



# NSW DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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## PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ms Margaret Chittick  
Diocese of Wollongong  
Catholic Education Office  
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Dear Ms Chittick

I refer to your application dated 13 August 2007 in which you sought information from the Department of Community Services (DoCS) under s.248 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*, concerning allegations against Catholic Education Office employee, Fr John Gerard Nestor.

A search has been conducted of the Department's records for information concerning **REDACTED** **REDACTED** approx 1978 of the nature you have specified. No records have been identified as falling within your request for this person.

In response to your application, the following information is provided concerning the alleged victims you described as **REDACTED**. Our records indicate that the children in question have the surname of **REDACTED**. The following information is provided concerning the alleged victims.

- Investigation Summary

8 November 1993

Any information that does not relate to your application has been withheld.

The information has been released to you in good faith for the purpose of your investigation as it concerns a class of children under your care. It is requested that the information be treated with the strictest confidence and should not be disclosed to third parties unless required to do so by law. These documents are not to be used in any court or tribunal proceedings, photocopied or released to third parties without prior agreement of DoCS. Should the matter proceed to a court or tribunal the Department's file should be subpoenaed or summonsed.

It should be noted that any findings made by DoCS contained in the material released, only relates to the risk of harm evaluation that has been undertaken to provide for the safety and welfare of any child who may have been involved in the alleged behaviour or may be at risk of harm. The risk assessment finding of DoCS is not necessarily adequate, by itself, to be used by your organisation as the basis for making a disciplinary determination. You should consider other relevant investigative steps and not rely entirely on the information released to you by DoCS.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Kay Foster on (02) 9716 2091.

Yours sincerely

Nicci Wilson

**A/ Manager, Information Exchange**

16 August 2007