



Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Guide questions for providing a statement or information to the Royal Commission

Details of the person providing the information

1. **Name** (The person providing the information may wish to remain anonymous. If so, please confirm that)
2. **Contact details** (The person providing the information may wish to give a name but not any contact details. If so, please confirm that)
3. The person providing the information may be giving information on behalf of or about someone else. If so, please confirm this and any relationship to the person whose experiences you are describing)

Details about what happened

4. The name of the institution where the child sexual abuse occurred
5. When the event(s) occurred (or the range of dates)
6. Where, including in which city or town and which State
7. A summary of what happened
8. The names of anyone else who saw what happened (if known)
9. The names of anyone else who the person saw being sexually abused as a child in the institution

What happened afterwards

10. Did the person tell anyone, if so who and when
11. If they told a person from the institution:
 - a. what did they tell them
 - b. who did they tell (name and position of that person, if known)
 - c. when did they tell them
 - d. whether they said it or put it in writing. If in writing, did they keep a copy and if so, do they still have a copy of it
12. What was the initial response from the institution to having been told
13. What did the institution do about it
14. If there was an investigation of the abuse by the institution, how was it conducted
15. What meetings or other interactions did the person have with the institution during its investigation
16. Did the person feel encouraged or discouraged from reporting the abuse



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17. If the person did not report it for some time, were there reasons for not doing so. If so, what were those reasons
18. After reporting it, was the person supported by the institution and if so, how
19. Did the person receive counselling or psychological help. If so, who provided it
20. Did the person receive an apology or an acknowledgment of the abuse they had suffered
21. Did the institution accept responsibility for what happened
22. Were there any conditions attached to accepting that assistance
23. How adequate was the support that was offered
24. Was the person encouraged or supported to report their abuse to the police
25. Did they do this and if so, to whom, where, when and what happened
26. If the person did not report it to the police, why not
27. What were the consequences for the perpetrator(s)

Compensation

28. Has compensation been sought by the person and if so, was that through the civil court or some other means. Was an amount received, if so, who paid it and how much was it
29. Were there any conditions attached to accepting that compensation for example that it had to be kept confidential
30. What is the person's view of the effectiveness and adequacy of any compensation, either offered or received
31. How long did it take to achieve a result
32. Was the person satisfied with the process in dealing with the complaint and/or the result. If yes or no, please explain

What does the person hope will happen upon telling the Royal Commission of their experience

33. Healing/being heard
34. Investigation by the Police
35. To help the Royal Commission understand what happened and to make recommendations to improve the system
36. Other reason

Support

37. What emotional/psychological support have they sought since the abuse
38. What support are they currently receiving



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39. What further support would be of value

Other matters

40. Whether the person has given the account to another inquiry, if so, which inquiry, whether by written submission or evidence and whether that was in public or in private
41. Whether the person wishes that account to be obtained and used as their account to the Royal Commission
42. Whether they want their account to the Royal Commission to be kept private or made public

Reporting to police

43. Does the person want the Royal Commission to forward the complaint to the police