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## Notes of a Meeting of the St Ann's group dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at the Bishops house on West Terrace.

Present : Tony Fuller  
Archbishop Wilson  
Mons David Cappo  
Allan Dooley  
Anne Carolin  
Eileen Young  
Carmel Kerin  
Pauline Frick  
Joan Atkinson

The meeting was already underway when I arrived. Discussion centred on [MU]. The general drift was when would Professional Standards be doing something with respect to [MU]'s matter. [MU] was not one of the matters subject to the criminal investigation and was also not part of the civil class action.

There was discussion about a parent advocacy meeting that had been held recently and to which the Church had not been invited. The police were apparently represented at the meeting but not the Church. It was suggested that Eileen and/or Anne find out about that meeting and what took place by contacting the police.

There was some discussion about Malcolm Robertson's involvement in [MU]'s case and whether or not a report had been obtained. There was also discussion about police report. There was further discussion about CCI's involvement and current approach to the matter. No concessions in relation to liability had been made at this stage. Tony fuller said now that the high court cases had been handed down a decision from CCI was more likely but had not yet occurred.

I did not record much else of what was said at that meeting as it seemed to go around in circles a bit and <sup>control</sup> sent it on appropriate roles of who was doing what. At the end of the meeting however, I sat down and had a discussion with Eileen and Anne about the further progress of the [MU] matter. Eileen informed me that there had been a first statement taken by Allan Dooley and Jane Swift, which the parents of [MU] had attempted to recall. In any event on our file, <sup>renewed</sup> a subsequent more comprehensive statement which constituted the Contact Report. Eileen said there were two other

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matters called MM and MO are Category 2's and which could also probably be proceeded with. It was quite clear from the meeting that the Archbishop was very anxious to progress MU through the Towards Healing process (on a pastoral basis rather than a legal one?)

After some discussions with Eileen and Anne I undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the Resource Group on the 11<sup>th</sup> March with a view to determining whether or not proceeding directly to mediation/facilitation was a possibility. There was some discussion about the appointment of an appropriate facilitator/mediator (this occurred also during the meeting). Tony Fuller's view on this was that there were arguments for and against appointing the one person to handle all the St Anne's matters. (Lawyers answer). It was also clear that the St Anne's task force did not think it appropriate to subject the Family 6 to any more assessment processes if they had been through a lot with the police and the CEO's processes. I said that if I recalled anything this was also your view and that I would make a report to you as a Director and that you would then determine where we went from here but that the matter would be ready for a mention at the Resource meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and we would make contact with Eileen or Anne after that day to advise how we had progressed. I further indicated at the meeting that I thought any moves we took in relation to this probably had to be subject to Tony Fuller's scrutiny because of the difficult outstanding liability issues and CCI's position. Tony agreed.