

John Cleary

From: geoffrey spring <REDACTED>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 September 2010 5:09 PM
To: Bishop Brian
Cc: John Cleary
Subject: Re: Deputy Chair of the Professional Standards Committee

Dear Bishop,

I have now had the opportunity to discuss your letter with the Director of Professional Standards. I respond to your letter as follows:-

1. Tomorrow Thursday the Director will hand to you a report which he and I agreed upon previously. It contains such information as is required by s21(1) of the Ordinance, namely it gives an account of the activities of the PSC.
2. The period covered is from the commencement of the Director's appointment to date.
3. You have already been given all information pursuant to s21(3) as either the Director or myself have reported on a very regular basis to you or in your absence Bishop Peter on all the activities of the PSC.
4. Your letter was clearly drafted by the Chancellor and is in the standard lawyers' request for further and better particulars. Its demands go far beyond the requirements of the Ordinance.
5. The Chancellor's requests are offensive and dangerous as he is clearly trying to reopen matters that have already been dealt with. He seems to feel that the processes which have been followed by the PSC are not in accordance with the Ordinance. I have assured you that in so far as I have been able the Ordinance has been faithfully and sometimes painfully (to the PSC) applied as it is written.
6. I deeply resent the stance taken by the Chancellor as I had, I think reasonably, expected that the Chancellor would be available to assist the PSC particularly as its role of necessity involves it working closely with you.
7. In reality the Chancellor has chosen to run interference on several occasions and in the face to face meeting after a Board hearing to behave in a rude and arrogant manner.
8. The PSC and the Director have striven to carry out the tasks given to us and we are just appalled at the way in which the Chancellor has treated us and our work.

The Diocese has in place processes which are similar to most other Dioceses and which for the most part work. Of course the process can and should be improved but the Chancellor seems hell-bent on trying to destroy those who are trying to carry out their given tasks and I have no idea why.

Please feel free to show this letter to the Chancellor if you wish.

Warmest regards,
 Geoff Spring
 Chair Of PSC

----- Original Message -----

From: [Bishop Brian](#)
To: [geoffrey spring](#)
Cc: [John Cleary](#)
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2010 12:21 PM
Subject: Deputy Chair of the Professional Standards Committee

Dear Geoff,

If there is not a Deputy Chair of the PSC I advise that one should be appointed who can convene or speak for the PSC in your absence, especially when you are overseas. Please advise me who is Deputy Chair.

The Diocesan Council (I think) happily dealt with issues surrounding Professional standards at its meeting on Thursday night. The Chancellor had tabled a letter seeking information from the PSC for the Diocesan Council.

The letter will now come under my signature and the response will come to me (as agreed by the Diocesan Council) so that if there are any concerns I can acquaint the Diocesan council in a circumspect way.

The Chancellor is tidying up the letter after the DC discussion and should soon be sent to you. I appreciate that you will be leaving soon for overseas so I alert you to this and request that you provide for its careful dealing whilst you are absent if you cannot attend to the letter yourself.

Grace and peace,

+Brian

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