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MATTER: ADRIAN NISBETT

CLIENT: KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

John Weeks telephoned me.

He informed me that:

- Ian Paterson had sought an interview with him as a result of meeting with me.
- Ian Paterson had travelled to Singapore between the meeting with me and meeting with John Weeks. He sits on the Board of the International School.
- Mrs Paterson had rung John Weeks and requested meeting. She indicated Ian Paterson was really disturbed following interview. His memory is not quite there.
- Ian Paterson told John Weeks he does remember about Adrian Nisbett. He suppressed or repressed memory – put it away out of his mind.
- There was a folder with Pearson's report in it – never a diary.
- He cannot remember fully but report was very thick and comprehensive.
- He described a cabinet in the Headmaster's storeroom. He kept all confidential documents there.
- He described a black A4 folder. He kept all records there. He kept close / detailed records. He knew it could be wanted in the future. He always kept it.
- They searched this area.
- They found two folders back to the early '90s. They were grouped and tagged.
- John Weeks said to him "What do you remember?" He replied, "Discipline in Ewan House was terrible. Pearson did an investigation. Adrian was giving boys cigarettes and alcohol. At Sport he was touching boys. A boy was up a ladder. Adrian put his hand on his (the boy's) backside. I got rid of him out of the place. I could never get anything on him. There was never hard evidence. Everybody knew and made comment. There was talk in the community."
- John Weeks spoke to Ian Paterson about the recent incident. (I told John Weeks that I had also spoken to Ian Paterson about the recent incident.) He, Paterson, said, "He's gone."
- John Weeks asked "Why did you let him back into Boarding?" Ian Paterson said, "He was good with kids. Boarding staff were hard to get. Surely he wouldn't do anything stupid. He had the ability to get close to boys. He could overstep the mark."

John Weeks also relayed to me a conversation between Kim Walton (Deputy) and Adrian Nisbett following Adrian Nisbett being informed of the new investigation.

Adrian said, "I don't know what this is about?"

Kim said, "Maybe you ought to think back."

Adrian said, "Well maybe I ought to take all my leave entitlements and leave."

Kim said, "It's not as simple as that. Wherever you leave to you'll be followed."

Adrian said, "It was something, a misunderstanding / misconstrued."

Grahame Wilson