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Dear Martin

I write under instruction from Lloyd Evans who as you know is a core participant in the Religious Settings investigation. I am asked to seek clarification of your letter to Leigh House dated 5 February 2021 (attached) in response to the petition asking the inquiry to seek further disclosure from CCJW.

In particular, the letter states that it would not be "appropriate, fair or lawful" for the inquiry to seek further disclosure from CCJW at this stage.

I would be grateful if you could please clarify the basis for that assertion. The inquiry has wide powers under the Inquiries Act 2005 to compel disclosure, and these powers will last as long as the inquiry itself.

Whilst it may be reasonable to seek disclosure from all the organisations being examined in an investigation on an equal footing in the first instance, plainly the inquiry's approach to disclosure thereafter must be informed by the evidence as it develops. If for example particular issues arise in relation to the adequacy or reliability of a particular organisation's disclosure, such that further disclosure requests become necessary in order for the inquiry to properly discharge its terms of reference, then inquiry has both the power and obligation to seek such additional disclosure.

We therefore do not understand why you consider any such further request of itself not to be "appropriate, fair or lawful" and would be grateful if you would clarify further, dealing with each of "appropriate", "fair" and "lawful" in turn.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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