



Mr Martin Sewell (Rochester) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q162 On the 23 June 2023 writing on behalf of his client Gilo, Solicitor and IICSA Advocate for Survivors Richard Scorer wrote to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York raising specific concerns about a historic dismissal of complaint against the Secretary General asking questions, and referencing new documentary evidence from a third party source.

On the 18 October 2023 Mr Scorer wrote to Prof Alexis Jay enclosing a copy of the unanswered letter stating "Since I sent this letter in July I have been repeatedly promised by the personal private secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, that the letter is receiving the Archbishop's attention and that a substantive reply will be sent. However, nearly 4 months later, no substantive reply has been received. I chased again today."

Will the Archbishops undertake to respond fully to Mr Scorer forthwith explaining why there has been such a lengthy delay, and will they deliver a copy of that reply to Professor Jay?

The Archbishop of York to reply on behalf as joint President of the Archbishops' Council:

A Thank you for your question. Whilst neither myself nor the Archbishop of Canterbury are obliged to do so, we have asked external auditors to undertake a targeted review of the matters raised, prior to providing a substantive response. This work will begin shortly, and we hope it will be completed as soon as possible. We will shortly provide an update to Mr Scorer.

