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 167</p>
<p>1 A. I'm the kind of person who listens carefully to 2 colleagues, takes advice if I am persuaded to do so, but 3 I'm not a weak person who says, "Okay, I will follow 4 your instructions", because I did believe in the 5 importance of someone returning to ministry if they had 6 clear gifts, which he had. But I was also quite 7 convinced that as a retired person he wouldn't be 8 a danger to anybody, and events proved that.</p> <p>9 Q. You say he wouldn't be a danger to everyone, and there's 10 absolutely no suggestion that there has been any 11 offending behaviour, so forgive me for saying that, but, 12 again, really, the point I think I'm trying to make is, 13 all these other people were writing to you saying, "How 14 fantastic", but they didn't have possession of 15 the facts. So it is a bit like me going to you and 16 saying, "Well, Lord Carey, this is really what I think 17 you should be saying about the gospels". I mean, I can 18 tell you all I want but, really, I don't know the facts, 19 in fact I don't even know half the facts. Really, you 20 should say, "Well, thank you so much", in this case, 21 "Lord Coggan", as he would have been, "but I'm afraid 22 you don't know what's gone on. It is my business, not 23 yours"?</p> <p>24 A. Counsel, I do accept the point you're making. I think 25 where my problem lay in relation to that is that if</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 166</p>	<p>1 present him as being a man currently able to give wise 2 spiritual counsel."</p> <p>3 Danny, would you mind going back to the first page 4 of that so we have the reference?</p> <p>5 A. This is Colin Fletcher, isn't it?</p> <p>6 Q. Yes, this is a memorandum that Colin Fletcher sent you 7 on 29 June 1994. I think what had happened is Peter had 8 written to you with a litany of complaints. You had 9 said, "Can you investigate it?", Colin Fletcher, who was 10 your chaplain, then had investigated it. Can we go 11 a bit further down that page? There is then a whole 12 discussion about the complaints: 13 "... those who 'come to him' ... [no further present 14 ministry] ... 15 "I was trying to help ... quiet ... forms of 16 contribution ..." 17 Because he was saying, "It's not fair, you have just 18 said to me I can go and help in a prison", but the 19 prison governor said that would be completely 20 inappropriate. So there are various complaints he's 21 made -- it's then gone through, but then, at the end, 22 Colin Fletcher basically says: 23 "I'm unhappy, having read all this correspondence. 24 He's put an intolerable burden on you." 25 In the light of what Colin Fletcher told you, why</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 168</p>

1 didn't you pause and think, "I trust Colin, he is a very
 2 wise person. Maybe I should do what he says"?"
 3 **A. Well, he was my chaplain. He is one of a team of six,
 4 seven. We took decisions together. But ultimately, it
 5 is my decision, and I felt -- I took his advice into
 6 account. At no point did he actually say, "I think
 7 you're wrong", because in fact this is dated June 1994.
 8 I gave Peter permission to resume ministry again in
 9 1995, I think it might have been.**
 10 Q. I think the first time is either March or April 1995.
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. Can we move on to that? Now, at the time, you said that
 13 there was limited permission to officiate granted and
 14 the actual wording says it's limited to two parishes.
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. Firstly, there's been some discussion -- we will
 17 obviously discuss with this Frank Sargeant, who was
 18 responsible for the production of the document or
 19 certainly was involved in the production of
 20 the document. In at least two letters he talks of
 21 something called a provincial licence?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Can you tell us, on what basis did you issue permission
 24 to officiate from a Canon law perspective?
 25 **A. There is great confusion about this because there is no**

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1 **such thing as a provincial licence at all, and I don't
 2 know how that language got into it. Of course, I was in
 3 charge of the province. That's my responsibility.**
 4 Q. Yes.
 5 **A. But it was up to the diocesan bishop to issue a PTO.
 6 I couldn't do it for any other diocese than Canterbury.**
 7 Q. So you issued it in Canterbury, but meaning it to apply
 8 simply to the two parishes?
 9 **A. I think the reason why, Counsel, I was taking this line
 10 is that I didn't feel it was Michael Ball's -- it
 11 wouldn't be right for Michael Ball to make the decision,
 12 because he could do so as the diocesan Bishop of Truro.**
 13 Q. There's lots and loss of discussions and memorandums
 14 that I'm not going to take you through today which deal
 15 with discussions between you and the Bishop of
 16 St Germans, about whether or not that should happen,
 17 letters to Michael Ball saying, "Please don't give him
 18 permission to officiate. Only I should be the person to
 19 authorise that and to do that"?"
 20 **A. But, Counsel, all the way you see the way I am imposing
 21 limits and he's pushing the boundaries all the time, and
 22 this is going on with reference to the schoolwork and so
 23 on, confirmations and one thing and another.**
 24 Q. But how can someone have checked -- so you limit it to
 25 these two small parishes, which I believe is where he

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1 lived. How could you have checked? Who was responsible
 2 for checking to make sure he wasn't going around
 3 ministering to all and sundry?
 4 **A. Well, of course, even if he hadn't been given permission
 5 to minister there, he could easily have been doing it
 6 all over the place. We wouldn't know that. But the
 7 answer in substance is, the parish priest and the
 8 diocesan bishop. The diocesan bishop being his own
 9 brother.**
 10 Q. Well, yes, but fundamentally, therefore, the difficulty
 11 is that the limited permission you gave wasn't in fact
 12 practicably enforceable?
 13 **A. If I had put him on the Caution List, I'm pretty sure it
 14 wouldn't have been enforced in that case as well.
 15 I think the man was pushing the boundaries, claiming an
 16 authority for himself because he felt he had gifts that
 17 other people didn't have.**
 18 Q. So let's talk a little bit more about pushing the
 19 boundaries. In 1995, for example, you were still
 20 opposing Peter Ball going into a school and you said
 21 it's not wise to accept this engagement. Danny, do you
 22 mind getting that up: ACE001206. That's not right.
 23 You were still saying, in 1995, it wasn't wise to
 24 accept an engagement, but by 1996 you did give
 25 permission for him to separately confirm, both at

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1 Stowe School and also at Radley College. So that's
 2 going beyond sort of going to the local parish and maybe
 3 stepping in for the parish priest.
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. That's going to independent schools, schools where you
 6 knew -- well, not necessarily those schools, but the
 7 type of institutions where you knew he had committed
 8 immorality or criminal offending in the past, but you
 9 said, "Well, that's okay". Can I ask why you reached
 10 that conclusion?
 11 **A. Yes. I mean, that was a very substantial step up,
 12 because he was moving from priestly to episcopal
 13 ministry at this particular point. And the reason was
 14 that he had personal links with Stowe and -- what was
 15 the other one?**
 16 Q. Radley.
 17 **A. And Radley. But also I was pretty sure there would be
 18 proper supervision. I tell you why: I had taken that
 19 kind of service in Marlborough, for example, or
 20 Wellington. You have got a chaplain you're working
 21 with. You meet the candidates beforehand. You confirm
 22 them. You actually have lunch with them afterwards and
 23 you go home. There was no way in which any impropriety
 24 could be caused.**
 25 Q. Did you think about contacting either of the schools to

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1 say to them, "Bishop Peter, you do realise he has been
 2 cautioned for an offence"? Did you think about that?
 3 **A. Yes, we would have done that, actually.**
 4 Q. Well, I'm not sure that there's any evidence that that
 5 happened. I think you may well have assumed that, given
 6 the publicity, the schools would have known, but that
 7 may or may not have been the case?
 8 **A. You're right, and, Counsel, there's no evidence that you**
 9 **can say otherwise.**
 10 Q. You said this, but it was specifically in respect of
 11 those two institutions, is what the particular documents
 12 say.
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. But Peter Ball again, to use your language, pushed the
 15 boundaries, in that it then worked out about seven years
 16 later when you found out that he'd been confirming, you
 17 said, "What's going on? I only gave him permission for
 18 those two particular schools", and it turned out that in
 19 fact he'd undertaken around 25 confirmations by then?
 20 **A. I know. I was deeply shocked.**
 21 Q. Before you made that decision to allow him to undertake
 22 confirmations, which is an episcopal act, as you rightly
 23 say, which has different significance, shall we say,
 24 from undertaking a Sunday service, if I put it like
 25 that, or preaching or giving a talk or something of that

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1 nature, did you consult with Colin Fletcher or
 2 Andrew Purkis or Frank Sargeant before reaching that
 3 decision?
 4 **A. The way we worked at Lambeth was always collegially.**
 5 **There was no way in which we did otherwise. I mean,**
 6 **your questioning is absolutely right, but we --**
 7 **consultation was part of the way in which I worked. So**
 8 **Frank particularly, as I have -- yes, it would have been**
 9 **Frank at that particular time, Frank and I would have**
 10 **taken the leadership in this with consultation with our**
 11 **colleagues. Each of our colleagues had specific and**
 12 **separate responsibilities.**
 13 Q. So it then moved on. In late 1996, I think you ended up
 14 having some form of lunch and Peter Ball then writes you
 15 a letter saying, as a result of the lunch, you've agreed
 16 to restore him, in effect, back to full ministry, so
 17 could you in fact speak to the House of Bishops, which
 18 you then do in or around January 1997. You then
 19 circulate a letter, which is at ACE003298_058, behind
 20 tab 21 of volume 1, chair and panel. Now, this was
 21 a letter that was circulated to every bishop following
 22 a verbal statement that you had given:
 23 "Bishop Peter Ball may now be regarded in the same
 24 way as any other retired bishop, but should he be
 25 invited to do any public episcopal acts, for his own

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1 protection, it would be helpful if you could let me
 2 know."
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. Can I just identify, what does "be regarded in the same
 5 way as any other retired bishop" mean?
 6 **A. In terms of work generally. A retired bishop can only**
 7 **do certain duties.**
 8 Q. What are those duties?
 9 **A. Well, preach, take a service, do a confirmation.**
 10 Q. But can he appear wearing episcopal garb? I know there
 11 were some discussions about whether or not he could have
 12 his episcopal staff and whether or not he couldn't in
 13 various memorandum we have read?
 14 **A. He couldn't carry a staff in any diocese other than the**
 15 **diocese he was bishop of. So when he was**
 16 **Bishop of Gloucester, he carried the staff there.**
 17 Q. But as a retired bishop, you no longer have the right to
 18 carry the episcopal staff; is that right?
 19 **A. In my case, in the Diocese of Oxford, I know I'm**
 20 **temporarily banned as a bishop, but normally a retired**
 21 **bishop wouldn't be doing that.**
 22 Q. In other words, were you trying to say by that, "Use him
 23 as you wish. Just let me know"?
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. Why?

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1 **A. I have already said, that here is a bishop who had many**
 2 **gifts. People were clamoring to use him. Here is a man**
 3 **we are gradually testing. Yes. Looking back now --**
 4 **again, I think the inquiry has to have -- understand the**
 5 **different mind-set there, as I have said on a number of**
 6 **occasions. I would have done things differently. We**
 7 **wouldn't have ended up with the mess we ended up when**
 8 **I retired. Part of the problem was, then you look back**
 9 **and you see these steps that have brought us to the**
 10 **situation. I would say that -- I mean, please**
 11 **contradict me if I'm wrong, but no bishop ever came back**
 12 **and said, "Hey, this is unwise". They accepted my**
 13 **desire.**
 14 Q. But despite the fact that you said this in 1997, in
 15 1998, you then wrote to someone -- ACE001197, Danny, if
 16 that comes up. You wrote to someone called Ian:
 17 "... constant vilification of him ... I don't think
 18 your letter acknowledges the difficulties of making any
 19 statement, when the police prosecution ... I am quite
 20 convinced that Peter is not guilty of three-quarters of
 21 the things the national press say he committed; but it
 22 is impossible to declare him innocent. This means it is
 23 equally impossible for me to come out in strong support
 24 of him because in all conscience I could not do that.
 25 "... [I have been] fighting fiercely for him ...

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1 complex to give a simple yes/no verdict about Peter's
 2 behaviour in the past."
 3 Does this not show, again, a sort of vacillation on
 4 your part? So you're kind of saying, "Well, I think
 5 he's basically innocent, but actually, he's not
 6 basically innocent. Well, the reason I didn't give
 7 him -- the reason I didn't pursue disciplinary matters
 8 was because he was too unwell, but actually, I'm not
 9 sure that he was too unwell". Doesn't this show
 10 a slight flip-flopping, shall we say, in your position
 11 and view?
 12 **A. I think this letter illustrates the dilemma I and others**
 13 **had at that particular time. I'm writing to a friend.**
 14 **He is very enthusiastic for Peter to come back into**
 15 **ministry and I'm actually saying to him, "I know there's**
 16 **far more to it than that", but I cannot actually come**
 17 **out fully in support of Peter. You have to then trust**
 18 **me that, as archbishop, I know best in this particular**
 19 **matter".**
 20 **What I couldn't say to Ian Pulford is, "Well, we**
 21 **made a mess of this in the early stages. I wish**
 22 **I wasn't in this position of muddle. But that's where**
 23 **we are now." And the damage was when I didn't put him**
 24 **on a Lambeth Caution List and impose an EJM on him,**
 25 **although Frank Robson was of the opinion that I couldn't**

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1 do that anyway.
 2 So this illustrates I'm fighting two battles. I'm
 3 actually saying to people who are supporters of
 4 Peter Ball, "Yes, he's a great preacher and a great
 5 teacher". I'm saying to a man like this who was
 6 a supporter, "Hold on, there is another side to this,
 7 and I have got to maintain some balance between the
 8 two".
 9 Q. Having said that, you said, well -- but in 1997, you
 10 gave him permission to officiate pretty much anywhere.
 11 What records are kept of where somebody has had
 12 permission -- who was checking or making sure of what he
 13 was doing and where he was going, once permission to
 14 officiate had been granted?
 15 **A. Thanks to the expertise of this inquiry, I have been so**
 16 **impressed by the documents you have produced, I'm**
 17 **surprised you haven't stumbled upon that. I wouldn't**
 18 **know where to direct you, I'm afraid.**
 19 **But in the case of PTOs, in the case of the Lambeth**
 20 **Caution List, names are on them, of course.**
 21 Q. Yes. But of course, one of the difficulties is, because
 22 the PTO that was granted to Peter Ball was somewhat
 23 unusual, the usual rules that may have applied to those
 24 who would have had PTO from a sort of diocesan-type
 25 basis wouldn't necessarily have applied. So I think

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1 what I'm trying to get at is that maybe nobody was
 2 really looking at what he was actually doing, and that
 3 comes into sharp relief when, in 2002, you write a memo
 4 saying, "What's he been doing, going to all these
 5 schools? What's been going on?" And he says, "I've
 6 been to 25 schools. You told me I could go to Stowe in
 7 1996, and so I just took that as read."
 8 **A. Yes. I respect that, and you're absolutely right. We**
 9 **should have put him on the list. He should have had**
 10 **someone supervising his conduct. We didn't do that.**
 11 **I failed. We failed as a team.**
 12 Q. Can I also ask, when it comes to your approach to -- I'm
 13 asked to ask you a question on behalf of Richard Scorer
 14 from Slater & Gordon who represents a group of victims
 15 and survivors. Could we go to ACE003298_193 behind
 16 tab 21, chair and panel, of your bundle. This is
 17 something which happened immediately after the caution.
 18 So I'm taking this somewhat out of turn, but I apologise
 19 for that. This is a telephone call to you from
 20 Bishop John Yates, two telephone calls which reflect
 21 something of the alleged aftermath of the Peter Ball
 22 affair. They both claimed to be on behalf of
 23 the alleged victims, one on behalf of Neil Todd and the
 24 woman deacon, who we suspect is probably Ros Hunt:
 25 "First, that, in their view, some kind of apology

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1 ... was due to those whom they would describe as victims
 2 ...
 3 "Secondly, they wanted to make the point that action
 4 should be taken to ensure that Peter is not entrusted
 5 with pastoral responsibility for young men in the
 6 future.
 7 "I made one or two obvious points to them about the
 8 limitations on your own knowledge ...
 9 "Would you like me to take up informally with the
 10 police the question of whether any of their information
 11 can be made available to you ..."
 12 Then:
 13 "1. I would like to speak to a senior policeman
 14 about Peter."
 15 As I understand it, you did in fact speak to
 16 a senior policeman, who said to you he couldn't pass on
 17 any more details:
 18 "2 ..."
 19 This is what I'm asked the question about:
 20 "... we resist such demands."
 21 Now, that seems quite a strong term, "we resist such
 22 demands". I mean, shouldn't you have apologised?
 23 **A. Can you show me the other bits? I want to know what**
 24 **demands were resisted.**
 25 Q. If you go to the second paragraph, the demand, as I view

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<p>1 it, is some kind of apology, acknowledgement or 2 reparation was due and that this should come from the 3 church on the grounds that Peter was misusing his power, 4 and, second, that action should be taken in the future 5 that he's not entrusted with the pastoral responsibility 6 for young men. I had, I have to say, assumed when 7 reading that document that it was the first, ie, the 8 apology and reparation, to which objection was taken 9 rather than the second. However, it's unclear whether 10 or not it's both. That's your handwriting, as 11 I understand it, at the bottom? 12 A. Yes, absolutely. Looking at it, and it's some time 13 since I saw that, I think I'm saying there, "I'm not 14 going to be told what to do". It's a very general 15 thing. If someone is going to tell me, "Make sure you 16 do this", I'm not going to do that, I'm not going to be 17 bullied into taking any action unless I'm convinced it's 18 the right thing to do. 19 Q. The obvious answer to that is, you don't appear to have 20 been -- you said, "Well, I resist such demands and I am 21 not going to be bullied", but, arguably, you were 22 bullied by Peter and Michael Ball in their constant 23 demands and constant letters. In fact, that's what your 24 staff were trying to say to you. 25 So is it not fair that you were able to be bullied</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 181</p>	<p>1 This is a memorandum written by Richard Llewelin, 2 who I think was the Bishop at Lambeth, along with 3 Andrew Nunn who was either premises administration 4 manager or correspondence secretary at that stage. His 5 job title changed and I can't quite remember when. 6 This is you -- I think this is what's happened. 7 They went through the documents and identified, 8 paragraph 3: 9 "There is not enough detail on file to make 10 a realistic judgment based solely on the papers as to 11 whether the bishop committed the offence or not. The 12 balance of probabilities is, however, that Peter Ball is 13 guilty of the offence for which he received 14 a caution. ... he admits lying naked on a bed next to 15 a naked 18-year-old ... He accepts the caution ...", 16 et cetera, et cetera: 17 "A private detective ... sets out to prove ... [his] 18 conspiracy ... However, he tells Bishop John Yates ... 19 that he is sure that there is a case to answer. 20 "Much has been written ... about the tension between 21 the pastoral and the juridical in the role of a bishop", 22 et cetera, et cetera. 23 Then in paragraph 5, it says, next page, please: 24 "From the file, it seems clear that the archbishop 25 has all along believed Peter's version of the events;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 183</p>
<p>1 by the people who were perceived by yourself as having 2 more influence, but not able to be bullied by those who 3 had less influence? 4 A. I take your point. But, Counsel, I do resist the 5 suggestion that my counsel, my staff, were telling me to 6 do something I didn't want to do. We were one in our 7 actions together. You mentioned Colin earlier. Colin, 8 who was my chaplain -- he wasn't a bishop colleague. So 9 I was taking advice from everybody. 10 But when I get something like that, I want to say, 11 hey, you know, I've got a mind of my own. I shall make 12 up my own mind, and I wasn't disregarding things like 13 that. I'm very concerned indeed, then and now, more so 14 now, about the plight of young men who are vulnerable 15 and were persuaded to do things that they knew 16 instinctively were wrong. 17 Q. Can we move on to the year 2000. Now, at that point, 18 there had been a number of concerns raised by a number 19 of individuals. Just to say, you did have a steady 20 stream of letters, shall we say, of support for 21 Peter Ball throughout those years. 22 A. Mmm. 23 Q. A number of letters every year come in that the inquiry 24 has seen. Can we go, Danny, please, to ACE001251_001 25 behind tab 53 of the bundle, chair and panel, volume 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 182</p>	<p>1 certainly he has given him very generous pastoral 2 support in terms of time and money. Even when 3 Peter Ball had admitted guilt ... the archbishop still 4 believed in his innocence and decided not to take any 5 action ... staff advice that there should be an 6 independent church enquiry ... not followed up. 7 Subsequent allegations against Peter Ball are not 8 investigated partly because they might bring to light 9 further evidence that would lead to charges." 10 Paragraph 6: 11 "Both Ball brothers seem to be manipulative and in 12 retrospect can be seen playing upon the archbishop's 13 generous nature." 14 Paragraph 7: 15 "Again and again, we see those in the church guilty 16 of misconduct revising history to cast themselves in the 17 role of victims. We believe it to be so in this case. 18 The relationship between the two Ball brothers ensures 19 that they feed each other's distorted view of events ... 20 defiant rage", et cetera, et cetera. 21 Then at paragraph 8, it says: 22 "Looking at precedent, one might have expected 23 Peter Ball to have been asked to resign and be put on 24 the Lambeth [List] ... This would indicate that his 25 offence was of such seriousness that it was thought</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 184</p>

1 inappropriate ... Even after five years, precedents
 2 suggest his restoration ... might have been more
 3 gradual, since there is little or no apparent acceptance
 4 of responsibility or recognition of the harm he has
 5 done ... There are only brief glimpses of penitence or
 6 remorse ..."
 7 If I can ask, firstly, you talk about grace and
 8 forgiveness and reconciliation, but as part of that, my
 9 understanding is, before you can receive grace, one
 10 needs to be truly penitent.
 11 Given what you were being told, and given what you
 12 read, do you think it was appropriate to return him to
 13 ministry on the basis of your obviously Christian belief
 14 in forgiveness and in restoration in those circumstances
 15 where you're dealing with somebody who your own staff is
 16 saying is neither penitent nor remorseful?
 17 **A. Can I say, first of all, this is an excellent letter.**
 18 **I think it is a very good summary of where we were at**
 19 **that particular time. I accept that as a genuine and**
 20 **clear criticism. But what I want to observe on that,**
 21 **you see, Richard Llewellyn was my third chief of staff.**
 22 **Q. Yes.**
 23 **A. What is happening is, we are moving out of the '90s into**
 24 **the new century, and we are changing, society is**
 25 **changing. We are now getting to a point when we are**

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1 **realising the seriousness of actions such that**
 2 **Peter Ball was taking.**
 3 **This is -- we are now entering a mind-set of the new**
 4 **century, which I applaud, of course, but I can look back**
 5 **and I can see where the mistakes were made, and this**
 6 **inquiry was set up to make sure that they don't accept**
 7 **again. So I fully agree with it. I know I fight back**
 8 **against the two men because I felt there was something**
 9 **missing from that memo, which is --**
 10 **Q. But -- yes.**
 11 **A. Fine.**
 12 **Q. No, no, please go on.**
 13 **A. So --**
 14 **Q. You did think there was something missing from the memo**
 15 **because you --**
 16 **A. What I thought was missing, they missed the point which**
 17 **they should have recognised, that Peter Ball has also**
 18 **lost a great deal as well. He's lost everything, in**
 19 **fact. And to this day, a man of such gifts will always**
 20 **be remembered in the church as a man who failed and**
 21 **destroyed others.**
 22 **Q. Well, in fact, you wrote a memorandum in response behind**
 23 **tab 54, chair and panel -- Danny, ACE001252 -- in which,**
 24 **in effect, you say that.**
 25 **A. Yes. Pretty angry, wasn't it?**

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1 **Q. Yes, you were quite cross in that memo. But the**
 2 **difficulty with that is twofold, which is, firstly,**
 3 **again, were you focusing too much upon Peter Ball and**
 4 **not enough upon the victims? Yes, Peter Ball lost**
 5 **everything, but so did a lot of these young men. A lot**
 6 **of them lost the chance to be ordained, as we heard**
 7 **yesterday; a lot of them lost a lot of their adult life**
 8 **to mental health problems; a lot of them lost their --**
 9 **they lost their faith.**
 10 **A. Yes.**
 11 **Q. Which is something which obviously would be of**
 12 **considerable and deep concern to you. So, again,**
 13 **I think the concern of the victims and survivors is, the**
 14 **concern is always -- and one understands that concern --**
 15 **for a fellow member of the episcopacy.**
 16 **A. Yes, Counsel, I fully agree. That deeply upsets and**
 17 **wounds me, not because I feel the hurt personally, but**
 18 **I feel the hurt that they must have experienced and the**
 19 **loss and the damage that Peter Ball has done to them.**
 20 **So that does grieve me enormously.**
 21 **Q. And --**
 22 **A. But --**
 23 **Q. Sorry.**
 24 **A. No, no.**
 25 **Q. What I was going to say is, you talked about the fact**

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1 that you were now moving into the new millennium, so to
 2 speak.
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 **Q. Things had changed. But if that is the case, why didn't**
 5 **you think about undertaking disciplinary proceedings**
 6 **then? I mean, you could have done so.**
 7 **A. My feeling at the time, it's too late to do anything**
 8 **about it. No-one said -- there's nothing here that**
 9 **would hint at, "Let's start the process again". I think**
 10 **it would have been quite difficult. My feeling was that**
 11 **I would have said it's too late to do anything concrete.**
 12 **Q. Secondly, was there any discussion or thought about**
 13 **giving some kind of -- you said you wanted to make sure**
 14 **he didn't have a chance to approach young men again.**
 15 **You knew that -- or there was certainly enough**
 16 **information that he was ministering in schools, he was**
 17 **confirming people, he would therefore have been seen in**
 18 **a position of authority.**
 19 **Do you think it was sensible to undertake any sort**
 20 **of further safeguarding agreements between Peter Ball**
 21 **and yourself or subject him to the form of risk**
 22 **assessment which then took place some decade later?**
 23 **A. The word "safeguarding", as far as I know, was not used**
 24 **in that decade. I don't know when it came in. It**
 25 **certainly wasn't in our mind at all.**

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<p>1 But I go back to the point I made earlier: I didn't 2 see him having any ministry among young people where he 3 could prey upon them. I have already explained that, in 4 terms of what a retired bishop does, there's hardly any 5 way in which he could. 6 Now, I'm not saying impossible, but it would depend 7 upon him having access to young people of a private 8 nature, and I can't see that happening. 9 Q. But surely he could have said -- you know, he would 10 have -- I understand entirely why you say that, and 11 I accept the fact that confirmation, in and of itself, 12 is in public. 13 But, plainly, he was able to hold himself out at 14 a number of very well-known independent schools as the 15 person who confirmed their children, so you would have 16 had parents seeing him there, thinking nothing was 17 wrong; you would have then had the children there -- the 18 young people, children, adolescents -- thinking nothing 19 was wrong. One of them could have phoned him up 20 afterwards or written to him to say, "I'm seeking a 21 spiritual life", and we know how charismatic he was. 22 I mean, in reality, whilst it is unlikely he would 23 have been alone with young people within that context, 24 it gave him access to be seen as a position of spiritual 25 influence and authority, did it not?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 189</p>	<p>1 you prepared in 2014. You provided a witness statement 2 to the defence to Peter Ball's team, as I understand it, 3 on 25 November 2014. I'm not going to get that up for 4 you. 5 I'm asked to ask this question on behalf of 6 Switalskis Solicitors who represent various victims and 7 survivors: why did you provide a witness statement to 8 the defence? 9 A. Well, what happened was, a phone call came from a woman 10 detective, saying she was a policewoman, and she was 11 gathering evidence about Peter Ball. I answered her 12 questions over the telephone. 13 Then I got another phone call from another 14 detective, a retired detective, called Vernon Clegg who 15 asked if he could come and see me. Now, I was totally 16 confused. I thought the two people were acting together 17 for the prosecution. It turned out that Vernon Clegg 18 was for the defence, and that was the confusion at the 19 time. 20 Frankly, I was totally confused and thought it was 21 so unprofessional for the police to actually behave in 22 that kind of way. I would have thought they might have 23 dropped me a letter or something, but it was a phone 24 call. 25 So I found myself in a really difficult position</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 191</p>
<p>1 A. Counsel, I think you're right, it could; but I think 2 it's highly unlikely. 3 Q. I know that at various points Peter Ball writes to you 4 to tell you about his ministry with the Prince of Wales, 5 and we don't need to discuss any of the specifics about 6 this, but do you think that altered your approach to 7 Peter Ball in any way, the fact that you were aware that 8 he had some form of spiritual relationship or there was 9 some sort of spiritual counselling certainly at some 10 limited point, shall we say? 11 A. Honestly, I can say, no, none whatsoever. 12 Q. I understand as well that the Prince of Wales' PPS had 13 a discussion with your chief of staff in 1994 at which 14 Peter Ball was mentioned. Can you remember or were you 15 involved at all in any of those discussions? 16 A. I don't believe I was involved in that. I don't know 17 the incident at all. Of course, if I can add, I did 18 have brief conversations with His Royal Highness, but 19 they were very, very brief and to the point, and that 20 was all. 21 Q. Did His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales suggest to 22 you that you should return Peter Ball to ministry at any 23 time? 24 A. No, not at all. 25 Q. Can I ask you, lastly, about the witness statement that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 190</p>	<p>1 because I found myself now having to give evidence for 2 the defence, which I did, because I was still bothered 3 about the whole thing. 4 Q. Can we get up, please, Danny, MPS002744. I think it is 5 page 44 that's the relevant page, just for the date. 6 You had a meeting with the police on 9 September 2014. 7 A. I had a phone call. I never had a meeting with the 8 woman detective. I had a meeting with Vernon Clegg. 9 Q. Yes: 10 "Arranged to speak over telephone today, Wednesday, 11 9 September, at 11 o'clock." 12 So she certainly telephoned you on that date. Can 13 we then go to 46, please, Danny. This is her note of 14 that call. Can we go, "I then asked GC ...": 15 "I then asked GC whether he would be willing to 16 provide a witness statement in relation to the above 17 account. GC stated that at the time of my initial 18 contact he had been contacted by Vernon [Vernon Clegg] 19 from PB's solicitors. GC advised them at that time that 20 he would prioritise the police contact. 21 "In relation to providing a witness statement, GC 22 feels that he is in a difficult position as he does not 23 want to be labelled a prosecution witness as he feels 24 that PB has been punished enough and he is also aware of 25 the director of CPS saying that everything was dealt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 192</p>

1 with and over. It was clear throughout our conversation
 2 that GC feels torn between his clear acknowledgement of
 3 PB's offending and the fact that he feels this
 4 investigation should not be continuing due to the
 5 promises made around the time of the caution."
 6 So at that time, you were of the view that
 7 Peter Ball shouldn't be the subject of further
 8 prosecution?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. Do you still maintain that view?
 11 **A. That's what I said at the time, and of course, thank**
 12 **you, I haven't seen this document before.**
 13 Q. I think the point that's trying to be made is that you
 14 knew, therefore, at the time that Vernon Clegg was for
 15 the defence at the time that you made your witness
 16 statement?
 17 **A. Yes, when he came to see me.**
 18 Q. So it was only in the telephone call that you may have
 19 been slightly confused?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 MS SCOLDING: I have no further questions. Chair and panel,
 22 do you have any questions for this witness? Thank you
 23 very much, Lord Carey.
 24 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr Frank has a question.
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1 Questions by THE PANEL
 2 MR FRANK: I am trying, just by way of context, to
 3 understand when it was that you knew about the
 4 seriousness of the allegations against Peter Ball in
 5 relation to Neil Todd.
 6 One of the things that I have in front of me is your
 7 witness statement dated 28 February of this year, so
 8 a fairly recent document, which can I take it you were
 9 doing your best to assist us with your best memory of
 10 it? Can I ask you, please, to be directed to
 11 paragraph 45 of that document, which is WWS000143_010.
 12 In paragraph 45, you set out that you met Peter Ball
 13 on 15 December 1992 following his arrest and release on
 14 bail:
 15 "He and his brother came together to Lambeth Palace.
 16 My meeting was pastoral in nature, but also an attempt
 17 to find out what had been going on. I remember that
 18 both he and his brother protested Peter Ball's innocence
 19 in the meeting. I also recall that Frank Robson, the
 20 provincial registrar, was present for part of
 21 the meeting. I do not have any other memory of that
 22 meeting."
 23 What I want to ask you, please, is this: first of
 24 all, why do you say that the meeting was pastoral in
 25 nature?

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1 **A. Because that's the way I approach most things, by**
 2 **considering the person and not believing automatically**
 3 **in a person's guilt.**
 4 MR FRANK: I ask you that because you will have appreciated
 5 before the meeting started the seriousness of
 6 the allegations that were being made against Peter Ball.
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 MR FRANK: In fact, we know that because in your previous
 9 paragraph, paragraph 40, if you can be directed to that,
 10 you say that you have been informed by two other bishops
 11 of the allegations, and you were horrified to hear of
 12 them.
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 MR FRANK: Horrified to the extent that you summoned
 15 Peter Ball to Lambeth Palace.
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 MR FRANK: So you knew the seriousness of it then.
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 MR FRANK: And you had with you the registrar.
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 MR FRANK: We know the registrar and how competent he is
 22 because we have seen one of the documents he produced,
 23 a very detailed note of a meeting in February of
 24 the following year, which he made three days after the
 25 actual meeting took place, and it is very detailed.

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1 **A. Yes.**
 2 MR FRANK: Can I ask you this: when you met with Peter Ball
 3 and his brother Michael on 15 December with the
 4 registrar, was that meeting minuted?
 5 **A. I assumed it was minuted by Frank.**
 6 MR FRANK: Have you seen the minute of that meeting --
 7 **A. No.**
 8 MR FRANK: -- since?
 9 **A. No.**
 10 MR FRANK: You have told us that Frank Robson was a lawyer?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 MR FRANK: And, so far as you're aware, he is still alive?
 13 **A. I think he is going to appear before you in the next**
 14 **couple of days.**
 15 MR FRANK: Have you asked to see the minute of that meeting?
 16 **A. No.**
 17 MR FRANK: Can I ask you why, because you are doing your
 18 best to assist us --
 19 **A. Yes, well, it would have been an obvious thing. I wish**
 20 **I had. I didn't do so. It would have helped me and my**
 21 **team, yes.**
 22 MR FRANK: Because, as you said in paragraph 41 of your
 23 statement, you cannot now remember what you learned or
 24 from whom, you can only direct the inquiry to the
 25 contemporaneous documents. So if there is such

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1 a contemporaneous document, can we have it?
2 MS SCOLDING: If I can just indicate, although I would never
3 say that our researches have been exhaustive, because we
4 have got over 100,000 pages worth of documentation, we
5 have not, as yet, ever found a minute of that meeting,
6 and I have no doubt, if I haven't found it, and I know
7 Ms Kelly behind me who is representing Lord Carey whose
8 endeavours have been just as exhaustive in this respect
9 hasn't found it either, that doesn't mean to say it
10 doesn't exist, it is just the pair of us haven't ever
11 been able to find it.
12 Unfortunately -- we think Frank Sargeant is alive,
13 but we are not entirely sure -- our understanding was
14 that Frank Robson had, in fact, unfortunately passed
15 away?
16 **A. Yes.**
17 MS SCOLDING: So in fact we couldn't get any witness
18 evidence from Frank Robson. We are double-checking on
19 Crockfords now, just in case our information was
20 incorrect, but we understood --
21 **A. John Yates wasn't present at that meeting, it was**
22 **Frank Robson, so I assumed that Frank would have made**
23 **notes, and the very fact they didn't come to me I think**
24 **is strange, but there must have been some reason for**
25 **that.**

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1 MR FRANK: But you have not asked to see any minute of that
2 meeting since?
3 **A. No.**
4 MR FRANK: Thank you very much. That's all I ask.
5 MS SCOLDING: Thank you.
6 THE CHAIR: Thank you very much, Lord Carey. Thank you.
7 **A. Thank you.**
8 **(The witness withdrew)**
9 MS SCOLDING: I think that probably concludes our business
10 for today, chair and panel. If we may, may we start
11 again tomorrow morning at 10.00 am?
12 THE CHAIR: Yes. Thank you.
13 (4.12 pm)
14 (The hearing was adjourned to
15 Wednesday, 25 July 2018 at 10.00 am)
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