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From: **Legal Support** <[redacted] DPA>
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Subject: Re: IICSA Westminster Investigation - Access to Egress bundle
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Thank you Lord Steel, I will forward to Inquiry Counsel.
Regards
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On Thu, 14 Mar 2019 at 18:55, STEEL OF AIKWOOD, Lord <[redacted] DPA> wrote:

I should be extremely grateful if you would relay to the Inquiry the following and tell them that I am happy to be recalled if need be. I am more than a little surprised that I was not sent the previous report to which reference was made at the end of my evidence, as it was highly relevant and I was unaware of its existence. Also I did have some difficulty hearing which may partly explain why I did not pick up counsel's use of the word "confess" in some of his questions though I did protest at the use of the word "guilty". Just to be absolutely clear what Smith admitted to me was that the Private Eye story was correct in that he had been investigated by the police and that no action had been taken against him. As I told the Inquiry we

did not discuss the details in the story and indeed I did not have the magazine with me when we talked - so it is wrong to say he "confessed" to the abuses mentioned. As I said in my written statement I had no doubt he was misusing his role as a councillor.
David Steel

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