

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane

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QBE Insurance Ltd
C/O Catholic Church Insurances Ltd
GPO Box 180 B
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Dear Sirs

I write to report incidents which have given rise to claims against the Archdiocese of Brisbane and which I believe are covered by policies in place at the time. They concern sexual abuse by clergy of the Archdiocese.

The first offender, Francis Edward Derriman, was a priest of this Archdiocese.

The first victim was Joan Isaacs and the events concerned are said to have occurred from 1967 to 1969. The contact person who can provide more information of the claims is Bishop John Gerry, 07 3876 6973. No writ has been received.

The claimant has not given precise dates of events, however at the beginning of 1967 there was in force a policy with the Queensland Insurance Company Limited, the forebear of QBE. This policy was renewed each year till 31 March 1969, and then replaced by a further policy issued for 12 months. These arrangements cover the whole of the calendar years mentioned. The details are

Renewal Certificate Number 62110

Sum Insured \$100,000

Period 31 March 1966 to 31 March 1967

Renewal Certificate Number 65719

Policy and sum insured as above

Period 31 March 1967 to 31 March 1968

Renewal Certificate Number 68990

"Supporting the mission of the Church through service to Parishes and Agencies"

Policy and Sum Insured as above

Period 31 March 1968 to 31 March 1969

A writ has been received in which the plaintiff is DA and the defendants, Francis Edward Derriman, the Trustees Of The Corporation Of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane. Copy enclosed. It has been referred to Ron Ashton of Minter Ellison, Brisbane. He can provide further details.

Another claimant has emerged called REDACTED His claim relates to the actions of Fr Ronald McKeirnan, and has been referred to Ron Ashton. His solicitors are Carswell and Company. I am not sure exactly when the incidents occurred but they appear to be in the period covered by QBE. Mr Ashton can provide further details.

If you need any further information on these claims, please contact the persons nominated.

Yours Faithfully



P R Corby

General Secretary

John McDuff rang from Carswell & Co. to ask what is going on. I rang Ron Ashton and he agreed to phone McDuff on 4124 3944, REDACTED