

PE1351, Historical Abuse Issues

From: From: From: Formal Scottish Government Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2010 10:42

Dear Chris,

I just wish to clarify the following so that there is no misunderstanding-as to our position in these matters as-I am now unable to attend the Petitions meeting on Tuesday 7th December 2010, due to adverse weather conditions-Edinburgh Airport closed today, following FBGA's submissions dated the 12th and 29th November 2010 to the Petitions Committee in relation to PE1351.

FBGA and I support fully this Petition provided, the said Petition 1351 addresses fully and delivers Redress, Reparation, Remedies and effective inquiries in line with the SHRC framework document and recommendations for ALL victim-survivors and that all the processes are fully inclusive for all former residents from all institutions where abuse has been alleged or where convictions have been upheld in the Scottish Courts and regardless where they live. This has always been the consistent position of FBGA and I. We have consistently also raised this throughout, including to the Scottish Government representatives, Chair and Commissioners of TTBH.

We believe that it is important that the Petitioners provide all the facts and evidence to support there assertions that the ICSSS is unfit for purpose and address fully your other claims in the Petition concerning the ICSSS service and the other issues. As we are very concerned now as a group which engaged fully with the Government and worked in a subgroup for over a year for such a service for Scottish survivors. As the feedback we have from Quarriers service users is somewhat contray to the Petitioners position.

That All the parties including the Petitioners of PE1351 fully respect the rights of others including the Quarriers victim-survivors to self determination, self representation and full inclusion in all the processes, including on any advisor board or other such processes that may be initiated regarding Scotland. That all victim-survivors and there representatives have a right, and may wish to exercise fully such rights and chose to participate and engage fully with all the processes including TTBH and any other process going forward.

FBGA and I have provided our submissions to the Petitions Committe on the basis of our consistent, open and transparent position and how the issues can ultimately be resolved in our view, in line with the SHRC framework document by full inclusion in all the processes, to the benefit of ALL victim-survivors concerning Scotland,s past historical abuse issues.

We believe also that the Scottish Government and its representatives should address fully all the questions and issues that we raise in our submissions as part of this process and as participants in TTBH.

I am happy to clarify any point in our submissions should you require that. I wish you well in your endeavours.

Yours Sincerely David Whelan FBGA Former Boys and Girls Abused in Quarriers Homes

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