

Media Statement by the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr Phillip Aspinall

Re: Independent Inquiry into Past Handling of Allegations of Sexual Abuse or Misconduct in the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming today.

Deepest apologies

I want my very first words today to extend once again to any person who has been harmed, by the actions of a few members of this diocese, our deepest apology, and to express our sense of shame and profound regret that this has happened, no matter how long ago.

Any examination of sexual abuse quickly reveals its devastating impacts. I found the most harrowing reading in the Report made public today the first-hand accounts of victims of abuse.

I recognise that no words of mine can undo the harm and hurt victims have endured. But one thing that this report makes very clear yet again is the importance of an apology to those harmed together with an assurance that they have done nothing wrong. So I repeat our apology knowing that to do so, and the whole process of the inquiry, are important and essential elements in the process towards healing.

The Inquiry

In recent years the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane has been subjected to widespread criticism of its past handling of complaints of sexual abuse and misconduct.

Some of that criticism was well-founded and some of it was ill-founded.

But the extensive public controversy and community concern compelled the establishment of an independent Board of Inquiry. There has been, and remains, great public interest in this matter.

The Board's own processes have been the subject of some public criticism, and there has been speculation in the media in recent time that the Board's report was going to be a "whitewash".

That is another reason why the Board's account of its processes and its findings should be in the public domain.

I believe that any fair reading of the report dispels the uninformed prediction that the report was going to be a "whitewash".

The public release of the independent board's report will permit an informed public discussion on matters of community concern.

Tabling in parliament

To that end, and given the legal limitations of a private inquiry, I approached the Queensland Premier. Mr Beattie agreed to table and publish the report in the Queensland Parliament.

I believe this step was appropriate given the public controversy that led to the Board's establishment, and the ongoing community concern about the subject of its report.

In accordance with the Parliamentary Papers Act, it is open to members of the public, including media representatives, to obtain a copy of the report from the Parliament, and to fairly report its contents.

The public release of the report through the Parliament will facilitate informed public discussion.

Overview: Findings

The Report includes criticism of the conduct of individuals and groups.

Some of those individuals and groups may feel that they have been the subject of harsh and unfair criticism.

Other people may feel that the findings of the Board have been too lenient.

I would underscore the point that the findings have been reached by an independent Board of Inquiry, consisting of individuals of the highest reputation, after a lengthy investigation.

I have no reason to doubt that the Board accorded individuals procedural fairness.

I am informed that this included providing affected individuals with a copy of the Board's conclusions in draft form to enable them to make further submissions to the Board.

You will see that, in various places in the Report, there is reference to submissions made on behalf of individuals, about why the Board should not reach these conclusions.

I expect that some individuals, or their representatives, will wish to re-iterate these submissions and dispute the conclusions reached by the Board.

Confidence in process

The Board has reported its findings after an extensive investigation extending from June 2002 until April 2003.

In some ways, the Report is like an independent audit of both past matters and present processes.

I have no reason to doubt, and every reason to believe, that the Board acted without fear or favour, in a compassionate and professional manner, to the fullest extent the law allows.

The Report speaks for itself, in that sense and generally.

General response to findings

Where the Report finds that the past handling of complaints was unfair, unreasonable or inappropriate the Diocese will continue to work to resolve grievances, as well as offering what support, counselling and assistance it can.

The Diocese will continue to examine closely the findings made by the Board in the light of action that has already been taken or is currently under way.

Where further action is to be taken, it is important it be in accordance with fair procedures and legal requirements.

Dr Hollingworth

Inevitably there will be significant interest in the Board's findings as they relate to Dr Hollingworth.

Let me reiterate that this was not an inquiry into Dr Hollingworth. There have been many other individuals and groups scrutinised by the Board and indeed criticised in the Board's report. Nor is it true to say that it was an inquiry into the handling of complaints during Dr Hollingworth's years as Archbishop of Brisbane. Some of the matters before the Board related to events well before Dr Hollingworth's time in Brisbane.

However I recognise the inevitable interest in the Board's findings as they relate to Dr Hollingworth, so let me address them directly.

First, it is clear from the Board's report that the Board does not agree that some of the criticism levelled at Dr Hollingworth has been justified. In particular with respect to the controversy surrounding the Toowoomba Preparatory School matters the Board's considered finding was, and I quote:

The Board does not consider that Dr Hollingworth's role in respect of the Toowoomba Preparatory School claims should be criticised. As appears in the detailed Report, Dr Hollingworth was entitled to assume, on the basis of what he was told, and because the day to day management of the school was in the hands of the Head Master and the School Council, that the matter was being properly and adequately handled (11.4 p.31).

However, secondly, the Board's report contains criticism of Dr Hollingworth in respect of the handling of the Elliot matter. After weighing the information available to it including submissions from Dr Hollingworth's solicitors, parts of which are reproduced in the Report, the Board found that, and I quote:

... The Board considers no Bishop acting reasonably could have reached the decision to continue a known paedophile in the ministry. There were no extenuating circumstances nor can the Board imagine any that could have justified his continuance (15.8, p.49).

Dr Hollingworth's decision, whilst made in good faith, and in consultation, and without demur of the bishops whom he consulted, and in the belief that precautionary conditions imposed minimised the risk of recurrence, was untenable ... (15.9, p.49).

Inevitably I will be asked for my view about this finding of the Board.

Let me say that I find no joy whatsoever in criticising Dr Hollingworth, nor anyone else for that matter. At a personal level I would much rather not be in the circumstances I now find myself. I am also very mindful of the very difficult and personally stressful circumstances in which Dr and Mrs Hollingworth are presently facing following Mrs Hollingworth's surgery last week.

However, I believe it is incumbent on me as Archbishop to express my firm view that to allow Elliot to continue in office, following his admission of child sexual abuse, was a serious error of judgment. I take this view without expressing an opinion about whether or not the child sexual abuse was understood to be a long-past, isolated incident.

As early as June 2002 I indicated to the Synod of the Diocese, the principles which I believe should govern our approach to these matters. The Board endorsed, and reproduced in its Report, part of my address to the Synod (21.1, pp.56-59). One of those governing principles is:

Any person found to have abused children or to have engaged in serious sexual misconduct will not be permitted to continue to exercise a ministry which exposes vulnerable people to further harm (21.1, p.59).

In short, if you abuse you will not minister.

On a third matter, concerning retired Bishop Donald Shearman, the Board has reported in the following terms:

The Respondent, a retired Bishop, had permission to officiate in the Brisbane diocese. The Complainant asked that this be taken from the Respondent. Dr Hollingworth considered that request and for reasons that appear in the detailed Report, he declined to do so. Whether that decision was correct is a matter upon which the Chairman and Professor Briggs are unable to agree. On balance and notwithstanding the powerful arguments to the contrary, the Chairman considered that in all the circumstances this was a reasonable exercise of Dr Hollingworth's discretion. Professor Briggs on the other hand considers that once Dr Hollingworth in his capacity as Archbishop was apprised of the serious misconduct of the Respondent, he should in order to demonstrate proper moral leadership, have withdrawn the permission. Professor Briggs considers that in the circumstances Dr Hollingworth's failure to do so was inappropriate (13.10, pp40-41).

On my reading of the Report I think this was the only matter on which the Board could not come to a unified view.

I make reference to these three matters for two reasons. First, in my view they are significant findings likely to attract public interest. Secondly I believe they also demonstrate the independence, objectivity and even-handedness of the Board and its consideration of the matters before it.

Action taken since February 2002

Since February 2002 the diocese has acted on a number of fronts to prevent abuse in the future, as far as is humanly possible, and to ensure that any complaints are properly handled.

These reforms are significant steps in what will be an ongoing process.

Allegations of abuse involving children are now immediately reported to police. 40 allegations of abuse have been reported to the police since my installation.

Some 157 files have been opened relating to abuse complaints - some involve matters which are very old, dating back as far as the 1930s.

I have withdrawn the licences of six clergy for reasons related to sexual misconduct or failure to obtain a blue card.

Five clergy licences have been suspended pending investigation of allegations.

New child protection policies have been developed.

A new protocol for handling complaints has been implemented.

We have also lobbied for a national Church approach and contributed people and resources to its development.

Professional counselling is immediately offered to anyone making a complaint to the diocese, where that is appropriate.

A full-time Protection Coordinator has been appointed. Tracey Lange commenced work yesterday. An ex police officer herself, Tracey's role will be to ensure correct procedures are followed in dealing with complaints, to facilitate preventative education for children and workers and to implement professional development initiatives with staff and volunteers.

The diocese has worked to remove as far as possible adversarial processes from the complaints

process. Thirty one claims have been settled through voluntary mediation, run in strict accordance with mediation principles.

These and other actions have already been taken. They reflect the diocese's resolve to tackle sexual and other abuse thoroughly and properly.

We acknowledge that we have not always got it right in the past and that we have been slow to change. But these actions indicate our firm intention that the future will be different.

We are determined to create a culture of awareness, an arena of safety and a climate of care throughout the church.

Support of 'ordinary' Anglicans

The inquiry would not have happened had Brisbane's Anglicans, through their diocesan council representatives, not been committed to addressing the whirlwind of allegations that emerged following the Supreme Court judgment in December 2001.

I suppose there are somewhere around 500,000 Queenslanders who identify themselves as Anglicans. They are as horrified as I am whenever abusive conduct happens in their church.

Among these 500,000 are people who have been abused themselves as children and parents whose own children have been abused - most probably in a family context or by close family friends. They know the pain and destructive effects of abuse.

The vast majority, of course, are decent, good and compassionate people who had no part whatsoever in the despicable behaviours of a few and who wholeheartedly support me and the diocesan council in the steps we are taking. I thank them for their support.

It would be remiss of me not to place on the public record my sincere thanks to those victims, members of their families and others who found the courage, hope and trust to participate in the inquiry and contributed much to achieving worthwhile outcomes.

I also want to thank church workers past and present who by their voluntary participation also manifested their goodwill and desire to face the truth and contribute to the healing process.

I also acknowledge the staff of the Diocese who have given unstintingly to assist the inquiry.

I also thank the Parliament of Queensland for tabling and printing the Report thereby enabling full public access and discussion.

Finally I place on record my gratitude to Mr Peter O'Callaghan QC who expertly navigated the Board through very difficult territory and Professor Freda Briggs who brought a lifetime of expertise and unquestionable commitment to the task.

Conclusion

This inquiry was established to enable the church to face the truth of any past mistakes, to set right any mistakes as far as possible and to ensure a better future. I believe the Report provides a proper basis for those hopes to be achieved. Indeed much has already been achieved though there is further to travel.

I pray now that God will bless this endeavour and the lives of those touched by it.

Media Statement

Independent Inquiry into Past Handling of Complaints of Sexual Abuse in the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane

The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall

Archbishop of Brisbane

27 June 2002

Following widespread community concern about the way the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane had handled complaints of sexual abuse, on 19th February this year I announced that I would 'propose to Diocesan Council ... that an independent inquiry be conducted into those and associated matters.'

That same week the Diocesan Council gave its unanimous support to such an inquiry.

Today I am able to announce the names of those I have invited to conduct the inquiry and its terms of reference.

Board of Inquiry

Solicitors independent of the Diocese of Brisbane have been instructed to retain Mr Peter O'Callaghan QC to Chair the Board of Inquiry.

Mr O'Callaghan is an eminent member of the legal profession with widespread experience in both the conduct of inquiries and investigations and in the particular area of sexual abuse.

Mr O'Callaghan has been involved in a number of Royal Commissions including into liquor, petroleum, the Builders Labourers Federation and Tricontinental. He chairs the appeals board for the AFL.

Of particular relevance for this inquiry is Mr O'Callaghan's experience as the independent commissioner responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church in Melbourne. This role is limited to investigation of complaints and making a determination as to whether abuse occurred. I wish to make two points here: As independent commissioner, Mr O'Callaghan has had no dealings with compensation claims. As independent commissioner, he has also won the respect of victims' group. Victims' groups and victims' advocates have assured me that, in discharging his responsibilities, Mr O'Callaghan has not only been fair to victims but has encouraged and assisted victims in the painful and difficult task of telling their stories.

Mr O'Callaghan has compassion and respect for the people who come before him. That combined with his eminent legal skills make him well equipped for the task he now undertakes.

I have also invited Professor Freda Briggs to sit on the Board of Inquiry. Professor Briggs is also a very eminent person in our community having recently been appointed Professor Emeritus of Child Development in the University of South Australia.

Professor Briggs has given her professional life to addressing issues of child protection and children's welfare. Her expertise is sought internationally sought. She has served on State and Federal committees, including a Prime Minister's taskforce on sexual abuse

relating to children with disabilities. She holds international awards and has advised overseas police forces, educationalists and governments on issues of child protection and welfare. She has been sought to provide expert advice including in relation to law suits involving issues of sexual abuse. Professor Briggs is well known for her championing the rights of children and victims. She will bring to this task both compassion and intellectual rigour.

In Mr O'Callaghan and Professor Briggs I believe we have two eminent, skilled, independent and utterly trustworthy and reliable people who will examine thoroughly all the available information and make recommendations for action without fear or favour.

Terms of Reference

Establishing proper terms of reference for the inquiry has taken some time. Counsel, independent of the Diocese of Brisbane, Mr Graham Gibson QC, was engaged to draft terms of reference. Members of the Board of Inquiry then had opportunity to have input and all their recommendations have been incorporated into the final terms. I understand that both members of the Board are confident that the final terms of reference represent a firm basis for a well-focused inquiry with constructive outcomes.

The Board of Inquiry will examine allegations that the way the Church dealt with complaints in the past was unfair, unreasonable or inappropriate.

It is important to be clear. As I said when I first announced the Inquiry in February, it will focus specifically on the past handling of complaints of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct. It is not an open inquiry into all complaints of sexual abuse in the Anglican Church in Brisbane. It is limited to those complaints made in the past which people feel were not handled properly. Processes are in place to deal with new complaints being made for the first time.

Where the Board of Inquiry finds that past action by the Church was unfair, unreasonable or inappropriate I expect to receive recommendations about appropriate responses. This will include what the church can now do to correct past shortcomings as far as possible.

The board may also make recommendations about what the church must do to ensure the best policies and procedures are in place for the future.

The Board of Inquiry will observe all mandatory reporting requirements and will refer appropriate matters to the civil authorities. It is my view that all complaints relating to offences against children should be referred to the police but I understand that where the complainant is now an adult, the complainant's consent may be required prior to any referral.

I have indicated to the Board that it is my intention to make public as much as possible of the Board's report to me. As I said in February, I understand that the Board may recommend that parts of the report should remain confidential. That may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of victims, to protect the rights of any accused person, or to protect participants from potential defamation actions.

The inquiry will not be conducted in public because of the sensitive nature of the allegations, the need to protect victims from further harm and the inherent presumption of innocence to which any accused person is entitled.

Victims

The last few months have reinforced for me, and I know for many others, just how devastating sexual abuse can be for those who are abused. As I said at our Synod last weekend, 'the damage caused by sexual abuse never just goes away. It may be pushed down and hidden for a time but it festers away and eventually resurfaces often with the damage multiplied and the agony intensified. We've seen this in the lives of victims of abuse where the damage goes on wreaking havoc for decades, destroying the life of the individual concerned and distorting close relationships. The damage can even have impacts in successive generations. Many abusers have themselves been subjected to abuse. And what's true in the lives of individual victims is also true in the lives of institutions. In the church, abuse alleged to have occurred forty and fifty years ago is now resurfacing. We cannot simply say, 'Leave it behind. It's all in the past. It happened a long time ago. Move on.' The only way we can move on is if we face the hurtful reality of what has happened, extend care and support to those harmed and take steps to ensure as far as possible that it never happens again.

I hope and trust that taking this step today will help both victims of abuse and the church to experience a measure of healing and to move on.

I want to encourage the victims concerned to cooperate with the inquiry. I want to reassure victims that the people chosen for the Board of Inquiry have demonstrated their compassion and understanding for victims of sexual abuse. And they are independent of the Anglican Church in Brisbane.

I recognise that the damage caused by sexual abuse sometimes runs so deep that nothing can ever repair it completely.

Of course I understand that only the individual concerned can make the final decision as to whether such a step is right for them, but I want victims to have confidence that this is a step worth taking.

Other participants

At the same time I want to encourage all others to whom the Board of Inquiry wishes to speak to participate as fully as possible.

Everyone can be assured that the process will be fair to all concerned, that it is independent and that all available facts will be weighed professionally and carefully. The focus is on finding constructive ways forward.

There has been great interest in the person of the Governor General, so let me address that matter directly.

This is not an inquiry into the Governor General or of any other individual per se. It is not a witch-hunt.

It is an impartial and independent search for the truth. It will report with a view to identifying and setting right any past errors the church might have made and ensuring the best possible mechanisms are in place for the future.

Conclusion

While the inquiry is under way I will not speculate or comment on any matter before the inquiry nor do anything to hamper the work of the inquiry in any way.

It may be that issues and complexities that haven't been anticipated will arise. That is in the nature of a task such as this. But I am confident that the people charged with this responsibility are well equipped to deal with those contingencies.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support of the ordinary men and women who make up Brisbane's Anglican diocesan family. Along with the rest of the community, they have been shocked, saddened and disillusioned in recent months. They are the people who every day live the gospel message: who volunteer to care for the hungry and the homeless, who take the elderly shopping, who take remedial reading classes, who run thrift shops. To all these people sexual abuse is anathema. I thank these good men and women for their support as we move together down a difficult road.

I believe the Inquiry has been established in a way that gives effect to the stated values of openness, transparency, fairness and independence.

I hope and trust this step will prove to be a turning point for the better, both for victims and for the Anglican Church in Brisbane.

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Hollingworth: Genesis of a crisis.

By Rosemary Odgers, Chris Griffith, Liam Walsh

Nov 13, 2001: The Supreme Court at Toowoomba begins hearing claims of gross sexual abuse by former Toowoomba Prep School boardingmaster Kevin Guy who abused a schoolgirl up to 30 times during 1990 when she was 12 and 13.

November 21, 2001: A story appears in The Courier-Mail in which former Toowoomba Preparatory School nurse Christine Munro reveals she wrote to Dr Hollingworth on Christmas Day 1990 because she suspected the school's headmaster, Robert Brewster, and school council were involved in a pedophile cover-up involving Guy.

December 7, 2001: The Toowoomba Supreme Court jury orders the Anglican Diocese to pay a 24-year-old sex abuse victim \$834,000 for pain, suffering and economic loss.

December 10, 2001: Dr Hollingworth faces the embarrassment of a children's trust reviewing his role as patron.

Dec 11, 2001: The Courier-Mail reports Former Queensland Attorney-General Sam Dourmarty reveals he alerted Dr Hollingworth 10 years ago to concerns about sexual abuse at the school but Dr Hollingworth failed to act.

December 15, 2001: Dr Hollingworth's one-time personal secretary Joy Taylor also calls for him to publicly address how he reacted to claims of sexual abuse at the Toowoomba Prep School.

Dr Hollingworth promises to address the claims "in the fullness of time".

December 18, 2001: A second Toowoomba Prep School former student alleges child abuse and launches a suit against Anglican Church.

December 20, 2001: Dr Hollingworth expresses regret that the Anglican Church's handling of the sexual abuse allegations had been dictated by monetary rather than compassionate considerations.

December 21, 2001: The Courier-Mail reports businessman Alec Spencer, 36, a former Young Queenslander and Young Achiever of the Year who is suing the Anglican Church over alleged abuse, said Dr Hollingworth had told him he was "too busy" to speak about the issue.

February 19, 2002: New Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane Phillip Aspinall establishes a taskforce to rewrite the sex abuse protocol of the diocese created under Dr Hollingworth.

February 17, 2002: The Nine Network's Sunday program reports more claims of alleged inaction by Dr Hollingworth when faced with claims of child abuse but the Prime Minister John Howard publicly backs Dr Hollingworth only weeks before a Royal visit.

February 18 2002: Dr Hollingworth appears on the ABC's Australian Story to deny a cover-up.

but causes more controversy when he appears to condone a relationship between a priest and a 14-year-old girl.

February 20, 2002: Dr Hollingworth releases 4500 word statement and says sexual abuse of children can never be excused.

February 21, 2002: Dr Hollingworth apologises to a woman allegedly assaulted as a 14-year-old as the federal Labor Opposition demands he be sacked.

March 5, 2002: Dr Hollingworth steps down as Brisbane Lions No 1 ticket holder after resigning as patron of Barnardos, Kids First Foundation, National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

May 1, 2003: An inquiry report tabled in the Queensland Parliament finds Dr Hollingworth acted unfairly in dealing with some complaints of sexual abuse and let a known pedophile continue as a priest.

May 3, 2003: Acting Prime Minister John Anderson says Dr Hollingworth should weigh his conscience.

May 4, 2003: Treasurer Peter Costello says Dr Hollingworth can resign any time he likes.

May 5, 2003: Prime Minister John Howard, visiting the, US says nothing in the conduct of the Governor-General warranted dismissal.

May 6, 2003: A poll finds 76 per cent of Australians want Dr Hollingworth to quit.

May 8, 2003: Dr Hollingworth denies he raped a woman after a suppression order was lifted in Victorian Supreme Court civil case.

May 10, 2003: The PM arrives back in Australia.

May 11, 2003: The PM and Dr Hollingworth meet at Admiralty House in Sydney and agree that Dr Hollingworth stand aside until court proceedings involving the woman's accusations are over.



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Howard turns attack on to church inquiry. *By Malcolm Cole*

PRIME Minister John Howard has refused to hold a royal commission into child abuse and yesterday continued to attack the integrity of the private church inquiry that condemned Governor-General Peter Hollingworth.

The controversy surrounding the beleaguered Governor-General dominated Federal Parliament ahead of last night's Budget, in the first sitting since the church's Aspinall report was issued earlier this month.

Dr Hollingworth faced an extraordinary Senate motion calling on him to resign from his position.

In the House of Representatives, Mr Howard repeatedly refused, under questioning, to say that the man he chose to be Governor-General was still fit to hold the job. But he continued to attack the way the Anglican church inquiry dealt with Dr Hollingworth.

"I've been provided with a legal opinion - it's not one I sought but one that's been provided to the Governor-General - which expresses the view in a fairly cogent manner that he was denied natural justice by the inquiry," Mr Howard said.

He refused calls for a royal commission into the issue, saying it was "more about political posturing than efforts to understand more about the problem and deal with it effectively".

"I would rather spend the \$60 million to \$100 million that would be involved in a royal commission on further early intervention than I would in lining the pockets of lawyers who would be called before the royal commission," Mr Howard said.

The Opposition continued to insist Dr Hollingworth be removed from office, after the church inquiry found he had not acted fairly, reasonably or appropriately in allowing a known pedophile to remain in the priesthood.

Dr Hollingworth has stood down following unrelated rape allegations against him, with Tasmanian Governor Guy Green to be sworn in as administrator tomorrow. The Governor-General has denied the rape allegations.

In the Senate, Labor and the Democrats moved an unprecedented motion calling for Dr Hollingworth to resign or be sacked.

The motion said Dr Hollingworth's actions had shown him "not to be a person suitable to hold the office of governor-general".

"The Governor-General is now no longer able to fulfil his symbolic role as a figure of unity for the Australian people," the motion said. "The Governor-General is now no longer able to exercise the

constitutional powers of the office in a manner that will be seen as impartial and non-partisan."

The motion was still being debated last night.

In the House of Representatives, Labor leader Simon Crean asked Mr Howard whether "a person who allowed a known pedophile to have continued as a priest is an appropriate person to have been appointed as Australia's governor-general".

Mr Crean also focused on a finding in the Aspinall report that questioned the truth of Dr Hollingworth's statutory declaration on his decision to allow pedophile priest John Litton Elliot to remain in the ministry.

Dr Hollingworth said he believed at the time the incident was a one-off.

But Mr Crean said the report had found there was "not the slightest basis for him to have that belief".



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'Cop-out' designed to divert attention (G-G).

By LEISA SCOTT

PETER Hollingworth was hiding behind the late Annie Jarmyn in a pathetic attempt by him and John Howard to divert attention from the substantive issues of child abuse, the campaigner leading calls for the Governor-General's resignation said yesterday.

Hetty Johnston, executive director of Bravehearts, said Jarmyn would be horrified if she knew Dr Hollingworth was using her rape allegations to dodge answering Anglican Church inquiry findings critical of his handling of child abuse cases.

"They've totally sidestepped it (the report's criticisms).

It's a cop-out.

It's a politically motivated diversionary tactic," Ms Johnston said.

"We have really pathetic leadership on behalf of John Howard ...

and I think every survivor in this country will feel the same, as will their families."

The Governor-General's move to stand aside won support from religious leaders last night, although the man who led the church report - Dr Hollingworth's successor in the Brisbane diocese, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall - had no choice to make.

And the Anglican Primate of Australia, Peter Carnley, could not be reached.

A strong supporter of Dr Hollingworth, Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide Ian George, said standing aside was "a sensible thing to do".

Anglican Bishop of South Sydney Robert Forsyth said the development was welcome "if the matter can be resolved fairly and speedily".

"It can't be left just to go into limbo," he said.

"I welcome the Prime Minister's keenness to have the matter dealt with quickly."

Former Baptist Union of Australia president Tim Costello said Dr Hollingworth was clearly preparing to fight the "heinous" accusations.

If he had offered his resignation, it could have been misinterpreted by some as an admission of guilt.

"I think it is only a lull in the storm, though, and the big storm, which are the substantive issues, is yet to break," he said.

Jarmyn's brother, Maurice Gardner, who encouraged his sister to discuss the alleged rape by Dr Hollingworth more than 40 years ago, said only: "Just let it take its course."

Jarmyn's sister-in-law, Joan Jarmyn, welcomed Dr Hollingworth's decision to stand aside, saying "so he should".

The co-author of the church report into Dr Hollingworth's handling of sexual abuse complaints, Freda Briggs, declined to comment, saying the legal indemnity surrounding her report would be compromised if she did.

But Ms Johnston was outraged by Mr Howard's comments that Dr Hollingworth had legal advice that he had been cleared by natural justice by the church inquiry.

She said that if Mr Howard had called a royal commission, for which she had lobbied, at the outset of allegations against Dr Hollingworth, no such claim could be made.

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CHILD WELFARE (LSJ)

CHILDREN IN CARE (LSJF)

CHILD ABUSE (LCGC)

PAEDOPHILIA (LPBSP)

ANGLICAN CHURCH (BRZCPA)

INQUIRIES (IYA)

Public Administration (GV)

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PM won't sack Governor-General.

By Malcolm Cole

PRIME Minister John Howard said he would not sack Governor-General Peter Hollingworth, despite the damning findings of the child abuse report.

Labor and the Democrats yesterday said Dr Hollingworth should resign or be sacked after the Anglican Church inquiry found he had acted unfairly in dealing with some allegations of child sex abuse.

But Mr Howard defended his controversial Governor-General, saying most of the issues raised in yesterday's report had been dealt with last year.

"I'm not going to sack the Governor-General," Mr Howard said. Instead, he advised Australians to "go back to what I said last year" on the issue.

At the height of the controversy surrounding Dr Hollingworth, in February last year, Mr Howard said Dr Hollingworth could only be removed from office if he failed to discharge his duties adequately, or was guilty of a criminal act.

"And I think if you go back to what I said last year, you can rest assured that what I said last year will apply in relation to any other considerations that I bring to bear on his position," Mr Howard said.

Admitting he had not yet read the report, Mr Howard said he had been advised there was no finding of "deliberate misconduct by the Governor-General in his then office as Archbishop of Brisbane".

"I understand the issue that has naturally attracted interest concerns the Elliot case.

"That matter was addressed last year by Dr Hollingworth, he's already acknowledged that he made a very major and serious mistake, an error of judgment."

But Labor leader Simon Crean yesterday labelled the report "concerning", and said it had given weight to arguments that Dr Hollingworth should no longer continue in office.

"My judgment back in February (last year) was that the controversy and the lack of action by the Governor-General was such that it was diminishing the office of governor-general, and that he should resign," Mr Crean said.

Describing the report's findings as "pretty categorical", Australian Democrats leader Andrew Bartlett said Dr Hollingworth could no longer be effective as head of state.

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The wrong signal on child protection.

Seven months ago, it seemed straightforward: the Victorian Government announced a law to ensure all applicable jobs that involved working with children would have to pass police checks.

Legislation to introduce such screening, which already applies to state employees, would be introduced in the session of Parliament, said Attorney-General Rob Hulls, to bring Victoria into line with NSW and Queensland and ensure equal protection in the public and private sectors.

The checks, to include volunteers in community, church and sport groups, would be confined to criminal convictions. At the time, the Victoria Police sexual crimes squad said that nearly a quarter of repeat offenders gained access to their victims through community groups.

The legislation, however, was not introduced last year, and is not on the program for the parliamentary session starting this week.

Sources told The Age a working group set up to devise the laws had, in effect, been abandoned.

A spokesman for Mr Hulls denied the proposals had been shelved, but said there was a lot to be done and a Joint Department committee would resume work on the issue in about six weeks.

There are many difficult issues to consider in protecting children from abuse, not the least of which is finding a balance between the rights of children and of those who work with them.

However, there is general acceptance of the need for police checks and for uniformity across the states.

Victoria also lags behind other states in failing to appoint an independent officer, such as a children's commissioner to oversee and audit child welfare services.

Last August, Prime Minister John Howard said he would raise the need for uniformity at the next Council of Australian Governments meeting.

In September, his Minister for Children, Larry Anthony, said he wanted to end the anomalies that enabled adults barred from working with children in one state to get similar jobs in another state.

The State Government has yet to close that obvious gap in child protection.

Its announcement last July was welcomed by the Australian Council for Children and Youth Organisations, which for the change, and was backed by police, judges and community groups.

Liberty Victoria accepted police checks, although it opposed calls to include disciplinary proceedings in previous employment, family violence orders and allegations of abuse.

The fact is, the proposed legislation was conservative.

It is unconvincing to claim now that the issue is who will bear the "expensive" cost of a police check - \$24 for employees, \$12 for volunteers.

If NSW and Queensland, which introduced their legislation in 2000, have resolved these issues, why can't Victoria? The Government's dithering gives little cause for confidence in its ability to tackle the wider, even more complex welfare issues that confront it.

Child-protection resources are grossly overstretched and under-resourced, as established by a succession of reports, yet the Government appears to have stumbled over a small commitment such as police checks.

Admittedly, these can have only a limited effect.

Not all offenders, not even a majority, have convictions;

some studies suggest only 5 per cent do.

Indeed, a significant proportion of offenders will be children.

Most adult offenders commit their first sex crime in adolescence and studies in Australia and overseas suggest 20 and 50 per cent of child molestation is carried out by adolescents, mostly teenage males.

A cost-benefit analysis prepared for the Bracks Government in its first term found that spending \$12,500 in rehabilitating one adolescent offender could save \$583,000 to treat the average 40 victims of an adult offender.

The Government has promoted early intervention programs for young offenders, up to 95 per cent of whom, according to one review, do not re-offend.

The Government has also increased resources for dealing with sexual abuse at home, where most such offences are committed and most abusers are "made";

but to stint on any area of child welfare is false economy.

It is, of course, not purely a state responsibility to ensure that people who work with children can be trusted.

Many church, community and sports bodies have implemented police checks, even at the risk of deterring volunteers (other states cover or subsidise their costs).

In December, Australian Sports Commission chairman Peter Bartels said: "We'd be very disappointed and would give a good hard look at any major sporting body that didn't comply." Such recognition of the moral and legal liability of organisations that fail to take reasonable measures to protect children in their care makes the state's inaction even more perplexing.

Mandatory screening is a basic, "first step" level of protection.

At best, the Government's lack of urgency sends the wrong message about the value it places on child protect
At worst, it is symptomatic of a reluctance to commit resources to problems that rank low on its list of political
priorities.

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TRANSCRIPT
4QR AM 0800
WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2003
INTV: JOHN HOWARD, PRIME MINISTER
RE: PETER HOLLINGWORTH; PETER BEATTIE

- COMPERE: ...ONE ISSUE THAT IS STILL RUNNING IN THE BACKGROUND THAT'S CAUSING A LOT OF CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY IS DR HOLLINGWORTH. HAVE YOU READ THE REPORT YET AND ARE YOU AWARE OF THE FINDING IN THE REPORT THAT QUESTIONS DR HOLLINGWORTH'S HONESTY IN A STATUTORY DECLARATION IN...
- HOWARD: I'VE READ THAT, YES, I HAVE.
- COMPERE: AND IT INDICATES...IT SAYS...IT INDICATES THAT, THAT IT'S QUESTIONING HIS HONESTY AND AS THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA...
- HOWARD: NO, I DIDN'T READ IT THAT WAY. THEY REACHED A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION THAN WHAT WAS PUT TO THEM BY DR HOLLINGWORTH. BUT THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND THEY ALSO SAID THAT THEY HAD NO DOUBTS THAT (INAUDIBLE) BELIEVE WHAT WAS IN THE STATUTORY DECLARATION. WELL, THAT'S...
- COMPERE: BUT THEY ALSO SAID THAT WHAT HE SAID COULD NOT HAVE BEEN TRUE.
- HOWARD: WELL, LOOK, I CAN ONLY QUOTE TO YOU WHAT I READ AND I MEAN DR HOLLINGWORTH HAS STOOD ASIDE. HE'S INDICATED THAT ONLY AFTER THIS COURT ACTION IN VICTORIA HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF THAT HE CAN GIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION TO HIS LONGER TERM TENURE. AND HE SAID THAT IN GIVING THAT CONSIDERATION HE'LL GIVE THE UTMOST PRIORITY TO THE DIGNITY AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE OFFICE. I THINK THAT IS A PLAIN STATEMENT OF THE POSITION AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO IT.
- COMPERE: PETER BEATTIE SAID IN THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THAT THE NUMBER OF CASES BEING EXAMINED WAS EXPANDING FROM TWO TO FIVE CASES.

HOWARD:

WELL, THAT'S JUST PETER BEATTIE. I MEAN PETER BEATTIE IS RUNNING A VERY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON THIS, LET'S CALL A SPADE A SPADE. I MEAN I DON'T...I MEAN PETER BEATTIE. THAT'S WHAT...HE'S RUNNING A POLITICAL GAME ON THIS. IT'S AN APPOINTMENT MADE BY A GOVERNMENT OF ANOTHER POLITICAL STRIPE. HE REALLY IS RUNNING A VERY POLITICAL GAME ON THIS AND USING PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE TO ATTACK DR HOLLINGWORTH. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THAT GAME. DR HOLLINGWORTH HAS GIVEN AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED IN THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY AND I THINK PEOPLE LIKE PETER BEATTIE FORGET THAT IN THEIR ZEAL TO (INAUDIBLE) THE REPUTATION OF A PERSON WHO HAS IN THE PAST GIVEN A GREAT DEAL.

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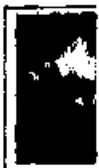
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BRISBANE ABC 612 Brisbane
Drive 14/05/03 4:51PM
Compere: Steve Austin

Austin plays a small excerpt of Barbara Hollbrow's interview yesterday and her beliefs that the Government should try and break the cycle of child abuse instead of holding a Royal Commission into abuse. Austin also plays Prime Minister John Howard's speech in Parliament relating to this issue, which was in agreement with Barbara Hollbrow. Shadow Families Minister Wayne Swan speaks to Austin about the Government's cuts for community services. He believes long term prevention programs are necessary and cuts should not have occurred.
Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister
Interview: Wayne Swan, Shadow Families Minister
Mentions: Peter Beattie, Premier
Duration: 10 mins 15 secs Ref: B00010398415
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Male 16+	9,900
Female 16+	15,000
All People 16+	24,900
ABs	8,300
GBs	12,800

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CANBERRA ABC 686 Canberra

14:00 News 14/05/03 2:01PM
Compere: Newsreader

PM John Howard has defended evidence given by the Governor General to an Anglican Church inquiry which investigated the handling of child-abuse allegations when Dr Hollingworth was Arch-Bishop of Queensland.

Interview: PM John Howard

Duration: 0 mins 36 secs Ref: C00010395281

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Male 16+	4,100
Female 16+	2,400
All People 16+	6,500
ABs	1,700
GBs	4,600

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ADELAIDE 5DN
22:00 News 13/05/03 10:02PM
Compere: Newsreader

Prime Minister John Howard has ruled out a judicial inquiry into Governor General Peter Hollingworth's handling of child sex abuse allegations in the Anglican Church. Mr Howard has told Parliament that calls for a Royal Commission into child abuse are more about political posturing than efforts to deal with the problem.

Duration: 0 mins 30 secs Ref: A00010391395

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Male 16+	4,000
Female 16+	2,000
All People 16+	5,000
ABs	0
GBs	3,000

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BRISBANE ABC 612 Brisbane
18:00 News 13/05/03 6:04PM
Compere: Newsreader

The future of the Governor General has dominated Federal Parliament today. There has also been discussion on an inquiry into child abuse in Australia. Report I-Neil Anders, Speaker I- John Howard, Prime Minister

Duration: 0 mins 55 secs Ref: B00010389688

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Male 16+	4,300
Female 16+	7,700
All People 16+	12,000
ABs	4,200
GBs	6,200

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MELBOURNE Channel 9
National Nine News 13/05/03 6:04PM
Compere: Peter Hitchener

The Prime Min has ruled out an inquiry into the Hollingworth affair, and the issue of child abuse. The budget will be delivered tonight. Report.

Interview: John Howard, prime Min.

Interview: Peter costello, Treasurer.

Interview: Sen Andrew Bartlett, Democrat.

Interview: Sen John Faulkner, ALP.

Interview: Simon Crean, oppn leader.

Duration: 2 mins 04 secs Ref: M00010382141

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Demographics	
Male 16+	113,836
Female 16+	179,426
All People 16+	293,262
ABs	43,462
GBs	159,739

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CANBERRA 2CC
Afternoon 13/05/03 4:49PM

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Compere: Mike Welsh

Comment. Prime Minister John Howard has ruled out a judicial inquiry into Governor General Peter Hollingworth's handling of child sex abuse allegations in the Anglican Church. Mr Howard says the Opposition's calls for a royal commission were more about political posturing than an effort to understand child abuse. Comment. Welsh says Mr Howard is spending almost \$1 b on war so he should have funding for such a commission.

Duration: 0 mins 48 secs Ref: C00010380140

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Male 16+	1,300
Female 16+	2,200
All People 16+	3,500
ABs	600
GBs	1,400

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BRISBANE 4KQ

16:00 News 13/05/03 4:02PM

Compere: Newsreader

The controversy surrounding the Governor-General has been discussed in parliament today. When questioned by Simon Crean, John Howard declined to say whether Peter Hollingworth was an appropriate choice as Governor-General given his handling of child abuse issues. Interviewee: John Howard, Prime Minister

Duration: 0 mins 35 secs Ref: B00010388652

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Demographics	
Male 16+	15,800
Female 16+	19,200
All People 16+	35,100
ABs	6,500
GBs	17,300

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ADELAIDE 5AA

08:00 News 12/05/03 8:00AM

Compere: Newsreader

The long-term future of the Governor-General remains in doubt following an announcement he will stand aside while a rape case is heard in court. Sir Guy Green will take over for now. The Australians Against Child Abuse Group supports Hollingworth's decision.

Interview: Joe Touchey (*), Australians Against Child Abuse Group

Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister

Duration: 1 mins 02 secs Ref: A00010370859

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Demographics	
Male 16+	38,000
Female 16+	24,000
All People 16+	62,000
ABs	8,000
GBs	38,000

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HOBART ABC 936 Hobart

07:45 News 12/05/03 7:45AM

Compere: Newsreader

The Queen has been informed of Peter Hollingworth's decision to step aside as Governor General until rape allegations against him are resolved. Tasmanian Premier Jim Bacon says Prime Minister John Howard contacted him yesterday about Tasmanian Governor Sir Guy Green's role in replacing Dr Hollingworth.

Interview: AD leader Andrew Bartlett

Interview: Federal Opposition leader Simon Crean

Interview: Peter Jensen, Anglican Archbishop

Interview: Prime Minister John Howard

Interview: Steve Fisher, of Survivors Confronting Child Abuse and Rape

Interview: Terry O'Gorman, of the Civil Liberties Council

Duration: 2 mins 30 secs Ref: H00010370478

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Demographics	
Male 16+	n/a
Female 16+	n/a
All People 16+	n/a
ABs	n/a
GBs	n/a

CANBERRA 2CC
07:05 News 12/05/03 7:00AM
Compere: Newsreader

Simon Crean says that Prime Minister John Howard has failed child abuse victims by failing to dismiss Governor-General Dr Peter Hollingworth.
Interview: Simon Crean, Opposition leader
Duration: 1 mins 00 secs Ref: C00010369022
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Demographics	
Male 16+	3,500
Female 16+	3,000
All People 16+	6,600
ABs	1,100
GBs	3,400

SYDNEY 2GB
Inside Story 11/05/03 6:47PM
Compere: Brian Carlton

Lindsay Tanner says he has no regrets for what he did last week in initiating event which exposed these circumstances. Tanner says if it is appropriate for Hollingworth to stand aside now why did Prime Minister, John Howard not do it months ago when he knew the details. Says Howard was involved in a cover-up. Carlton says Tanner could have given Howard the necessary flack to create a diversion from the more pressing issue of cover up of child abuse. Tanner disagrees, saying the serious matters will not go away. Says Catholic Archbishop, George Pell correctly stood aside while allegations were investigated and now he is back in office. Says Prime Minister is guilty of covering up situation. Carlton says we have a diversionary issue. Tanner disagrees, saying it may provide the circuit breaker which leads Hollingworth to resign. Says we seek genuine transparency in politics.
Interview: Lindsay Tanner, Shadow Minister for Communications
Duration: 7 mins 00 secs Ref: S00010368165
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Demographics	
Male 16+	8,200
Female 16+	2,100
All People 16+	10,300
ABs	2,000
GBs	10,300

BRISBANE Channel 7
Seven News (Weekend) 11/05/03 6:00PM
Compere: Simon Reeve

Prime Minister John Howard has announced that Governor-General Peter Hollingworth will stand aside pending the outcome of an investigation into allegations of rape made against him by the now-deceased Annie Jarmyn. Hollingworth is then to address allegations he failed to act on reports of child abuse within the Anglican Church, leaving the future of his position in limbo. Oppn leader Simon Crean continues to call for Hollingworth to be sacked. Report.
Interview: Andrew Bartlett, Aust Democrats leader
Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister
Interview: Simon Crean, Fed Oppn leader
Duration: 2 mins 10 secs Ref: B00010367729
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Male 16+	97,001
Female 16+	135,156
All People 16+	232,157
ABs	35,762
GBs	132,152

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PERTH Channel 7
Seven News 11/05/03 6:00PM

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Compere: Paula Voce & Chris Mainwaring

Doctor Peter Hollingworth has been asked by the PM to stand aside from his role as Governor General, whilst allegations of rape are heard in a Victorian court. He has asked the Tasmanian Governor to work as Governor General in the mean time. Simon Crean says it was Dr Hollingworth's failure to sack Ministers in the Church after being found guilty of child abuse that is a real concern. Report.

Interview: John Howard, PM.

Interview: Simon Crean, Opposition leader

Duration: 2 mins 46 secs Ref: P00010368169

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Male 16+	52,369
Female 16+	69,806
All People 16+	122,232
ABs	11,163
GBs	63,608

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PERTH 6PR

18:00 News 11/05/03 6:00PM

Compere: Newsreader

The long term future of the Governor General remains in doubt, following the announcement he will stand aside while a rape allegation is heard in court. The Tasmanian Governor will take over as Interim-Governor General. The PM says the long term future of Dr Hollingworth will only be decided after the court case. The Australian Against Child Abuse Group support Doctor Hollingworth's decision, however the CEO says issues surrounding his handling of child abuse cases as Anglican Arch Bishop remain unresolved.

Interview: Joe Tuchtie(*), Australian Against Child Abuse

Interview: John Howard, PM.

Duration: 1 mins 08 secs Ref: P00010368220

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Demographics	
Male 16+	1,000
Female 16+	5,000
All People 16+	6,000
ABs	2,000
GBs	2,000

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SYDNEY ABC 702 Sydney

Simon Marnie Saturday 10/05/03 7:11AM

Compere: Ian Rogerson

Marnie explains the dilemma facing Gov. Gen. Peter Hollingworth over allegations of rape and mishandling child abuse cases. He asks Grattan how Prime Min. John Howard will react. Grattan says she believes Howard originally planned to recommend that the Gov Gen retire but now the Gov Gen believes he would be admitting guilt by doing so. She adds that the new accusation of rape has complicated matters but also created public sympathy for the Gov Gen. Marnie reports that the Queen is prepared to let the Gov Gen stand down, but Grattan says this is really only a formality. Marnie asks if Prime Min. Howard is likely to try to turn peoples' attention to the upcoming Budget, but Grattan says the issue is unlikely to be resolved before then and emphasises that the issue is extremely unpredictable. Marnie asks how this is effecting Howard's political standing. Grattan says that it has moved people's minds beyond the recent war in Iraq back to domestic issues.

Interview: Michelle Grattan, Political Commentator, The Age

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SYDNEY ABC 702 Sydney

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Sally Loane 08/05/03 9:24AM
Compere: Sally Loane

Male 16+	51,800
Female 16+	39,900
All People 16+	91,600
ABs	29,200
GBs	57,200

John Howard is still not commenting on the Governor General. An indication he is very concerned about developments surrounding Hollingworth. Loane thinks many Liberal ministers want him to go. Qld Peter Beattie said this morning that child abuse must be stamped out. Beattie tabled the Anglican church report, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane wanted it tabled nation wide. Claims that legal advisers concocted a defence for the GG last year. Bulletin story says no politician would get away with this. Loane talks about a letter to the editor in the SMH. The event happened in the 1990s, there had already been high profile church sex abuse cases.
Interview: Paul Bongiorno, Channel 10
Mentions: SMH
Duration: 7 mins 03 secs Ref: S00010342611
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SYDNEY 2GB
07:30 News 08/05/03 7:31AM
Compere: Newsreader

Demographics	
Male 16+	104,800
Female 16+	79,800
All People 16+	184,600
ABs	46,700
GBs	107,200

GG Peter Hollingworth is facing fresh allegations of his handling of child sex abuse claims in Qld while he was archbishop, he has been accused of giving false statements to the church inquiry into child abuse.
Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister
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BRISBANE 4BC
Chris Adams 07/05/03 4:11PM
Compere: Jim Soorley

Demographics	
Male 16+	12,700
Female 16+	11,200
All People 16+	23,900
ABs	3,000
GBs	15,000

Talkback with Brisbane Lord Mayor Jim Soorley. Australians for a constitutional monarchy representative David Flint discusses his support for Governor General Peter Hollingworth to stay on despite a lack of support by the public, why he thinks Mr Hollingworth should stay, the report into the Anglican Church's handling of sexual abuse allegations, how Mr Hollingworth made an error of judgement, why he is defending the role of the individual Governor General rather than the role of the Governor General office, and child abuse cases in Qld.
Interview: David Flint, Australians for a constitutional monarchy representative
Mentions: John Howard, Prime Minister
Mentions: Qld Government
Mentions: Bill D'Arcy
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SYDNEY 2GB
Alan Jones 08/05/03 5:43AM
Compere: Alan Jones

Demographics	
Male 16+	69,600
Female 16+	74,500
All People 16+	144,300
ABs	31,800
GBs	74,000

Jones says that an opinion poll has found that nearly three quarters of Australians think that Peter Hollingworth should resign. He says that John Howard has said that he will not be dismissed but he refused to make further comment and Joe Hockey has said that the G G needs to carefully weigh up his future. He says that he was

interested in a media release by the Australians for Constitutional Monarchy because it refers to the primary criticism levelled against Dr. Hollingworth, that he allowed a priest to continue in office after he confessed to child abuse. He says that the report also refers to the Queensland government who recently fought all the way to the High Court to deny liability in relation to the most appalling cases of abuses by a teacher who later became an MP. The release also says that the other criticism in the report refers to a case where a priest confessed to child abuse years before he was ordained and was allowed to continue to function. It says that there were many restrictions placed on this. The release says that those who are attempting to get Hollingworth ousted are campaigning on a platform of untruth. Jones comments on other opinion polls. He says that an AC Nielson Poll has revealed that support for Labor is at an all time low, with a poll in the Australian revealing Mr. Crean's approval rating at an all time low and Mr. Beazley strongly proffered as Labor leader and preferred as Prime Minister over Peter Costello.

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BRISBANE 4KQ

16:00 News 05/05/03 4:03PM

Comper: Newsreader

Old Premier Peter Beattie says Prime Minister John Howard should table the Anglican Church report on child abuse allegations in parliament and speak to Governor General Peter Hollingworth about the issue. Mr Howard appears to have decreased his support for Mr Hollingworth. Mr Howard is meeting with the Queen in London. Report.

Duration: 1 mins 07 secs Ref: B00010308415

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Male 16+	17,800
Female 16+	17,100
All People 16+	35,000
ABs	6,700
GBs	19,600

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SYDNEY 2SM

14:00 News 05/05/03 2:00PM

Comper: Newsreader

John Howard is being urged to table a report on child abuse allegations in the Anglican Church in the federal parliament.

Duration: 0 mins 33 secs Ref: S00010308146

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Demographics	
Male 16+	2,100
Female 16+	1,100
All People 16+	3,200
ABs	0
GBs	3,000

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SYDNEY ABC 702 Sydney

Sally Loane 05/05/03 9:19AM

Comper: Sally Loane

Discussion about Peter Hollingworth. Many in the coalition are frustrated that Hollingworth is not considering resigning. John Howard is sending the message to the GG to tough it out, but many senior ministers are encouraging Hollingworth to consider his resignation. Peter Costello distancing himself from what he considers a poor appointment. In saying the office of GG is a personal appointment by the Prime Minister. Discussion about John Howard and George Bush meeting in the US. Next Howard is going to London and then Qatar to visit troops. George Bush was over the top in describing Howard as a 'man of steel'. Bush would like to see the Free Trade Agreement go to Congress in the first half of next year. Sen Bill Hefernan has been calling for a Royal Commission into child abuse for some time. Cassidy says the government appear almost uncaring on this issue.

Demographics	
Male 16+	45,100
Female 16+	36,900
All People 16+	83,000
ABs	28,200
GBs	52,900

Peter McGuarín thinks the GG should hang in there.
Interview: Barry Cassidy, Insiders, ABC TV
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ADELAIDE Triple M
09:00 News 05/05/03 9:00AM
Compere: Newsreader

John Howard is continuing to stand by the Governor-General, saying he has done nothing to warrant being sacked. It follows a report on the handling of child abuse cases in the Anglican Church.
Duration: 0 mins 25 secs Ref: A00010304325
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Male 16+	19,000
Female 16+	24,000
All People 16+	43,000
ABs	11,000
GBs	21,000

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SYDNEY 2SM
16:00 News 02/05/03 4:00PM
Compere: Newsreader

Democrats are calling for a Royal Commission into child abuse due to the inaction shown by John Howard.
Interview: Andrew Bartlett, Democrats
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Demographics	
Male 16+	0
Female 16+	1,000
All People 16+	1,000
ABs	0
GBs	0

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SYDNEY 2GB
Sydney Drivetime 02/05/03 3:26PM
Compere: Phillip Clark

Rockson thinks the Governor General should go. She cannot believe everyone is looking for technical excuses and nobody is talking about the fact that child abuse is wrong. The ALP called for Hollingworth's resignation 12 months ago. If Hollingworth cared about the office of Governor General being worth anything, he would resign. Clarke thinks the Prime Minister would like Hollingworth to resign. Rockson disagrees and says John Howard has never even come out and said that child abuse is wrong, he has tried to keep out of it. If Howard was putting any pressure on Hollingworth to go then he would, argues Rockson.
Interview: Nicola Rockson(*), Shadow Minister for Children
Duration: 4 mins 53 secs Ref: S00010291879
Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Demographics	
Male 16+	30,400
Female 16+	26,100
All People 16+	55,500
ABs	9,600
GBs	34,200

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NATIONAL ABC 702 Sydney
The World Today 02/05/03 12:36PM
Compere: Highfield & Hall

Report from a conference into child sex abuse. Prof Frieda Briggs says politicians are underestimating the damage that sexual abuse causes to children. She calls for a national inquiry. She says child abuse should be taken much, much more seriously than it is. Elsford McInnes calls for a Royal Commission. Archbishop Phillip Gerber says

Demographics	
Male 16+	14,100
Female 16+	13,900
All People 16+	28,000
ABs	7,400
GBs	16,000

we should take the bishops and archbishops out of the handling of complaints; there have to be processes in place to deal with complaints. He says Peter Hollingworth and John Howard have to "search their conscience" about whether he should stay on as Governor-General.
Interview: Archbishop Phillip Garber, Anglican Church
Interview: Elsford McInnes, National Council for Single Mothers and their Children
Interview: Prof Frieda Briggs, University of SA
Duration: 3 mins 52 secs Ref: S00010289640
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NATIONAL SKY2
12:00 News 02/05/03 12:06PM
Compere: Newsreader

Demographics	
Male 16+	n/a
Female 16+	n/a
All People 16+	n/a
ABs	n/a
GBs	n/a

Political Correspondent David Speers says that when Aust PM John Howard meets with US President George W Bush he will be telling him that Aust will not be committing any large scale peace keeping force. Meanwhile Opposition Leader Simon Crean, has vowed to defeat the Govt measures on health system. Mr Crean also thinks the PM should urge Dr Hollingsworth to step down. Mr Crean says that in Mr Howard supporting the GG then himself is condoning child abuse.
Interview: Opposition Leader Simon Crean.
Duration: 8 mins 03 secs Ref: C00010289725
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Syndicated stations: SKY (Sydney).

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ADELAIDE 5DN
11:00 News 02/05/03 11:03AM
Compere: Newsreader

Demographics	
Male 16+	7,000
Female 16+	2,000
All People 16+	8,000
ABs	1,000
GBs	5,000

There are more calls for the Governor-General to resign. Peter Hollingworth is under fire after being criticised for his handling of child abuse cases when Archbishop of Brisbane. Prime Minister, John Howard, won't sack the Governor-General.
Duration: 0 mins 11 secs Ref: A00010288683
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GOLD COAST GOLD 92.5 FM
08:30 News 02/05/03 8:30AM
Compere: Newsreader

Demographics	
Male 16+	n/a
Female 16+	n/a
All People 16+	n/a
ABs	n/a
GBs	n/a

Governor General Peter Hollingworth is facing new calls for his resignation over a report critical of his handling of child abuse cases when he was Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane. John Howard says he has no intention of sacking the Governor General.
Duration: 0 mins 25 secs Ref: 400010285401
Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

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ADELAIDE 5UV
Radio Expresso 02/05/03 8:06AM
Compere: Taryn Waters

Demographics	
Male 16+	n/a
Female 16+	n/a
All People 16+	n/a

News: Pressure is mounting this morning for the resignation of embattled Governor-General Dr Peter

Hollingworth. A report has revealed critical mishandling of child abuse cases when he was Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane. The reverend Tim Costello has joined growing calls for Hollingworth to step down saying the situation is the worst imaginable. PM John Howard said yesterday he would not sack the GG.

ABs	n/a
GBs	n/a

Duration: 0 mins 30 secs Ref: A00010288497

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

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NATIONAL Channel 7

Sunrise 02/05/03 8:00AM

Compere: Melissa Doyle & David Koch

Peter Hollingworth is standing firm despite renewed calls for him to resign. Peter Hollingworth is under renewed pressure to resign with a report on the sex abuse cases in the Anglican church has given him criticism. Report, John Howard has decided not to sack the GG, which has left child advocacy groups outraged. Simon Crean says that he should stand down and if not be stood down by the prime minister. The GG says that this was just an error of judgement and there was no misconduct on his part.

Interview: Hetty Johnson, Child Abuse Advocate

Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister

Interview: Simon Crean, Opposition Leader

Duration: 1 mins 39 secs Ref: S00010284338

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio ☐ Video

Syndicated stations: Channel 7 (Brisbane); GWN (Sunbury); Channel 7 (Melbourne); Prime Coasts Harbour (Coasts Harbour); Prime Orange (Orange); Prime Wagga Wagga (Wagga Wagga); Prime Tamworth (Tamworth); Prime Wollongong (Wollongong); Prime Canberra (Canberra); Prime Newcastle (Newcastle); Prime Albury (Albury); Channel 7 (Adelaide); Seven Sunshine Coast (Maroochydore); Seven Mt Isa (Mt Isa); Seven Bundaberg (Bundaberg); Seven Nambour (Maroochydore); Sunshine Television (Mackay); Channel 7 (Perth); Seven Cairns (Cairns); Seven Mackay (Mackay); Seven Maryborough (Maryborough); Seven Rockhampton (Rockhampton); Seven Toowoomba (Toowoomba); Seven Townsville (Townsville); Seven Darwin (Darwin); Seven Central (Alice Springs); Prime Ballarat (Ballarat).

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CAIRNS 4CA FM

07:30 News 02/05/03 7:30AM

Compere: Newsreader

Hetty Johnson of Braveheart says the organisation is disappointed at Prime Minister John Howard for not removing the Governor General Peter Hollingworth from his position due to a new report into child abuse within the Anglican Church.

Interview: Hetty Johnson, Braveheart.

Duration: 0 mins 30 secs Ref: 400010285006

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Demographics	
Male 16+	n/a
Female 16+	n/a
All People 16+	n/a
ABs	n/a
GBs	n/a

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MELBOURNE Triple M

07:00 News 02/05/03 7:18AM

Compere: Newsreader

GOVERNOR-GENERAL Peter Hollingworth should offer his resignation after a report was critical of his handling of child abuse cases when he was Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, the Baptist Union said. Report.

Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister

Interview: Simon Crean, Federal Opposition Leader

Demographics	
Male 16+	21,000
Female 16+	50,200
All People 16+	71,200
ABs	21,000
GBs	31,000

Duration: 0 mins 30 secs Ref: M00010284365
Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

NATIONAL Channel 7
Sunrise 02/05/03 7:02AM
Compere: Melissa Doyle & David Koch

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Interview: Hetty Johnson, CHild Abuse Campaign

Interview: John Howard

Interview: Simon CRean

Duration: 1 mins 33 secs Ref: S00010283247

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio ☐ Video

Syndicated stations: Channel 7 (Brisbane); GWN (Bunbury); Channel 7 (Melbourne); Prime Coffs Harbour (Coffs Harbour); Prime Orange (Orange); Prime Wagga Wagga (Wagga Wagga); Prime Tamworth (Tamworth); Prime Wollongong (Wollongong); Prime Canberra (Canberra); Prime Newcastle (Newcastle); Prime Albury (Albury); Channel 7 (Adelaide); Seven Sunshine Coast (Maroochydore); Seven Mt Isa (Mt Isa); Seven Bundaberg (Bundaberg); Seven Nambour (Maroochydore); Sunshine Television (Mackay); Channel 7 (Perth); Seven Cairns (Cairns); Seven Mackay (Mackay); Seven Maryborough (Maryborough); Seven Rockhampton (Rockhampton); Seven Toowoomba (Toowoomba); Seven Townsville (Townsville); Seven Darwin (Darwin); Seven Central (Alice Springs); Prime Ballarat (Ballarat).

Demographics	
Male 16+	20,168
Female 16+	20,819
All People 16+	40,987
ABs	15,108
GBs	24,864

MELBOURNE NOVA 100.3
07:00 News 02/05/03 7:01AM
Compere: Newsreader

The PM says he has no intention of sacking the G-G after an inquiry found that Peter Hollingworth turned a blind eye to child abuse in the church.

Interview: John Howard, PM

Duration: 0 mins 24 secs Ref: M00010283712

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Demographics	
Male 16+	21,000
Female 16+	48,000
All People 16+	69,000
ABs	24,000
GBs	21,000

MELBOURNE FOX FM
Fox Breakfast 02/05/03 6:27AM
Compere: Tracy & Matt

News: Prime Minister John Howard stands by the Governor-General despite a damning report. The report states that during his time as Brisbane's Anglican Archbishop the Governor-General allowed two priests to continue working although he knew they molested children.

Interview: Hetty Johnston, (child abuse support group)

Duration: 0 mins 48 secs Ref: M00010286610

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Demographics	
Male 16+	18,500
Female 16+	17,900
All People 16+	35,400
ABs	7,500
GBs	17,500

MELBOURNE Triple M
The Cage 02/05/03 6:25AM
Compere: Tim Smith, Brigitte Duclos, Matt

Demographics	
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Parkinson & Matt Quartermaine

News: Prime Minister John Howard supports the Governor General, despite a report into the way he handled child sex abuse cases as Brisbane's Anglican Arch-Bishop. The report found he allowed two priest to continue working despite knowing they had molested children.

Interview: Hetty Johnston, Bravehearts (child abuse support group)

Duration: 1 mins 00 secs Ref: M00010285712

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Male 16+	6,000
Female 16+	12,200
All People 16+	18,200
ABs	5,000
GBs	11,000

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NATIONAL ABC Channel 2

Lateline 01/05/03 11:09PM

Compere: Tony Jones

The Federal Oppn and the Democrats are calling for the resignation of the Governor-General after the release of a report which found it untenable that he allowed a paedophile priest to continue in the ministry when he was Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane. Today Hollingworth released a statement where he expressed his regret over the handling of the matter. Beattie today reported when Prime Minister John Howard was asked to table the document in Federal Parliament he said it would be inappropriate. Report.

Interview: Andrew Bartlett, Democrats Leader.

Interview: Dr Phillip Aspinall, Brisbane Anglican Archbishop.

Interview: Excerpt: Statement from Governor-General Dr Peter Hollingworth.

Interview: Hetty Johnston, Child Abuse Campaigner.

Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister.

Interview: Mike Newell, Victim's Father.

Interview: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier.

Interview: Simon Crean, Federal Oppn Leader.

Duration: 2 mins 36 secs Ref: S00010282441

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio ☐ Video

Syndicated stations: ABC Channel 2 (Hobart); ABC Channel 6 (Darwin); ABC Channel 2 (Sydney); ABC Channel 2 (Brisbane); ABC Channel 2 (Melbourne); ABC Channel 2 (Perth); ABC Channel 2 (Canberra).

Demographics	
Male 16+	8,487
Female 16+	9,530
All People 16+	18,017
ABs	939
GBs	11,842

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ADELAIDE 5DN

Sports Life 01/05/03 7:45PM

Compere: Ray Fewings & David Allan

Headlines: Police looking for a man who has escaped a siege at Newton. Prime Minister John Howard has ruled out sacking Governor General Peter Hollingworth over a critical report into child abuse. A earthquake hits Turkey.

Duration: 1 mins 00 secs Ref: A00010282221

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Demographics	
Male 16+	2,000
Female 16+	3,000
All People 16+	5,000
ABs	0
GBs	2,000

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BRISBANE ABC 612 Brisbane

19:00 News 01/05/03 7:03PM

Compere: Newsreader

An alleged victim of child abuse at a Queensland Anglican orphanage says today's report leaves victims feeling vindicated.

Interview: Alex Spencer, victim

Mentions: Prime Minister John Howard

Mentions: Governor General Dr Peter Hollingworth

Demographics	
Male 16+	2,700
Female 16+	8,200
All People 16+	10,900
ABs	3,700
GBs	4,900

Duration: 0 mins 45 secs Ref: B00010281868

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Syndicated stations: Radio National (Brisbane).

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ADELAIDE ABC Channel 2

ABC News 01/05/03 7:00PM

Compere: Dominique Schwartz

Demographics

Male 16+	41,993
Female 16+	46,023
All People 16+	88,059
ABs	9,804
GBs	50,036

The GG has conceded he made an error of judgement while Archbishop of Brisbane. The Fed Oppn and Democrats are calling on him to resign. A report tabled in Qld Parliament found there were grounds to criticise Peter Hollingworth. He allowed a parish worker to continue despite being a paedophile. Peter Hollingworth released a statement expressing his regret at the handling of the matter. Peter Beattie says what's inappropriate is child abuse. John Howard is standing by the GG.

Interview: Andrew Bartlett, Democrats Leader

Interview: Hetty Johnson, Anti Abuse Campaigner

Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister

Interview: Mike Newell, Victim's Father

Interview: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier

Interview: Phillip Aspinall, Brisbane Anglican Archbishop

Interview: Simon Crean, Oppn Leader

Duration: 2 mins 39 secs Ref: A00010281556

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NATIONAL ABC 666 Canberra

PM 01/05/03 6:17PM

Compere: Mark Colvin

Demographics

Male 16+	6,200
Female 16+	5,200
All People 16+	11,400
ABs	4,300
GBs	7,100

PM John Howard says he has no intention of standing Governor-General Peter Hollingworth down, in the wake of a report criticising the G-G's handling of child abuse allegations while Archbishop of Brisbane.

Andrew Bartlett and Simon Crean called for Dr

Hollingworth's sacking. Dr Muriel Porter says the G-G must resign. Fr James

Murray says the G-G suffered a lack of judgement but shouldn't be sacked.

Interview: Charnley, Anglican church

Interview: Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett

Interview: Dr Muriel Porter, Anglican lay worker

Interview: Father James Murray, The Australian

Interview: Opp Leader Simon Crean

Interview: PM John Howard

Duration: 4 mins 56 secs Ref: C00010280886

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Syndicated stations: ABC Tropical North (Mackay); ABC 702 Sydney (Sydney); ABC Central Western Slopes (Dubbo); ABC Central West (Cumnock); ABC Mid North Coast NSW (Kempsey); ABC Far West NSW (Broken Hill); ABC North Coast NSW (Lismore); ABC New England North West (Tamworth); ABC 774 Melbourne (Melbourne); ABC South Western Victoria (Warrnambool); ABC North Queensland (Townsville); ABC 812 Brisbane (Brisbane); ABC South Queensland (Toowoomba); ABC Far North (Cairns); ABC Central Queensland (Rockhampton); ABC 891 Adelaide (Adelaide); ABC South East SA (Mt Gambler); ABC South Coast WA (Albany); ABC South West WA (Bunbury); ABC Goldfields/Esperance (Esperance); ABC Goldfields WA (Kalgoorlie); ABC Midwest Wheatbelt (Geraldton); ABC South West WA (Bunbury); ABC 720 Perth (Perth); ABC 836 Hobart (Hobart); ABC Darwin (Darwin); ABC Radio Sunshine Coast (Gympie); ABC Mildura Swan Hill (Mildura); ABC Riverina (Wagga Wagga); ABC South East NSW (Bega); ABC Western Queensland (Longreach); ABC Wide Bay (Bundaberg); ABC Central Australia (Alice Springs); ABC Gippsland (Sale); ABC Kimberley (Broome); ABC North East Victoria (Sale); ABC Central Victoria (Ballarat); ABC Illawarra (Wollongong); ABC Carpentaria (Mt Isa); ABC Upper Murray (Yackandandah).

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NATIONAL ABC 666 Canberra
PM 01/05/03 6:11PM
Compare: Mark Colvin

Demographics	
Male 16+	6,200
Female 16+	5,200
All People 16+	11,400
ABs	4,300
GBs	7,100

The Governor-General Dr Peter Hollingworth, former Archbishop of Brisbane, is under scrutiny again after a report was tabled in the Queensland Parliament. The report, into the handling by the church of sexual abuse complaints, and criticises Dr Hollingworth's handling of a number of child abuse cases. In one case, Dr Hollingworth allowed a known paedophile to continue working as a priest. Archbishop, Peter Aspinall says this was a serious error of judgement. Queensland Premier Peter Beattie tabled the report in Queensland Parliament, while PM John Howard refused to table it in the Federal Government.

Duration: 6 mins 24 secs Ref: C00010280821

Order: ☒ Transcript ☐ Audio

Syndicated stations: ABC Tropical North (Mackay); ABC 702 Sydney (Sydney); ABC Central Western Slopes (Dubbo); ABC Central West (Cumnock); ABC Mid North Coast NSW (Kempsey); ABC Far West NSW (Broken Hill); ABC North Coast NSW (Lismore); ABC New England North West (Tamworth); ABC 774 Melbourne (Melbourne); ABC South Western Victoria (Warrnambool); ABC North Queensland (Townsville); ABC 612 Brisbane (Brisbane); ABC South Queensland (Toowoomba); ABC Far North (Cairns); ABC Central Queensland (Rockhampton); ABC 881 Adelaide (Adelaide); ABC South East SA (Mt Gambler); ABC South Coast WA (Albany); ABC South West WA (Bunbury); ABC Goldfields/Esperance (Esperance); ABC Goldfields WA (Kalgoorlie); ABC Midwest Wheatbelt (Geraldton); ABC South West WA (Bunbury); ABC 720 Perth (Perth); ABC 836 Hobart (Hobart); ABC Darwin (Darwin); ABC Radio Sunshine Coast (Gympie); ABC Mildura Swan Hill (Mildura); ABC Riverina (Wagga Wagga); ABC South East NSW (Bega); ABC Western Queensland (Longreach); ABC Wide Bay (Bundaberg); ABC Central Australia (Alice Springs); ABC Gippsland (Sale); ABC Kimberley (Bropme); ABC North East Victoria (Sale); ABC Central Victoria (Ballarat); ABC Illawarra (Wollongong); ABC Carpentaria (Mt Isa); ABC Upper Murray (Yackandandah).

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NATIONAL Radio National
Radio National's PM 01/05/03 5:17PM
Compare: Mark Colvin

Demographics	
Male 16+	32,800
Female 16+	32,600
All People 16+	65,400
ABs	31,400
GBs	40,000

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Interview: Charnley, Anglican church

Interview: Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett

Interview: Dr Muriel Porter, Anglican lay worker

Interview: Father James Murray, The Australian

Interview: Opp Leader Simon Crean

Interview: PM John Howard

Duration: 4 mins 37 secs Ref: C00010280121

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Syndicated stations: Radio National (Brisbane); Radio National (Darwin).

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NATIONAL Radio National
Radio National's PM 01/05/03 5:10PM
Compare: Mark Colvin

Demographics	
Male 16+	32,800
Female 16+	32,600
All People 16+	65,400
ABs	31,400
GBs	40,000

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Interview: Peter Aspinall, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane

Interview: Qld Premier Peter Beattie

Duration: 7 mins 11 secs Ref: C00010280053

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Syndicated stations: Radio National (Brisbane); Radio National (Darwin).

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SYDNEY Channel 10

TEN News 01/05/03 5:00PM

Compere: Ron Wilson & Jessica Rowe

Demographics

Male 16+	129,417
Female 16+	216,485
All People 16+	345,903
ABs	21,572
GBs	194,807

There are calls for the Governor-General to be sacked after a damning report into his handling of child abuse allegations within the Anglican Church in Brisbane. The details were tabled in the Qld Parliament after John Howard refused to make them public.

Hollingworth will not be resigning, nor will Howard ask the Queen to sack him. Simon Crean is among those calling for the Governor-General's resignation. Report.

Interview: Excerpt: Governor-General Peter Hollingworth, speaking on the ABC in February 2002.

Interview: Hetty Johnston, Child Protection Advocate.

Interview: John Howard, Prime Minister.

Interview: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier.

Interview: Phillip Aspinall, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane.

Duration: 2 mins 21 secs Ref: S00010279893

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Syndicated stations: Southern Cross Ten (Canberra); Southern Cross Ten (Canberra).

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SYDNEY 2UE

Mike Carlton 01/05/03 4:21PM

Compere: Mike Carlton

Demographics

Male 16+	24,300
Female 16+	54,300
All People 16+	78,700
ABs	22,800
GBs	27,600

Hetty Johnston talks about the findings of the report into the way Governor-General Dr Peter Hollingworth handled claims of child abuse when he was Archbishop of Brisbane. She reports only four of all the nine charges concerned child sexual abuse, and on all four of those charges the church was found negligent in dealing with the abuse. Johnston says the role of Governor-General should be held by a person who has the trust and the respect of the Australian people. She cannot understand why Prime Minister John Howard would support Hollingworth. Carlton notes no one ever seems to call the police when child abuse takes place. Johnston says historically, the Church has set itself apart from the rest of society when dealing with crimes like this. She is extremely concerned the report found that Hollingworth's behaviour could be understood under the banner of corporate governance. Carlton does not believe there is a lot of Christianity seen in the Christian Church these days.

Interview: Hetty Johnston, Executive Director, Braveheart.

Duration: 7 mins 26 secs Ref: S00010279500

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LONGREACH ABC Western Queensland

Drive Show 01/05/03 4:21PM

Compere: Steve Martin

Demographics

Male 16+	n/a
Female 16+	n/a
All People 16+	n/a
ABs	n/a

The Anglican church report into child abuse allegations was tabled in state Parliament today. The

report was critical of then Archbishop Peter Hollingworth's handling of two of the cases. Walsh says the report is a good example of why we need external, independent inquiries into allegations of abuse within institutions like the church. She congratulates Archbishop Aspinall and Peter Beattie for agreeing to table the report and thus making the findings open to public scrutiny and accountability. Walsh is disappointed that John Howard will not table the report in Federal Parliament. She agrees with Hetty Johnson's call for a Royal Commission into allegations of child sexual abuse by institutions like the church. Walsh advocates an annual report conducted by religious institutions in which they outline how many cases of abuse they have had reported to them and how they dealt with the allegations.

Interview: Karen Walsh, Co-ordinator, Esther Centre

Duration: 8 mins 15 secs Ref: B00010279754

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Syndicated stations: ABC Carpentaria (Mt Isa).

GBs	n/a
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SYDNEY 2UE

Mike Carlton 01/05/03 3:43PM

Compere: Mike Carlton

Carlton updates the Governor General scandal. He says that a report into the Anglican Church in Brisbane has found that Peter Hollingworth was found to be wanting in his dealing with several incidences of child abuse in the Anglican Church. He says that he feels that there is a growing feeling that he should go. He plays a segment from a press conference with Simon Crean. Crean says that the GG needs to retire or else John Howard should sack him. He says that this should be learned from and it should be made sure that this never happens again. Carlton says that the GG can only be dismissed by the Queen at the recommendation of the Prime Minister. Carlton says that the system of the Governor General only works if it has the support of the Australian parliament and it is clear that this is not the case. Carlton says that the Prime Minister was supposed to have called a press conference before he left for the United States but this has not happened.

Interview: Simon Crean, Federal Opposition Leader

Duration: 8 mins 28 secs Ref: S00010279196

Order: ☐ Transcript ☐ Audio

Demographics	
Male 18+	24,300
Female 18+	54,300
All People 18+	78,700
ABs	22,800
GBs	27,600

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regime and to liberate the people of Iraq. It is early days but I think it is possible to draw some conclusions about the likely impact of the extraordinarily successful campaign in Iraq. The military campaign, first and foremost, has removed a deadly threat, a key supporter of terrorism and a proliferator of weapons of mass destruction. The conflict underlined how seriously the United States and its allies treat the twin threats to international security posed by the spread of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism. This is a fundamentally important question.

Countries pursuing weapons of mass destruction or lending support to terrorists now have a much clearer illustration of the United States and its allies' determination to act and the possible consequences of dangerous pursuits. The United States has rightly shown a determination to press for outcomes which will, in the end, preserve our common peace and security. That is not to say that the United States will deal with the different manifestations of these threats in the same manner as it has dealt with them in the case of Iraq—and it is important to understand that and not to draw false conclusions—but the United States is determined to use its weight to achieve a positive outcome in difficult circumstances.

As the Prime Minister mentioned earlier and as the member for Flinders also suggested in his question, the United States is now putting a great deal of emphasis and weight into endeavouring to resolve the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They are doing this through a sustained diplomatic effort. The United States does that with the full support, I know, of so many people around the world, including in this country, and with the support of our government.

The United States is capitalising on the new realities created by the successful military campaign in Iraq to address threats to security. For example—and these are very important points—in the aftermath of the campaign in Iraq, Syria has shown a new responsiveness to the concerns of countries like ours, the United States, of course, and others regarding terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. It has been interesting that Syria also has, after a certain degree of hesitation, decided not to give sanctuary to Iraqi regime figures trying to flee from the coalition in Iraq. Iran has also assured us of its determination to play a constructive role in post-conflict Iraq, and there are indications of renewed discussions within Iran of finding common ground with the United States.

With the removal of the threat of Saddam Hussein, the United States has also been able dramatically to wind back its military presence in Saudi Arabia. I think the tragic bombings that took place this morning—possibly carried out by Al-Qaeda or a related organisation—illustrate the importance of the United

States and Saudi Arabia working together to defeat terrorism, because in that area there is still a good deal of work to be done. I note with great interest the recent comments of the foreign minister of Qatar, indicating that his country is considering a peace treaty with Israel.

So the campaign in Iraq has begun a process of dramatic change in the Middle East. Recent actions by regional states and key powers have demonstrated a renewed willingness to work towards positive outcomes in the region. I will be visiting Iraq and a number of other countries in the region between 21 and 26 May, and it will be an opportunity for us to very directly have an input into what we think are desirable outcomes in the Middle East. But I do not think you can dismiss lightly the very substantial argument that what has happened in Iraq has sent a resounding message, not just through the Middle East but around the world, and has generated a much more positive atmosphere in the Middle East, which I think can help lead to the resolution of that terrible and long-running Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Governor-General

Mr CREAN (2.32 p.m.)—My question is again to the Prime Minister. Isn't it the case that the Aspinall report finds that Dr Hollingworth's response to a complaint of serial child sex abuse was untenable? Doesn't the report also find that the complaint was not handled fairly, reasonably and appropriately? Prime Minister, is a person who has acted unfairly, unreasonably and inappropriately on complaints of serial child sex abuse an appropriate person to be Australia's Governor-General?

Mr HOWARD—It is true that the board of inquiry contained those findings. It is also true that that finding did not have the status of a judicial finding. It is also true that other lawyers have a view that the process that led up to the finding denied the Governor-General natural justice. That is a statement of fact. I cannot disagree with the Leader of the Opposition that the board had that finding. But, in the absence of it being a tribunal of law, which it is not, it does not automatically follow that that finding is good for all purposes. It is the view of the people who constituted that board. The question of whether other views will be adduced in relation to that matter is something for Dr Hollingworth and not for me. So I cannot and will not dispute what is in the document. That is their finding. It is not a conclusion that is accepted by Dr Hollingworth. Legal advice he has obtained throws doubt over the procedural aspects of the inquiry and suggests he was denied natural justice. I am not saying that is true either. I am in no position to do so. I am not setting myself up as a court. I am simply pointing out that a private inquiry, having reached that conclusion, does not have the

same force as some kind of process that would have a different and more definitive authority.

Iraq

Ms JULIE BISHOP (2.35 p.m.)—My question is addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Would the minister inform the House of the coalition's progress to date in finding evidence of Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction?

Mr DOWNER—First of all, I thank the honourable member for Curtin for her question. I appreciate the genuine interest, including the intellectual interest, that she shows in this particular issue.

Opposition members interjecting—

Mr DOWNER—Australia, as the interjectors know only too well, joined the coalition to rid Iraq once and for all of its weapons of mass destruction capabilities, which the last 12 years unfortunately have demonstrated could not be achieved through diplomacy alone. We regret that but, on the other hand, the alternative of doing nothing was a worse alternative. The government and its agencies remain as confident as we have ever been that evidence will be found of Saddam's programs. Of course it will take time, but good leads are coming forth, and I thought the House—

Mrs Irwin interjecting—

Mr Kelvin Thomson interjecting—

The SPEAKER—Order! The member for Fowler! The member for Wills for the third time!

Mr DOWNER—There are some very interesting interjections from the opposition. I only wish that people, particularly when they watch question time on television, could always hear the interjections because they are very revealing. Already we have seen evidence of what appear to be mobile biological laboratories, at two sites in Iraq, capable of producing biological materials for use in weapons of mass destruction. I know that it is disappointing to the opposition to hear this, but I am afraid this is true. In one case, technical experts from the United States and the United Kingdom have concluded that the unit does not appear to perform any function beyond what a defector said it was for, which was the production of biological agents. In this respect, this mobile equipment seems to bear out earlier claims by defectors—mentioned, by the way, by Secretary of State Colin Powell in his presentation to the Security Council on 5 February. Honourable members may recall that occasion.

The coalition has in place a major search and investigation effort to which Australia is contributing 17 specialists. The Pentagon is currently restructuring its arrangements for weapons of mass destruction searches. There has been a suggestion, I think, in a media report that for some reason the Americans are withdrawing altogether from the search. That is of course not true; the Americans are, on the contrary, putting a very major effort into investigating the evi-

dence. They will continue the examination of over 1,000 sites, including some 600 that relate to weapons which were identified prior to the conflict; another 400 sites have been identified as a result of tips and other leads; and less than 150 sites so far have been inspected. Just that information gives the House a sense of the dimensions of the task.

A very significant component of all of this is the interviews that are taking place, and will in future take place, with scientists and others who have been involved in weapons of mass destruction programs. There is also extensive examination of documents and checking of computers for information relating to these programs, and this sort of detail is fundamentally important. There is no doubt that, in particular, the capacity to interview key scientists—such as Dr Taha, who was nicknamed Dr Germ, and Dr Ammash, who was known as Mrs Anthrax—recently detained by the coalition will be potentially very important.

Let me also say, in answer to the honourable member's question, that we know only too well that Saddam Hussein's regime endeavoured to obfuscate and to hide from the United Nations weapons inspectors; and they worked very hard at hiding these materials from the United Nations weapons inspectors. Therefore, in order to continue the process of unravelling Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, obviously it will take a good deal of time. It will require continued and extensive interviews with scientists and other officials who will be able to provide more information in relation to those materials that have been hidden.

Let us make no mistake about this. The revelation already of the mobile biological laboratories is an enormously important development. I do not think, if I recall the debates on this issue some weeks ago, there are many people on the other side of the House who have ever doubted Saddam Hussein's possession of weapons of mass destruction. As time goes on, that possession of weapons of mass destruction becomes increasingly apparent.

Governor-General

Mr CREAN (2.41 p.m.)—My question is to the Prime Minister. Given that the Aspinall inquiry has found that the man you appointed as Governor-General failed to report and act in relation to child sexual abuse by a known paedophile within his church; and that you have failed to seek his resignation as a consequence of those findings because apparently, you allege, procedural irregularity with the inquiry has occurred, will you, given the serious nature of the findings in the Aspinall report, agree to establish a judicial inquiry into this matter and into the issue of child sexual abuse in this country?