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Dear Mr Meekings

Review of past child protection cases

It was so good to meet you before Christmas and I apologise for the delay in writing. I am very grateful for your willingness to undertake this important and sensitive task for us.

I am writing now to confirm your appointment as the independent reviewer for the Diocese of Chichester in this matter. By making this invitation, I am giving you authority to have access to any necessary files for which I have responsibility as 'data controller'.

The general terms of the review are as set out in the protocol and associated documents circulated to members of the House of Bishops on 10th December 2007 by the Rt Revd Anthony Priddis, Bishop of Hereford, in his capacity as Chair of the Safeguarding Liaison Group, and by any supplementary directions agreed with Shirley Hosgood and myself. A copy is available should you need one. If you have any particular questions of a technical nature concerning the national policy, please consult either the Bishop of Hereford or the Revd Pearl Luxon. For particular interpretation of this guidance in the Diocese of Chichester, please do not hesitate to contact Shirley.

The appointment is made on behalf of the Diocese of Chichester by the Diocesan Board of Finance and I have asked Church House Hove to draw up a formal contract based on this letter. You will be accountable and responsible to me and the appointment will be governed by the terms and conditions contained in the contract.

As agreed, your daily fee will be £35 an hour and travelling expenses will be paid at the usual diocesan rate. Any other expenses arising from the work will also be met. Please send a monthly invoice, setting out the number of hours you have worked, to Jonathan Prichard Diocesan Secretary at Church House () , who will authorise it for payment.

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I am particularly pleased that you have agreed to undertake this task, as it is crucial that we approach the review with rigour and confidentiality and I know that both are watchwords in your professional life.

You will remember from our conversation that the expectation is that this review will be completed within a period of eighteen months - in other words, by the middle of 2009. If there are any cases you uncover which appear to need immediate attention, please alert Shirley and we will arrange a meeting as appropriate.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

DPA

The Rt Revd John Hind
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cc: Mrs Shirley Hosgood
Mr J M R Prichard, Diocesan Secretary
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