Extract from analysis of the connexional panel's final report – submitted to Church House by Peter Timms on 18th March 2017

Limitation on submissions.

Lines 133ff 173 – 177 "The complainant sent to the team three unsolicited bundles of documents.." 219ff.

"These papers were inappropriately long"

The other half of the truth:

The above lines suggest that there was no procedure for the introduction of the documents – and that there was a limit on the length of any such contributions.

As far as I can determine, Standing Orders contain no limit or guidance on how many supplementary complaints can be added to an original complaint, nor any length to which such submissions must be limited.

Limitations were put onto my submissions, both verbal and on paper. This, in my mind, was not in accordance with Standing Orders.

I am not aware of any such limitations in Standing Orders

The documents were prepared for a meeting in January 2017 (see above) That they were finished in time for the December date is purely by chance. It was the panel who moved the date from January to December.

XI

The half truth:

Line 228:

"it was specified that these responses should be no more than on half of a side of A4 in 12 point font for each question. The complainant had not addressed these questions and had not observed the brevity requested.

The other half of the truth:

The letter was sent on 24th November. It included eight questions which I have dealt with in the addendum 3 to the set aside motion.

However, it no longer gave me the option of presenting my case – whether on three separate pages of A4 or within a ten minutes speech.

I was now restricted simply to answering the eight questions.

XII

The half truth:

Line 269: The complainant refused to sign the undertaking. This did not disadvantage him as there were no new documents which could have been provided."

The other half of the truth:

This is not really a half-truth, for it is completely untrue. At line 205 the panel list a document they considered, being a letter to them from Rev Ian Wales. I was never given that document – I did not even know of its existence. I can make no comment on it because I have not seen its content. I was therefore disadvantaged by the action of refusing to show me further documents.