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The Very Reverend Graeme Lawrence

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Dear Graeme,

I write to inform you of the current status of your outstanding professional standards matters. On the 5th August 2010 the Diocese of Newcastle Professional Standards Committee convened to consider your case.

After careful consideration the Committee has determined that the matters relate to "Examinable Conduct" under the terms of the Diocesan Professional Standards Ordinance. The Committee now has the responsibility to investigate these allegations and that investigation process has commenced.

I am now in a position to put to you the preliminary allegations (that may well be clarified and amended at the completion of the investigation). Please find these preliminary allegations attached.

The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Professional Standards Committee (Under Section 34 of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Professional Standards Ordinance – attached) now require you to provide your initial response to these allegations to me in writing by no later than 4.00pm on Thursday the 19th August 2010 (at P.O box 494 Newcastle, NSW 2300). You will have further opportunity to give a detailed response throughout and at the conclusion of the investigation process.

It would be highly inappropriate for you to contact the complainant,^{CKH} or any member of his family either directly or through a third person. You should also expect to be contacted by Mr Geoffrey HODGSON who has been appointed by the Professional Standards Committee to conduct a recorded interview with you in the near future.

I understand this situation would be distressing to you, if you feel that you may require counselling or any other form of support please don't hesitate to contact me (or the Rev'd Jan DEAVE's – Chaplain to respondents) so that this can be arranged.

If you wish to discuss this matter please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Elliott

Director of Professional Standards
 Anglican Diocese of Newcastle