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Dear Ms Manjadarria,

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I write further to your letter of 11 February 2005 in which you detailed a number of requests and proposals for further information to be sent to the Inquiry.

In response to requests numbered '2' and '4' respectively, please find enclosed the following documents:

1. The report/debrief notes of Robert Rowland, Chairman of the Board of Visitors, following the hostage incident the end of July 1998
2. A list of the particular functions that were assigned to members of the Independent Monitoring Board (hereafter 'IMB').

Response to the remainder of the requests follows, together with the transcript references originally provided.

27/12/21-25 and 27/13/1-9: Statistics detailing the level of assaults

We can now confirm that at the material time (i.e. prior to March 2000), any figures obtained by the IMB in relation to the level of assaults within Feltham would have been done on an ad hoc basis, at the direct request of the Board. Mrs Bogue has clarified that during her tenure as Chair of the IMB she undertook to personally collate monthly statistics on the level of assaults. Such statistics were assimilated by reference to the orderly book, from which Mrs Bogue would note all assaults officially reported. These statistics were subsequently contained within Mrs Bogue's Chair report, which went to the IMB on a monthly basis. It should be noted that the statistics gathered were dependant on what was formally reported through to the orderly office.

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It has been confirmed with the Security Department and Governor Cowan, who took over Security in early 2000, that the Security Monthly Intelligence Report, which contains aggregated statistics for assaults within Feltham and was passed to the IMB, was only produced from January 2001.

27/28/10-25 and 27/29/1-11: Race relations training – Qasim Beg

As a member of the Race Relations Management Team (RRMT), Qasim Beg attended the compulsory training as laid down in PSO 2800, which states that all members of the RRMT must attend training within the first six months of their appointment to the Team. Mr Beg's certificate of training is held at the IMB's Office.

The entirety of the IMB undertook compulsory training in 2000/2001 further to an initiative set up by the then Minister for Prisons, Paul Boateng.

27/70/10-25 Concern over the investigation of racial incidents prior to January 2000

We reiterate Mrs Bogue's comments made to the Inquiry. Concerns over poor investigations into racial incidents became prominent in January 2000. Whilst it is not borne out by the minutes that the IMB had "raised" concerns as to whether or not racial incidents were being properly "investigated" it does not translate that concerns had not been taken outside of this forum. It is highly likely, for example, that the IMB's Rota Books contain examples of such concerns. The Rota Books are with the Inquiry Team and hence we have been unable to investigate the location of these concerns fully.


Again we emphasise it must be recognised that the IMB's minutes are being read cold, close to five years after the event and with the benefit of hindsight. From January 2000 there were significant concerns held by the IMB over the investigation of incidents which were made known.

We hope that this provides sufficient information to the Inquiry on the issues as requested. We suggest that if the Inquiry has further queries, these are raised directly with my assistant Nicola Powell who will gladly provide any further assistance.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of the enclosed documents.

Yours sincerely


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