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Dear Tony,

**Re St Ann's Special School - Catholic Church**

I refer to our telephone call today and I would like to just confirm my understanding of the extent and scope of the report that the Archbishop requires me to do in relation to this matter.

I understand that I am to enquire into, and report upon, the following matters.

- 1 How Perkins gained employment at the school?
- 2 Whether there was any knowledge of his background or propensities?
- 3 When the allegations of sexual abuse were raised in 1991, how the matter was handled by those having responsibility to do so at the time?

In addressing those issues, I should have regard in a general way to the terms of reference which is contained in the brief insofar as they bear upon the above issues, but it is not my task to conduct an enquiry into the matters detailed in the terms of reference.

I also understand that I am to advise the Archbishop in relation to the above matters, having regard to the material provided to me by you in the form of the various statements from witnesses and the additional material provided to me on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2003, subsequent to our conference.

I also understand that I am to advise you if there are other persons who should be interviewed or if there is any other information which I consider relevant and which might be available.

I wonder whether you could confirm that my understanding as set out above is correct as at this stage I am proceeding on that basis.

Yours sincerely,

*Brian Hayes*

**BRM HAYES QC**