

CONFIDENTIAL FILE NOTE

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RE: BYD and REDACTED

On 1st July 2009 Bishop Glenn Davies and Jenni Woodhouse met for two hours with BYD and REDACTED at their home in REDACTED. The purpose of the visit was to explain the discussion at the previous Standing Committee meeting, and the reasoning behind the decision not to extend the Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme total amount beyond \$75,000.

Glenn explained that the Standing Committee discussion related to policy and did not name the REDACTED family. Although the mood of the discussion was one of compassion, it was decided that one exception to the upper limit would lead to many more requests to extend the upper limit of \$75,000. In this regard the amount of money differed from a compensation claim as might be awarded by the courts.

Glenn also briefly addressed BYC request to speak to Synod or to Standing Committee, or have a written letter read to them. We explained that Barry Newman had put the request to the Archbishop and it had been declined as neither of these two bodies were the appropriate place to raise personal issues.

It was suggested by Glenn that BYC write to the Secretary of Standing Committee, who would then pass the letter to the appropriate group. It was stressed by Glenn and Jenni that, even with writing such a letter, the policy was very unlikely to change.

On more than one occasion the REDACTED thanked Jenni for her pastoral support through the whole ordeal, and the prospect that she could no longer continue in this capacity, if BYC were to lodge a litigious claim, was devastating.

Bishop Glenn Davies
Jenni Woodhouse