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The Very Reverend Dr James R Spence  
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Dear Father Spence

**Re: Frank Derriman / Joan Isaacs**

Further to our discussion yesterday, we now fax a draft of the more detailed response we would recommend be sent communicating the decision of the Church not to pay the substantial civil liability claim. Once again, this is a draft for discussion purposes only.

The letter tries to explain some of the issues as we see them without necessarily being a "statement" from the Church. It is possible that this letter (or extracts therefrom) may be used by the media or others.

In saying that the Church will defend any civil liability proceedings, it is in our view most important that the credibility of that statement be carefully respected. If the Church wanted to pay some form of compensation, then it would be better to reconsider our approach at this point. Having said that, obviously the Church is not "locked in" to any final position.

On reflection, we have further amended the second last paragraph of the letter as we feel that this may be viewed as patronising.

We await your comments and instructions and we will similarly liaise with CCI.

Yours faithfully

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