

Daniels

Mr David Gould
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Dear David

Thank you for your letter dated 15 August, which was received at the diocesan office on 24 August. I have retired as Registrar, but am working part time as Administrator of the Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme until a more permanent appointment is made.

You are correct in your assumption of Mr Christopher Wright's role. Documents are not forwarded to him unless the Diocese has accepted that the abuse occurred. His role is to make an assessment for payment under the Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme.

The two clergymen, [BYS] and [BYT], have both denied any allegations of sexual misconduct and Louis Daniels has disputed specific claims made by you and recently put to him. It is therefore necessary under the diocesan policy and natural justice for the claims to be investigated.

Because of the material you have already supplied to the diocese and the trauma through which you have already been I made a decision that we would not need to interview you. This decision was made out of consideration for you and your request to be interviewed will certainly be granted. There is no question about that.

The diocese will not, because of an understanding with Tasmania Police, do any investigation into allegations against Louis Daniels while the police are investigating and there are charges pending. However, should you wish to proceed immediately and leave any relation to Daniels out of your application, that can be done. As I advised earlier if The Independent Assessor awards you less than the maximum amount of \$60,000.00 the diocese is happy to hear an application in relation to Daniels after the police matters have been finalised.

I am unsure of whether Dr. Sale will permit anyone other than a close family relative to accompany you. This was advised as his policy in answer to recent query for another person, but I shall pursue that and advise you further.

In answer to other questions from your letter I advise that:-

The police are, or were, aware of the whereabouts of the three persons named.

The bishops of the dioceses in which [BYT] and [BYS] were working were notified by the Bishop of Tasmania. Daniels has been deposed from Holy Orders on material supplied by this diocese.

At this stage the diocese has no plans to increase the limit of the Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme. To do so at this point would be unfair to those who have already been awarded a

financial payment by The Independent Assessor. The Scheme is, however, under review in an attempt to make it easier for victims to complete the application.

I look forward to hearing from you, particularly in relation to the matter of Daniels in the near future and want to assure you that the decision not to have the assessors interview you was made by me in what I thought was reducing the stress on you. I am sorry if I have offended in that decision.

Yours sincerely

(William Haas)
Administrator, Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme