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The Right Reverend Roger Herft
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Dear Bishop

ETHICS IN MINISTRY

I refer to the Ethics in Ministry document and advise that the definition of a "serious offence" in section 311 and the reference to serious offence in section 316 of the Crimes Act 1900 have been removed. The new terminology in section 316 is to a "serious indictable offence". The definition is now found in the section 4 of the Crimes Act and I highlight on page 3 of the attachment the new definition.

Instead of the reference of concealing a serious offence, section 316 now speaks of concealing a serious indictable offence. There is no change in substance but merely in terminology.

I believe the Ethics in Ministry document should be updated to reflect the amendments.

The underlining and markings in the attachments are merely internet search markings and should not be included in the revised document (for obvious reasons).

I hope that this is of assistance and note that you will refer it to the relevant agency within the Church for attention.

Yours faithfully
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