



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

Data analysis of claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat

Data report

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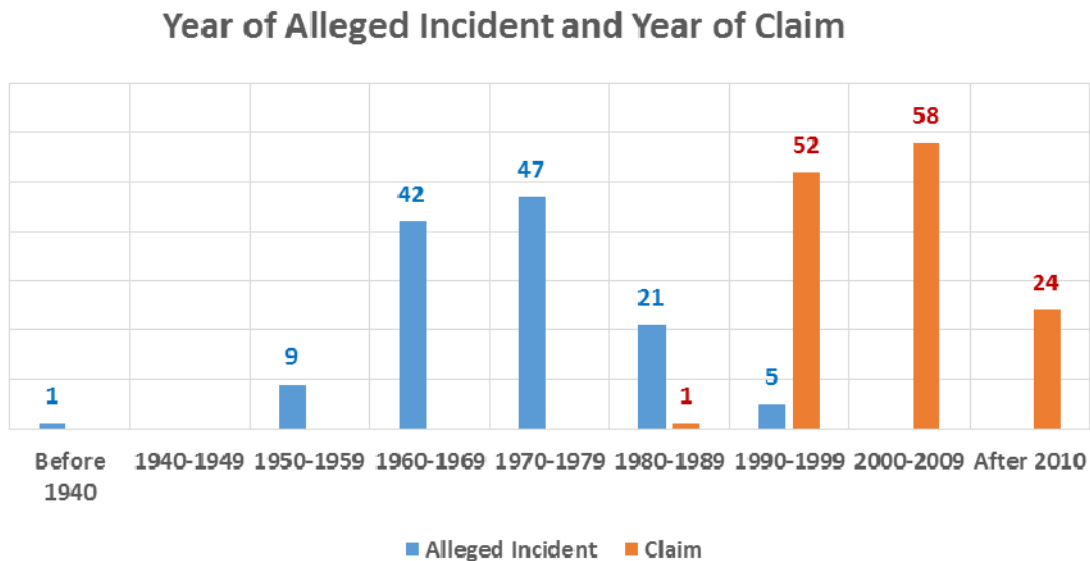
Scope of Analysis

1. The Royal Commission has conducted a comprehensive data survey of all Catholic Church authorities in Australia including the Diocese of Ballarat.
2. The data presented in this document relates to claims that have been received by the Diocese of Ballarat that relate to a person subject to a claim (an accused) operating within the Diocese of Ballarat at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse. However, two claims detailed in this analysis relate to alleged incidents of child sexual abuse occurring outside Australia.
3. The comprehensive data survey sought all claims that were received by the Diocese of Ballarat during the period 1 January 1980 to 28 February 2015. The data includes claims where the allegations were substantiated or accepted and where the allegations were not substantiated. The data also includes claims that are ongoing.
4. A claim of child sexual abuse against Catholic Church personnel is made when a victim, or their solicitor or advocate seeks redress on their behalf through Towards Healing, the Melbourne Response or another redress process, including civil proceedings.
5. Some claims proceeded through both civil and redress processes.
6. This data report does not include an analysis of those claims contained within the data survey completed by the Christian Brothers.

Information pertaining to all claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat

7. The data produced to the Royal Commission revealed that 140 people made a claim of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat.
8. Eleven claimants have made claims that they were subject to child sexual abuse by more than one person in relation to separate incidents of child sexual abuse.
9. The data indicated that the gender of the people who have made a claim of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat (where the gender was reported), was 82% male and 18% female. The average age of these children at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse (where the age was reported) was 10 years old for females and 11 years old for males.
10. Where the age of the claimant was reported, 71% were under the age of 13 years at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse and 29% were 13 years or older.
11. Ninety-five per cent of the claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat related to incidents alleged to have occurred in the period from 1950 to 1989 (inclusive).
12. The decade with the highest number of alleged incidents of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat was the 1970s, with 47 claims or 38% of the total claims relating to this time period.

13. The chart below shows the number of claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat by the year of the alleged incident and the year of claim where relevant dates are known.



14. The data showed that 86 claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat resulted in a monetary compensation payment (either from a civil claim or a redress process).
15. The total reported amount of compensation paid was \$4.66 million (either from a civil claim or a redress process) with an average payment of just over \$54,000 per claim of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat. Some claimants received only treatment, legal or other costs. When taking into consideration treatment, legal and other costs, the data reported that a total of \$4.96 million was paid to 97 claimants at an average of just over \$51,000 per claimant.

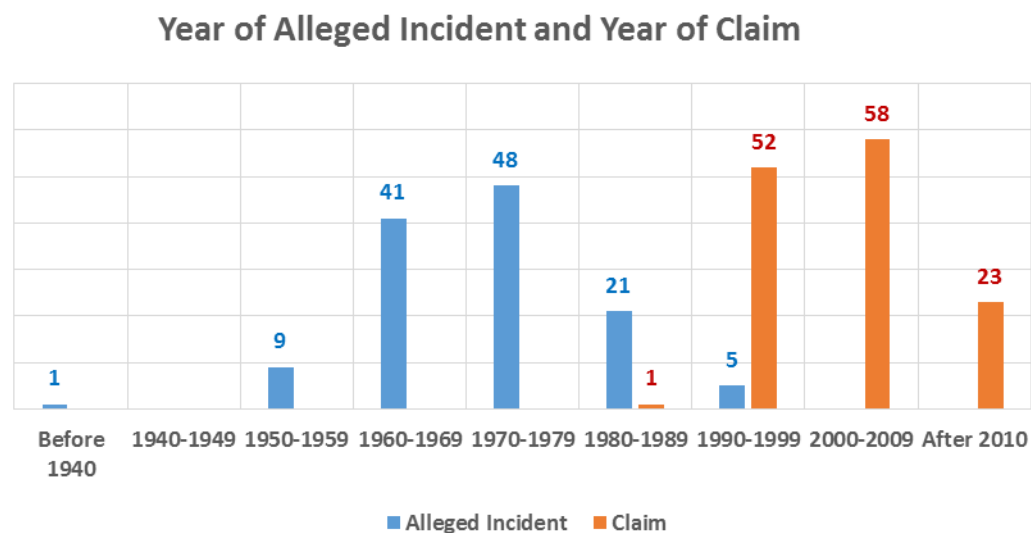
Information pertaining to people who are the subject of claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat

16. The data identified 20 people (priests and religious) subject to one or more claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat. On average, there were 7.7 claims of child sexual abuse per accused. When excluding the claims made against Gerald Ridsdale, there is an average of 3.9 claims per accused. The data did not identify any claims or substantiated complaints relating to employees or volunteers.
17. The data indicated that the gender of the accused in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat (where the gender was reported) was all male.
18. The data indicated (where this information is reported) that 85% of the accused were priests, 15% were non-ordained members of a religious order.
19. The data indicated (where this information was reported) that 65% of people subject to one or more claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat were alive at the time the first was claim was made.

Information pertaining to claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat where the accused is a priest

20. The data produced to the Royal Commission revealed that 139 people made a claim of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat (of the total 140 people who made a claim of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat).
21. Ten of these claims of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat identified more than one accused in relation to separate incidents of child sexual abuse. Four of these claims identified two priests in relation to separate incidents of child sexual abuse. Six of these claims identified one priest and one or more Christian Brothers in relation to separate incidents of child sexual abuse.
22. The data indicated that the gender of the people who made a claim of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat was 82% male and 18% female. The average age of these children at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse (where the age was reported) was 10 years old for females and 11 years old for males.
23. Where the age of the claimant was reported, 71% were under the age of 13 years at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse and 29% were 13 years or older.
24. Ninety-five per cent of claims of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat related to incidents alleged to have occurred from 1950 to 1989 (inclusive).

25. The decade with the highest number of alleged incidents of child sexual abuse where the accused is a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat was the 1970s (where the year of the first alleged incident was known), with 48 claims or 38% of the total claims relating to this time period.
26. The chart below shows the number of claims of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat by the year of the alleged incident and the year of claim (where relevant dates are known).



27. The data showed that of the 139 claims of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat, 86 claims (or 62%) resulted in monetary compensation (either from a civil claim or a redress process).
28. The total reported amount of compensation paid was \$4.66 million with an average payment of just over almost \$54,000 per claim of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat.
29. Of the 139 claims of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat, the data reported that 38 were civil claims (27% of the

total). Of those, three were discontinued, two are ongoing and 33 resulted in monetary compensation.

30. Of the civil claims that resulted in monetary compensation, the data reported that the total amount of compensation paid was \$2.31 million with an average of almost \$70,000 per claimant. Some claimants received only treatment, legal or other costs. When taking into consideration legal and other costs, the data reported that a total of \$2.46 million was paid to claimants at an average of just over \$74,000 per claimant.
31. Of the 139 claims of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat, the data reported that 78% went through a redress process. Of those, 20% were discontinued, 18% are ongoing, 50% resulted in a monetary payment and 19% resulted in a payment for costs.
32. The data reported that 54 claims of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat resulted in paid compensation through a redress process with a reported total payment of \$2.35 million and an average of almost \$44,000 per claimant. Some claimants received only treatment, legal or other costs. When taking into consideration treatment, legal and other costs, the data reported that a total of \$2.5 million was paid to 67 claimants at an average of almost \$37,000 per claimant.
33. In terms of insurance (where this information was known), the data showed that 21 claims (41%) of child sexual abuse against a priest in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat resulted in reduced indemnity. The data identified 19 of these claims as having prior knowledge as the reason for reduced indemnity.

34. The data identified 28 institutions in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat that were subject to claims of child sexual abuse against a priest.
35. Fourteen institutions in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat were subject to more than two claims of child sexual abuse against a priest.

	Number of Institutions	Number of Claims
Institutions with more than 2 claims	14	94
Institutions with 2 claims	1	2
Institutions with 1 claim	13	13
Institution not known	31	31
Total	59	140

Please note that 1 claim involved 2 institutions which is why 140 claims are counted not 139 claims

36. The following institutions in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat were identified as having the highest number of claims of child sexual abuse against a priest (institutions with at least three claims have been selected):

Institution	Number of Claims
Edenhope Parish	19
Mildura Parish	16
Mortlake Parish	7
Ballarat East Parish	7
Apollo Bay Parish	5
Nazareth House Ballarat	5
Ouyen Parish	5
Terang Parish	5
Warrnambool Parish	5
Wendouree Parish	5
St Alipius School	4
Horsham Parish	4
Swan Hill Parish	4
Inglewood Parish	3

Information pertaining to priests who are the subject of one or more claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat

37. The data identified 17 priests who are the subject of one or more claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat with an average of 8.4 claims per accused priest.
38. The data showed that the highest number of claims of child sexual abuse relating to an individual priest was 78, being those against Gerald Ridsdale.
39. When excluding the claims made against Gerald Ridsdale, there is an average of 4.1 claims per accused priest.
40. Seven accused priests were the subject of more than three claims of child sexual abuse – accounting for 90% of all claims.
41. The data indicated (where this information was reported) that none of the accused priests were members of a religious order.
42. The data indicated (where this information was reported) that 65% of the accused priests were alive at the time the first claim was made against them.
43. The data indicated (where this information was reported) that 71% of priests subject to claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat attended the Corpus Christi Seminary.

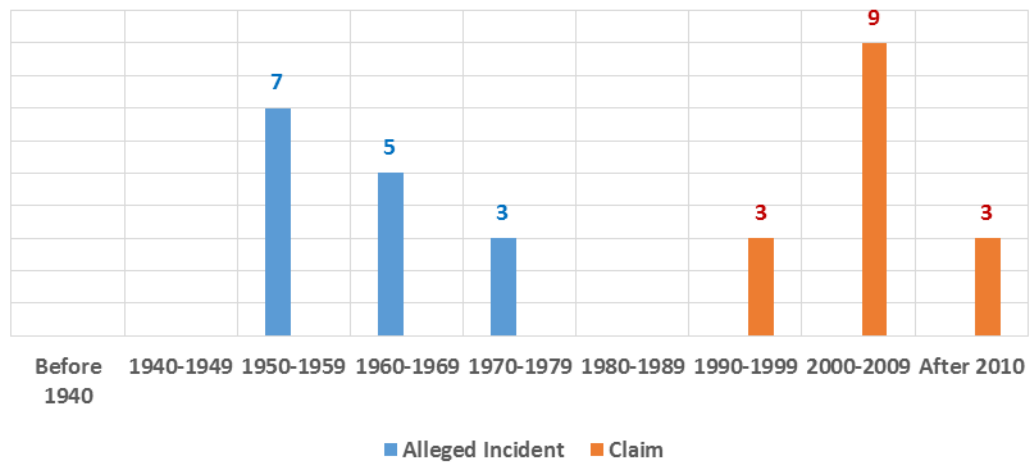
44. The data identified that four of the 17 priests subject to claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat were referred to the Congregation for the Clergy or the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Referral of these priests occurred between 1993 and 2015: one in 1993, one in 1994, one in 2006 and one in 2015.
45. The data identified that four of the 17 priests subject to claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat were the subject of one or more canonical applications (being either an application for dismissal from the priesthood or voluntary laicisation). The first canonical applications for these priests occurred between 1993 and 2015: one in 1993, one in 1994, one in 2006 and one in 2015.
46. The data showed that of the total four priests who were subject to one or more canonical applications (where the outcome is known), two resulted in laicisation and two are pending.

Information pertaining to specific priests who are the subject of claims of child sexual abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat.

John Day

47. The data produced to the Royal Commission revealed that 15 people made a claim of child sexual abuse against John Day. Of the 15 claims, 13 related to Mildura Parish.
48. The alleged incidents reported in the claims of child sexual abuse against John Day occurred in the period from 1954 to 1973 (inclusive).
49. One claim related to alleged incidents after 1972. This claim related to incidents in 1973 in relation to Timboon Parish.
50. The data indicated that the gender of the people who have made a claim of child sexual abuse against John Day (where the gender was reported) was 73% male and 27% female. The average age of these children at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse (where the age was reported) was 10 years old for both females and males.
51. In relation to John Day (where the age of the claimant was known), 75% of the claimants were under the age of 13 at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse and 25% were 13 years old or more.
52. The chart below shows the number of alleged incidents and the number of claims of child sexual abuse against John Day by date (where the pertinent dates are known).

Year of Alleged Incident and Year of Claim



53. The data identified three institutions in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat that were subject to claims of child sexual abuse against John Day. The table below shows the institutions involved by the year of the alleged incidents.

Year	Institution
1954	Mildura Parish
1955	Mildura Parish
1956	Mildura Parish
1957	Mildura Parish
1957	Mildura Parish
1957	Mildura Parish
1958	Apollo Bay Parish
1961	Mildura Parish
1963	Mildura Parish
1965	Mildura Parish
1965	Mildura Parish
1967	Mildura Parish
1970	Mildura Parish
1971	Mildura Parish
1973	Timboon Parish

54. Of the 15 claims of child sexual abuse against John Day, the data reported that one was a civil claim which was discontinued.

55. Of the 15 claims of child sexual abuse against John Day, the data reported that all went through a redress process. Of those, four were discontinued,

nine resulted in monetary compensation and four resulted in a payment for costs.

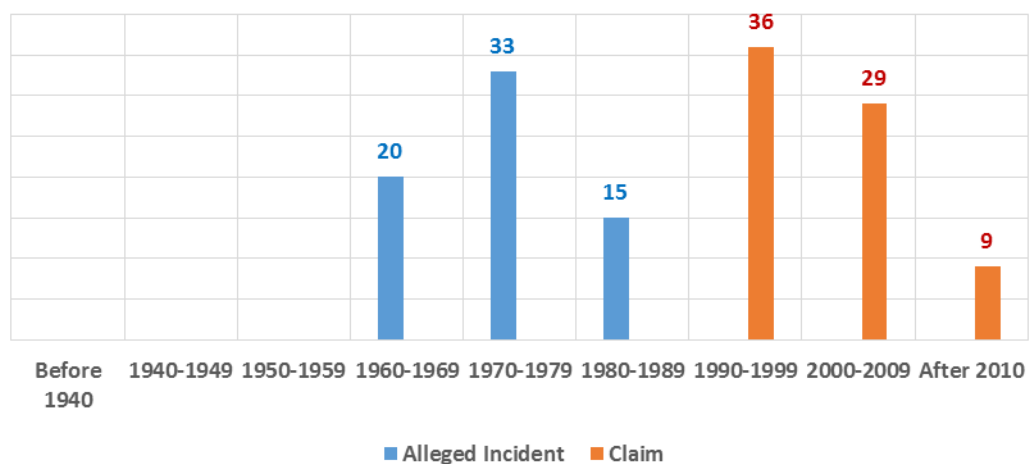
56. The data reported that nine claims of child sexual abuse against John Day resulted in paid compensation through a redress process with a total payment of \$401,000 and an average of almost \$45,000 per claimant. Some claimants received only treatment, legal or other costs. When taking into consideration treatment, legal and other costs, the data reported that a total of just over \$415,000 was paid to 11 claimants at an average of around \$38,000 per claimant.
57. In terms of insurance (where this information was known), the data showed that no claims of child sexual abuse against John Day involved an insurer.
58. The data indicated that John Day :
 - a. Was born in 1904;
 - b. Died in 1978;
 - c. Attended the Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne and was ordained in 1930.
59. The data also showed that:
 - a. The first alleged incident of child sexual abuse the subject of a claim against John Day occurred 24 years after his ordination (he was 50 years old);
 - b. Of the 15 claims of child sexual abuse against John Day, none were made before his death;
 - c. John Day was not referred to the Congregation for Clergy or the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith;

- d. John Day was placed on administrative leave in 1973; and
- e. John Day was not the subject of a canonical application.

Gerald Ridsdale

60. The data produced to the Royal Commission revealed that 78 people made a claim of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale.
61. The alleged incidents reported in the claims of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale occurred in the period from 1961 to 1988 (inclusive).
62. Of those (where the date is known) 34 claims related to alleged incidents of child sexual abuse that were post-1975.
63. The data indicated that the gender of the people who have made a claim of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale (where the gender was reported) was 88% male and 12% female. The average age of these children at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse (where the age was reported) was 10 years of age for females and 11 years of age for males.
64. In relation to Gerald Ridsdale (where the age of the claimant was known), 73% of the claimants were under the age of 13 at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse and 27% were 13 years old or more.
65. The chart below shows the number of alleged incidents and the number of claims of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale by date (where the pertinent dates are known).

Year of Alleged Incident and Year of Claim



66. The data revealed 13 institutions in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat that were subject to claims of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale. The table below shows the institutions involved by the year of the alleged incidents (where the date and the institution are known).

Year	Institution
1961	Nazareth House Ballarat
1961	Nazareth House Ballarat
1962	Nazareth House Ballarat
1963	Nazareth House Ballarat
1963	Mildura Parish
1963	Ballarat East Parish
1963	Nazareth House Ballarat
1963	Mildura Parish
	Port Fairy Parish, Warrnambool Parish
1964	Swan Hill Parish
1964	Swan Hill Parish
1965	Mildura Parish
1965	Swan Hill Parish
1968	Warrnambool Parish
1969	St Alipius School Ballarat East
1969	Warrnambool Parish
1970	Warrnambool Parish
1970	Warrnambool Parish
1970	St Alipius School Ballarat East
1971	Ballarat East Parish
1972	Ballarat East Parish
1972	St Alipius School Ballarat East
1972	Swan Hill Parish
1973	Apollo Bay Parish

1974	St Alipius School Ballarat East
1974	Edenhope Parish
1974	Apollo Bay Parish
1974	Edenhope Parish
1974	Apollo Bay Parish
1974	Inglewood Parish
1975	Edenhope Parish
1975	Inglewood Parish
1975	Edenhope Parish
1975	Edenhope Parish
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1976	Edenhope Parish
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1978	Edenhope Parish
1978	Edenhope Parish
1978	Edenhope Parish
1978	Edenhope Parish
1979	Coleraine Parish
1979	Edenhope Parish
1980	Edenhope Parish
1980	Edenhope Parish
1980	Mortlake Parish
1980	Edenhope Parish
1980	Mortlake Parish
1980	Mortlake Parish
1981	Mortlake Parish
1981	Mortlake Parish
1981	Edenhope Parish
1981	Mortlake Parish
1986	Horsham Parish
1988	Horsham Parish

67. Of the 78 claims of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale, the data reported that 36 were civil claims. Of those, two were discontinued, two are ongoing, 32 resulted in monetary compensation and five resulted in a payment for costs.

68. The data reported that 32 claims of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale resulted in paid compensation through civil claims with a total payment of just over \$2.27 million and an average of just over \$71,000 per

claimant. When taking into consideration treatment, legal and other costs, the data reported that a total of just over \$2.42 million was paid to 32 claimants at an average of almost \$76,000 per claimant.

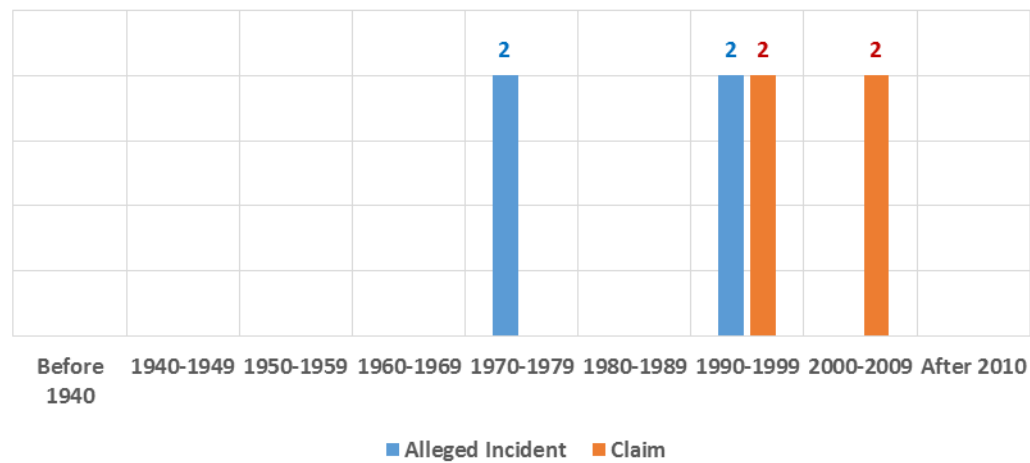
69. Of the 78 claims of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale, the data reported that 48 were made through a redress process. Of those, 10 were discontinued, 24 resulted in monetary compensation and eight resulted in a payment for costs.
70. The data reported that 24 claims of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale resulted in paid compensation through a redress process with a total payment of just over \$1.19 million and an average of almost \$49,000 per claimant. Some claimants received only treatment, legal or other costs. When taking into consideration treatment, legal and other costs, the data reported that a total of just over \$1.2 million was paid to 28 claimants at an average of just over \$43,000 per claimant.
71. In terms of insurance (where this information was known), the data showed that 18 claims (49% of the claims) of child sexual abuse against Gerald Ridsdale resulted in reduced indemnity. Each of these claims identified reduced indemnity due to prior knowledge.
72. During the mid-1990s, Catholic Church Insurances (CCI), whilst settling claims against Gerald Ridsdale established that there was no liability after 31 December 1975 on the basis of prior knowledge. Accordingly, the Diocese of Ballarat repaid \$600,000 to CCI in two instalments of \$300,000 in April 1999 and 2000. The reimbursement related to the 18 claims against Gerald Ridsdale which related to alleged incidents of child sexual abuse after 31 December 1975.

73. The data indicated that Gerald Ridsdale:
- a. Was born in 1934;
 - b. Is still alive;
 - c. Attended the Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne and was ordained in 1961.
74. The data also showed that:
- a. The first alleged incident of child sexual abuse the subject of a claim against Gerald Ridsdale occurred the year of his ordination (he was 27 years old);
 - b. Gerald Ridsdale was referred to the Congregation for Clergy or the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1993;
 - c. Gerald Ridsdale was placed on administrative leave in 1988; and
 - d. Gerald Ridsdale was the subject of a canonical application that resulted in a final determination of laicisation.

Paul David Ryan

75. The data produced to the Royal Commission revealed that four people made a claim of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan. Two claims related to alleged incidents of child sexual abuse in the Diocese of Ballarat. The other two claims related to alleged incidents of child sexual abuse in Virginia, USA.
76. The data indicated that the gender of the people who have made a claim of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan (where the gender was reported) was all male. The average age of these children at the time of the alleged child sexual abuse (where the age was reported) was 14 years of age.
77. In relation to Paul David Ryan (where the age of the claimant was known), all claimants were 13 years old or more.
78. The alleged incidents reported in the claims of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan occurred in the period from 1979 to 1992 (inclusive).
79. The chart below shows the number of alleged incidents and the number of claims of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan by date (where the pertinent dates are known).

Year of Alleged Incident and Year of Claim



80. The data identified two institutions in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat that were subject to a claim of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan. The table below shows the two institutions which were each subject to one claim within the Diocese of Ballarat and the year of the alleged incidents. The other two claims relate to alleged incidents occurring in Virginia, USA).

Year	Institution
2005	Penshurst Parish
2007	Ararat Parish

- 81. Of the four claims of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan, the data reported that none of these were civil claims.
- 82. Of the four claims of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan, the data reported that all went through a redress process. Of those, none were discontinued, four resulted in monetary compensation and none resulted in a payment for costs.
- 83. The data reported that four claims of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan resulted in paid compensation through a redress process with a total payment of just over \$182,000 and an average of almost \$46,000 per claimant.

84. In terms of insurance (where this information was known), the data showed that one claim of child sexual abuse against Paul David Ryan resulted in reduced indemnity. Prior knowledge was identified as the reason for the reduced indemnity.
85. The data indicated that Paul David Ryan :
 - a. Was born in 1948;
 - b. Is still alive;
 - c. Attended the St Francis Xavier Seminary in Adelaide and subsequently the Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne and was ordained in 1976.
86. The data also showed that:
 - a. The first alleged incident of child sexual abuse the subject of a claim against Paul David Ryan occurred three years after his ordination (he was 31 years old);
 - b. Paul David Ryan was referred to the Congregation for Clergy or the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2006;
 - c. Paul David Ryan was subject to restrictive ministry in 1993 and placed on administrative leave in 1995; and
 - d. Paul David Ryan was the subject of a canonical application for dismissal from the priesthood in 2006, the outcome of which is pending.



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