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To Ms Rigg

I am the Interim Director-General at the IOPC.

I am aware that Dame Anne Owers, on behalf of our predecessor, the IPCC, previously apologised to you and your family in May 2013 for [shortcomings identified in the Casale review](#) regarding the IPCC's first investigation into the death of your brother, Sean Rigg, and the length of time it took to get to that stage, acknowledging that those failings and delays added to the distress and grief of the Rigg family.

I wish to apologise to you and your family not just for the delay in the original investigation but also for all of the IPCC's delays thereafter including in completing the second investigation and the time it took to bring matters to a conclusion.

Also, given recent events, I consider it appropriate to personally apologise to you and your family on behalf of the IOPC and the IPCC for not giving proper consideration to informing you at an earlier stage of a civil claim brought against the IOPC by some of the officers investigated following the death of your brother.

As indicated above, I am familiar with the circumstances of the very sad death of your brother, and the unfortunate chronology of the investigations, the various proceedings and the subsequent civil settlement of the officers' claim. While we decided it was necessary to settle the claim, I am sorry that consideration was not given to informing you of the claim at a much earlier stage.

I also apologise for the way you came to learn of the settlement of the claim, the fact compensation was paid and apologies provided to the officers. I am aware that we did not inform you following the settlement and that you instead learned of it through an article issued by the Police Federation, which we did not know about until after publication (published 15 May 2023).

I understand that this caused you and your family anxiety, distress and upset in addition to that which you inevitably suffered in the wake of your brother's death and investigations and proceedings that followed.

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For that I unreservedly apologise.

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