

Commission of Investigation

Report into the Catholic Diocese of Cloyne

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This report is submitted to the Minister for Justice and Law Reform pursuant to the provisions of the *Commissions of Investigation Act 2004*.

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Naming of clerics

This report describes the handling of allegations, complaints, suspicions and concerns about child sexual abuse in respect of 19 clerics. It was not the task of the Commission to establish whether or not child sexual abuse occurred or whether or not there was a basis for the suspicions and concerns which were expressed. In all cases, the Commission has done its utmost to preserve the anonymity of the complainants and those who expressed concerns.

In describing the handling of these cases the Commission has also done as much as it can to preserve the anonymity of the clerics concerned.

The Commission regrets that it has not been possible to report the case involving concerns about Bishop Magee without identifying him. Concerns were expressed about Bishop Magee's interaction with a 17-year old boy. The handling by Church authorities of concerns in relation to a bishop is different from that which applies to priests. There is only one bishop in the diocese of Cloyne. The Commission, being acutely conscious of the potential damage which his identification in its report entails, was concerned about his inclusion in circumstances in which his identity cannot be masked in any way. Having fully considered the matter, the Commission concluded that the proper discharge of its remit required that it investigate and report on the Church and State response to the concerns raised about him.