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The Hon RD Lawson QC MLC
Attorney-General
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Dear Mr Attorney

Re: St Ann's Special School

I refer to our discussion yesterday and confirm that you will be seeking reports from:

1. The Minister for Human Services responsible for the Office of Family and Youth Services ("FAYS") as to what notice they may have had under the mandatory reporting system of the alleged offences against the children attending St Ann's. If they had notice, particulars will be sought on what action was taken by FAYS.
2. The Minister of Education who funds St Ann's School as to what action both the Department and Catholic Education have taken and / or intend to take in response to the alleged offences against students at the School.
3. The Commissioner of Police as to the progress of the investigations into the alleged offences and the reasons for the extraordinary delay in pursuing them. (Another parent at last night's meeting was told by the Police for the first time yesterday afternoon that his son had been identified as one of the victims).

I reported the outcome of our meeting to the parents present at Parent Advocacy last night. I am meeting with them again on Monday 21 January 2002 at 7.30pm when I hope to be able to advise them of the outcome of your inquiries.

I look forward to hearing from you before 21 January 2002 to enable me to further assist the abused mentally disabled children and their parents.

Yours faithfully

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