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Dear AFA

**Re: Michael Glennon**

I refer to the conference I had with you on 18 February.

I confirm that I am the Independent Commissioner appointed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne to enquire into allegations of sexual abuse by priests, religious and lay persons within the control of the Archdiocese.

In that capacity, I formally advise you that I am satisfied that you were the victim of sexual abuse by Michael Glennon substantially in the circumstances described by you in the transcript of our conference.

Because I have so found, I can refer you to Carelink which is an agency set up to provide free counselling and psychological support to victims of sexual abuse. Typically, the way in which Carelink operates is for Ms Sue Sharkey, psychologist and Dr Susan Brann, psychiatrist to meet with the complainant and make an assessment of the complainant, which is contained in a detailed report. In cases where a complainant has not been receiving counselling, Carelink will refer that complainant to a suitable practitioner to provide treatment the cost of which will be borne by Carelink.

In your case because you are receiving treatment from Dr Mahendra Perera at the Melbourne Clinic and you are also seeing Mr Dan Torpey it will be unnecessary for Carelink to refer you to a practitioner. Carelink will however liaise with Dr Perera and Mr Torpey with respect to meeting fees payable by you to them. I understand that you are in medical benefits, but if you are required to pay the gap then that will be borne by Carelink.

In any event it will be desirable to obtain reports from Dr Perera and Mr Torpey, and I enclose herewith authorities for them to provide such reports to me. I can refer you to the Compensation Panel which is empowered to make binding recommendations of compensation to the Archbishop up to a limit of \$75,000.

I enclose herewith an Application for Compensation form which I invite you to complete and return to me. In due course you will be contacted by the Chairman of the Compensation Panel, Mr David Curtain QC and he will invite you to attend a non legalistic meeting with the Panel so that there can be determined the appropriate amount of compensation to be recommended you be paid.

The other members of the Compensation Panel are Dr Barbara Taylor (a Psychiatrist), Mr Timothy McFarlane (a Solicitor) and Ms Geraldine Croagh (Pharmacist/Social Worker).

Additionally the Panel will be provided with the reports of Dr Perera and Mr Torpey and most importantly a report from Carelink. I say that because Carelink has had much experience in the preparation of reports for the Panel, and Ms Sharkey and Dr Brann are very experienced and competent in producing appropriately detailed reports.

I await the return of the authorities and the compensation application form.

If you have any queries arising from the above do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

  
Peter J. O'Callaghan  
Independent Commissioner

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