

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 2:19 PM

Subject: Re: Statutory Inquiries Committee letter

No [REDACTED]

I hope that a reply by email is acceptable.

Dear Lord Norton

Many thanks for your letter of 23 February following my appearance before your committee on 19 February.

In reply to your question regarding any engagement I may have had with a sponsoring minister during my time as Inquiry Secretary: I had no contact with minister's directly.

Shortly after the establishment of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse the Home Office established a formal Inquiries sponsor team.

All of my engagement was with the senior civil servant leading this team. I found this a very efficient way to liaise with the Home Office and my understanding is that this team are responsible for engagement with all Home Office sponsored Inquiries.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to give evidence before your committee.

Yours Sincerely

John O'Brien