

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Annabelle CLEELAND: keep giving them to us, because we are so inspired by you. As Christine said, your courage is probably going to protect a lot of people going forward, so we really are grateful. I am interested in, as we discussed a bit earlier, the financial control GRC has over people, and that is quite a loaded question—individuals’ and your family’s wealth as well—and whether the current laws maybe shield that financial oversight of following the money. Did you want to make a comment on that or take that on notice, or both?

I think a mentor program might help with people leaving who need help “re/integrating” with society.

Annabelle CLEELAND: My final question, which you can take home with you if possible, is that we have heard a lot of stories about particularly women discouraged from education, discouraged from financial independence and I guess the life skills to potentially physically and mentally leave the cult and how that holds such a coercive control. Just any guidance on the tools to reintegrate to leave but also to reintegrate for individuals that could be 30- or 40- or 50-year-olds that want to but are not in a position to. That is a loaded question.

A total ban on financial advice or counselling unless the pastor is qualified and a registered financial advisor.