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Sent: 14 Jun 2012 14:42:32 +1000
To: chancery
Subject: RE: 4 Corners, ABC

Dear Ms Hanrahan

We understand the Bishop is new and would really appreciate it if he would consult the people who were involved and the appropriate files in order to provide the necessary information.

Kind regards

Mary Ann

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Sent: Thursday, 14 June 2012 2:27 PM
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Dear Ms Jolley,

Being new to the diocese Bishop Kennedy is not fully conversant in all the details of the case you mention.

He will contact you in the next few days, hopefully tomorrow.

Best wishes,

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Dear Bishop Kennedy

I'm a producer with the ABC's 4 Corners program and am currently working on a story that looks at the Catholic church's handling of cases of sexual abuse. We have partly focused on the case of John Farrell who worked in the Armidale Diocese in the 80s before he was transferred to the Parramatta Diocese.

I would very much appreciate it if you could answer the following questions:

When did the church first become aware of abuse allegations against John Farrell?

What actions did the church take regarding these allegations?

Why was John Farrell sent to be counselled by Rex Brown who was later convicted of possessing child pornography?

Did the church pay John Farrell's legal fees when he defended charges of indecent assault and sexual intercourse without consent in Narrabri court in 1988?

Why didn't the church offer evidence of abuse allegations to support CPH's case against John Farrell in 1988?

Why was John Farrell moved to the Parramatta Diocese?

What was the Parramatta Diocese told about his history?

Why was John Farrell allowed to work with children in the Parramatta Diocese?

What is John Farrell's current status in the Catholic Church?

When was John Farrell stopped from working as a priest? Why?

Has he been formerly laicised and, if so, what were the findings of the tribunal who ordered his laicisation?

Kind regards

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