

**NOTES RE CHRIS FOSTER**

I was rung by Chris Foster about 5.30 who said she had spoken to Sue Sharkey and Sue Sharkey had made requests about Professor Ball and so on.

She then read to me the lengthy letter from the Vicar General, which I must confess I said I had not remembered, but my memory was ultimately refreshed. Suffice to say that I then read to her the letters which I had written to Monash Medical Centre etc. about obtaining medical reports and told her that let's hold our horses until we see the results of these letters. She made it clear (and I stress these are just segments of a lengthy conversation) that they would much more prefer to talk to me than to talk to Professor Ball about Emma's matters.

She then volunteered that Emma had gone to the Prahran Police Station with Tania Smith a Psychologist. I said well I wondered about that because the mans no longer here, but she said well she thought that might be a way in which Emma could prove her case or words to that effect.

I said well that may be a short cut but in any event perhaps in due course Emma may speak to me.

Superimposed over all this is the real question mark as to whether in fact Emma was abused by O'Donnell. Palpably, the parents are convinced of it. But there is some elements of "we protest too much". On the other hand I think the Corr drafted letter has had the effect of having them appreciate that it may be the tap for moneys for support might be turned off. As Professor Ball said to me yesterday there is no provision in the arrangements for turning off the tap.

He went so far as to say a girl like Emma could cost millions.

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Suffice to say that I think we should wait to see developments.

Chris Foster is to ring me tomorrow with the name of the policeman to whom Emma made the statement and that she will authorise him or her to make that statement available to me.

I suggested to Chris Foster that it may be that one day we can do this in a less formal manner such as me coming out and having a chat to Emma at home.

I specifically asked her how Emma was and she said she was very well. She has gone back to school, she is only having occasional therapy and she is a great deal better, and that of course is the good news.

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