Statistical Overview of the First and Second Tranche Safeguarding Reviews

In the First Tranche we looked at six dioceses whereas in the Second Tranche we have reviewed four dioceses and three religious authorities. In contrasting the number of individuals reported to us as the subject of an allegation, with the total number of allegations received and the number of convicted offenders, some interesting relationships emerge. These are outlined below:-

Findings from the First Tranche

Total number of individuals subject to an allegation Total number of allegations received Total number of convictions related to these allegations	85 164 8
Findings from the Second Tranche	
Total number of individuals subject to an allegation	146
Total number of allegations received	<i>37</i> 8
Total number of convictions related to these allegations	12

The three religious authorities reported to the reviewers a markedly higher experience of abuse allegations than the dioceses. This is a very small sample and it must be stated that their history may not be representative of the other religious authorities. (There are well over a hundred religious authorities that are currently engaged in ministry here). The details that they reported to us are outlined below:-

Findings from the Three Religious engaged in the Second Tranche

Total number of individuals subject to an allegation	89
Total number of allegations received	267
Total number of convictions related to these allegations	6

The higher incidence of abuse amongst the religious is worthy of further consideration particularly as the reviews also found examples of significant practice deficits such as the non-reporting or delayed reporting of allegations when they emerged. Set against that, there was a complete openness and commitment to change displayed by each of the religious that we engaged with. Each confirmed to us their sincere intention to develop and set in place the highest safeguarding practice henceforth.