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**NOTES ON ST ANN'S FAMILIES MEETING OF 3/03/2003**  
**SA POLICE INQUIRY REPORT**

At the meeting of Families from St Ann's held last Monday evening, 3rd March 2003, a report was given on the outcome of the Internal SA Police enquiry by Det. Sgt. Mr John McCaffrey, head of the Task force to review evidence and procedures related to the St Ann's allegations. Det. Senior constable Mr Wally Conte from the Child Exploitation Investigation section was also in attendance.

It was disappointing to hear the report will not be made public, and the finding that the whole question of failure of the SA Police to act was put down to "**a failure in communications**" between separate areas in the SA Police and in the DPP.

Mr J McCaffrey said that two sources of information he found very useful when conducting his enquiries were:-

1. **Notes prepared at the time by SA Police officer Mr Joe Clark, who at the time was based at Darlington CIB.** He is now retired but still has the notes listing full details of his meetina(s) at ST ANN's in 1991 with the Principal and Staff, (which included REDACTED who was LD 's teacher in 1986 and 1987), and several parents. His notes also include reference to FACS representatives present when the first accounts of B Perkin's alleged activities were raised.
2. **The "Daily Running Sheets" from the Darlington Police Station.** He suggested that these sheets should be requested for a period of 9 months either side of the likely dates of the above meeting(s). These sheets give details of what was involved in the investigations and of meetings attended by the SA Police at the School.
3. **Mr J McCaffrey also said that SA Police believe that Mr Robert K Hawkes was present at St Ann's as a volunteer on occasions when Mr B Perkins was at ST Ann's, and was probably the person who joined B Perkins in the Woodshed when the light was switched on and off.**

Mr J McCaffrey said that a good question to ask was "what did the SA Police do to investigate these matters, and what evidence have you got?"

**ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN UP WITH DONAL CRAIG BY LINDA CLIFFORD**

I believe that following up the above matters now with an FIR from D Craig would provide tangible evidence of importance to our investigations.

**TYPED BY LN on 6/03/2003 from my notes of meeting of 3/03/2003.**