

1. I am Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under-Secretary of State (PUS) and Head of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).
2. In light of the commitment from the Government to cooperate with the Historical Institutions Abuse Inquiry (HIAI) in Northern Ireland to the upmost of its ability, my predecessor (Sir Simon Fraser) tasked FCO officials in 2014 to assist the HIAI with its investigation into the Kincora Boys Home.
3. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIAI has reviewed all the material that the FCO has been able to find arising from the searches conducted using the search terms agreed with the HIAI.
4. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIAI has reviewed that material in un-redacted form.
5. I confirm that the FCO has thereafter facilitated access to the HIAI copies of all the material sought from the FCO, which the HIA Inquiry wished to publish.
6. I confirm that the disclosed material has been provided to the HIAI by the FCO with only those redactions agreed to by the HIA Inquiry.
7. I confirm that the FCO has endeavoured to assist the work of the HIA Inquiry to the best of its ability.

Signed.....


Sir Simon McDonald, PUS and Head of HM Diplomatic Service

Date.....

18.11.17