

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**Record of brief meeting with Mr David Gould in my office Thursday, 22nd May, 1997.**

There was a confusion about the time for the meeting. It had been my intention to set aside an hour to see David. When he had not arrived by 3.25 p.m. for the 3 p.m. appointment I went on with other work. He arrived at what he thought was the correct time, 3.30 p.m. and I was not able to see him until about 3.40 p.m. That gave us about twenty minutes before I was due to move to my next responsibility.

He began by talking about the Diocesan Sexual Harassment Response Group and the need for it to be strengthened and made more specific. I think he is referring to its title. I undertook to provide him with a Diocesan Sexual Harassment Response Group brochure and to provide him with that at the next meeting.

He also felt that it was time for the church to be more proactive in finding other victims, especially in Burnie. He suggested that the bishop should address sexual abuse by writing about it in an open letter to all parishes. I told him that I had addressed the matter in my Synod address and that I would provide him with a copy of that.

I also told him about the Clergy Code of Ethics which was now in place and promised to give him a copy of that.

He then went on to make out a case for the churches to move together in support of a 24 hour crisis line for those who are sexually abused. We discussed this briefly but it obviously needs more discussion. I pointed out the obvious difficulty about people who have been abused in the life of the church coming forward access to a service which they felt was provided by the church. It would not be open enough or independent enough.

He spoke of Desiree Taylor, his therapist, and proposed that Eric D'Arcy and I should be speaking to her. We did not discuss this for very long and I indicated that I thought if she wanted to speak to Heads of Churches it would be better if she made the approach.

He also offered himself to speak to the Diocesan Sexual Harassment Response Group so that they would have a better understanding.

Our time ran out. I encouraged him to make another appointment for at least one hour.