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Dear Sirs

My Client: 'Gilo'

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named, my client.

As you may be aware, there has been no substantive response to my letter to the Archbishops of June 2023 (attached for your ease of reference), despite Synod promises by the Archbishop of York at February's Synod and previously that a response would be forthcoming. Questions have so far been raised at three General Synod meetings on this matter. And I have sent a number of unsuccessful prompts (I attach mine of 12.11.2024 by way of illustration).

My client has written many letters during the past two years, all of which have been copied to one of the Trustees, Church Commissioner Morag Ellis. The complaint has dragged on for a total of five years since the initial complaint in 2020 and my client has written well in excess of a hundred letters. All have hit an institutional brick wall.

In light of the fact that Archbishop Welby has since resigned, and Archbishop Cottrell and his office seem to be incommunicado, I'm writing to the Trustees and your CEO to ask for an urgent response to my June 2023 letter. In short, can you please let my client and I know the outcome of the investigation by the Archbishops Council Audit Committee and by BDO. And what follow-up is planned.

Will there for example be apologies to my client and to Andrew Graystone for the false response to the complaint in 2020 as outlined in my earlier letter?

Will there be an apology to Ian Elliott for the way in which his work and review was turned into a forum for reputation management by Archbishops Council and its insurer Ecclesiastical?

Will there be recognition by the Church that IICSA should have received the documentary material from the Archbishops Council, NST, and from the Bishop of London - to give an accurate picture of how the Church was working with the insurer following that Review? It is our belief that the findings of the Inquiry would have been significantly different had Archbishops Council behaved with transparency.

Will there be an apology for the length of time it has taken for resolution and closure on these matters?

What outcome, if any, will there be for any found to have been bad actors in this? Will there be accountability?

I look forward to hearing from you without further delay. My client is cc'd.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Slater & Gordon Lawyers". The script is cursive and fluid, with the ampersand being particularly stylized.

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