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THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of the Northern Ireland Office

1. I am Sir Jonathan Stephens and hold the post of Permanent Under-Secretary (PUS) in the Northern Ireland Office (NIO).
2. In light of the commitment from Her Majesty's Government to cooperate with the Inquiry to the utmost of their ability I tasked officials in my department to assist the Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) Inquiry with its investigation into Kinora.
3. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed all the material that the NIO has been able to find arising from the searches conducted using the search terms agreed with the HIA Inquiry.
4. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed that material in unredacted form.
5. I confirm that the NIO has thereafter disclosed to the HIA Inquiry copies of all the material sought from the NIO, which the HIA Inquiry wished to publish.
6. I confirm that the disclosed material has been provided to the HIA Inquiry by the NIO with only those redactions considered appropriate by the HIA Inquiry.
7. I confirm that the NIO has endeavoured to assist the work of the HIA Inquiry to the best of its ability.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Stephens".

Sir Jonathan Stephens KCB
Permanent Secretary
Northern Ireland Office

18 January 2017.