

7/27/2016

FW: File Note - Contact - ALLEN 11/12/14

From: John Cleary <JohnCleary@newcastleanglican.org.au>
To: 'johncleary1@aol.com' <johncleary1@REDACTED>
Subject: FW: File Note - Contact - ALLEN 11/12/14
Date: Wed, Dec 17, 2014 11:23 am



John Cleary
 Diocesan Business Manager &
 Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation CEO
 Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

Level 3, 134 King Street (PO Box 817) Newcastle NSW 2300
Phone: (02) 4926 3733 **Fax:** (02) 49261968 **Direct:** (02) REDACTED
Email: johncleary@newcastleanglican.org.au
Web: www.newcastleanglican.org.au



The contents of this e-mail message and any attachments are confidential and are intended solely for addressee(s). If you have received this message in error, please notify us and remove it from your system.

From: John Cleary
Sent: Wednesday, 17 December 2014 11:23 AM
To: REDACTED; REDACTED
Cc: Michael Elliott
Subject: File Note - Contact - ALLEN 11/12/14

File Note

Keith Allen and his wife, Dr Sandra Smith, attended the annual diocesan board member Christmas function on the evening on 11/12/14 at the Diocesan office at 5.30pm at Level 3, 134 King St NEWCASTLE NSW 2300.

There were approximately 40 people at this function.

At the function, ALLEN advised me that SMITH and he had been at the commission for two days (which appeared to be 4/12 & 5/12 or the 5/12 & 8/12). He advised it was a very draining experience however he had done his best to "fix" Sandra SMITH'S statement "as much as he could" prior to the day to make it easier for her attendance at the Royal Commission. I was unsure what this meant but it sounded to me that he had assisted SMITH with what she was to tell the Royal Commission. ALLEN advised that he will provide me with a copy of the statement in due course as I would need to have it for future reference. I have not followed him up about this.

He also advised that I will need to "spend a day with me soon" to discuss a planned strategy with the Royal Commission so that the Bishop and other senior members of the Diocese are well briefed about the Royal Commission. ALLEN also indicated that this was so that a "common" message was given to the Royal Commission clearly about historical Child Sexual Abuse matters in our diocese. I presumed that ALLEN would attempt to have a similar conversation with Bishop THOMPSON about this as well as former Bishops such as Bishop HOLLAND. Bishop THOMPSON has not mentioned anything to me as at today's date.

History

Allen had previously mentioned to me on the night of 27/11/14 at the Diocesan Council meeting that he and Dr Sandra Smith (Allen's wife) had been called to the Royal Commission for an interview. His comments at the time were that he was unsure what it was regarding but he would keep me informed and that he would be representing her. It was apparent to me that ALLEN may be purporting that the Royal Commission and perhaps the NSW Police were unaware that they were a married couple.

I had not followed ALLEN up on the conversation on the 27/11/14 as I did not want to appear to ALLEN to have an

7/27/2016

FW: File Note - Contact - ALLEN 11/12/14

unhealthy interest in his news unless directed otherwise by the Royal Commission or the NSW Police.

Action

This file note has been forwarded to the Director of Professional Standards, the Royal Commission and the NSW Police for information.

**John Cleary**

Diocesan Business Manager &
Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation CEO
Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

Level 3, 134 King Street (PO Box 817) Newcastle NSW 2300

Phone: (02) 4926 3733 **Fax:** (02) 49261968 **Direct:** (02) [REDACTED]

Email johncleary@newcastleanglican.org.au

Web www.newcastleanglican.org.au



The contents of this e-mail message and any attachments are confidential and are intended solely for addressee(s). If you have received this message in error, please notify us and remove it from your system.