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McKay P (Paul)

From: Verrall M (Maureen)
Sent: 11 March 2004 18:32
To: Byrne G (Gerald); Neilands S (Susan)
Cc: Minister for Education and Young People
Subject: FW: ALLEGATIONS OF HISTORICAL ABUSE AT LIST D SCHOOLS

Importance: High

Gerald c.c. Susan & David

As discussed, can you check whether anything went back to the Minister, asap please to discuss on Tuesday. Thanks

Maureen

-----Original Message-----

From: Minister for Education and Young People
Sent: 11 March 2004 16:18
To: Verrall M (Maureen)
Subject: FW: ALLEGATIONS OF HISTORICAL ABUSE AT LIST D SCHOOLS
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Maureen,

As discussed.

David

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From: Verrall M (Maureen)
Sent: 22 December 2003 10:14
To: Byrne G (Gerald); Neilands S (Susan); MacLean CR (Colin); Minister for Education and Young People
Subject: FW: ALLEGATIONS OF HISTORICAL ABUSE AT LIST D SCHOOLS
Importance: High

Gerald, Susan

c.c. Colin MacLean
 David Stewart

We'll need to put supplementary advice to the Minister for his return in January. My initial reaction is that the appointment of an independent expert falls on the same basis as an enquiry or commission, i.e that Ministers know what the problems were, there would be little, if anything, more to be learned, current procedures have changed so much since the alleged abuses that the circumstances could not be repeated now and all effort should therefore be focused on providing what help we can to the victims of the historical abuse. This was pretty much the view of all the Ministers at the meeting they had in September. However, when we spoke to the Minister in November he was concerned that we be absolutely clear about the views of FM before going public, so we need to think about whether there would be anything to be gained from the appointment of an independent - even if only in handling and presentational terms - before going back to the Minister. Can we have a word when we are all here on 5/1? Thanks

Maureen

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From: Ritchie MD (Martin)