
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Monday, 3rd March 2014

commencing at 10.30 am

(Day 15)

MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as
Counsel to the Inquiry.

1 Monday, 3rd March 2014

2 (10.30 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (10.45 am)

5 WITNESS HIA60 (called)

6 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone.

7 MR AIKEN: Morning, Chairman, Members of the Panel. The
8 first witness this morning is already in the witness
9 box, HIA60, who is "HIA60". HIA60 is aware, Chairman,
10 that you're going to address him in relation to the oath
11 or affirmation.

12 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

13 Now, HIA60, do you wish to make either a religious
14 oath or make an affirmation, which is a promise? The
15 two have the same legal effect. It is entirely a matter
16 for you to chose.

17 **A. I'll make a religious oath.**

18 WITNESS HIA60 (sworn)

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Please sit down.

20 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

21 MR AIKEN: Now, HIA60, as you're aware from the discussion
22 we have had -- if we can bring up on the screen, please,
23 the statement at SND-10070. Thank you. Just maximise
24 that for me, please. We had a discussion, HIA60, you
25 will recall about what these black marks meant and the

1 issue of anonymity, and how for people coming forward to
2 the Inquiry they are given a designation. In your case
3 it is "HIA60". That's to protect their name and their
4 personal information, and each individual has an
5 opportunity to decide whether they want to maintain that
6 anonymity, so that when the press reports in relation to
7 the story that you're going to explain to the Panel,
8 then your identity isn't disclosed, or you can choose to
9 waive your anonymity, so that your name can be
10 associated with your story.

11 Can you confirm whether you want to waive your
12 anonymity or not?

13 **A. Yes, I do.**

14 Q. You want to waive your anonymity?

15 **A. Sorry. No. I want -- I want to remain anonymous.**

16 Q. You want to remain anonymous. So any reporting of your
17 story shouldn't be associated with your name or any
18 personal information from which you could be identified.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Now the second thing that I want to use this document
21 for, HIA60, is you can see on the screen the redactions
22 in black and your designation, but you have with you in
23 the witness box I trust a hard copy that lets you see
24 what's underneath the redactions. What I'd like you to
25 do is just look at the first page and just check that it

1 mirrors what's on the first page that's on the screen
2 except for the black marks. Can you confirm that for
3 me?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Then if we could go to SND-10079, please.

6 **A. Sorry. Where's that? Oh!**

7 Q. If you could turn to the last page in your hard copy,
8 HIA60 --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- the one on the screen you'll see there's a signature
11 box and it's blacked out --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- but can you confirm that in your copy you have signed
14 the witness statement and it matches the one that's on
15 the screen except for the black box?

16 **A. Yes, that's correct.**

17 Q. Then can I ask you, finally, you want to adopt the
18 content of your statement as your evidence to the
19 enquiry?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Thank you. Now what I want to do first, if we go back,
22 please, to SND-10070, and just to put this in context,
23 you were born -- this is again something that won't be
24 published -- but you were born in and your
25 period in Termonbacca began in

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. So you were when you went into Termonbacca

3 --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and you stayed there until effectively

6 --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- when you were . So that's the period

9 that we're going to address this morning, but prior to

10 that you explain in paragraph 3 of your statement that

11 while you're known by a

12 because before you

13 ,

14 .

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. The Inquiry Panel will be able to be aware of the

17 that I'm discussing.

18 You mention the breakdown in the relationship

19 between your mother and father and your mum coming back

20 to Derry to live along with you and

21 --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- who was years younger than you.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You mention in paragraph 4 of your statement that she,

1 in fact, got a job .

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. She did that -- can you remember how long she held that
4 job as ?

5 **A. I think it was quite a while,**

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9 Q. So you -- you, for instance --

10 **A. So over a period of time, yes.**

11 Q. -- mention becoming aware of a number of individuals you
12 mention in paragraph 5, one of whom became a friend

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14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. That's SND-132 on the screen, and you can see who that
16 is, and he'll feature in some of the evidence that
17 you'll give in due course.

18 So you mention in paragraph 5 that you actually

19 lived in Termonbacca for --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- in and that's when

22 , and you have said

23

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Then your found that out and wasn't for

1 having it and you were taken back .

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. There is no -- as I made you aware beforehand, there is

4 .

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. That's your memory of what occurred and how it came to

7 an end --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- with the intervention of your . Now then

10 between that point in and you lived with your

11 mother in Derry.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. We'll not go into all of the detail of it, but that was

14 a very difficult home life for you.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You're aware because I've shown you various papers where

17 your mother's reaction towards her children was

18 described as unhelpful, and that was the main cause of

19 the difficulty in the home life, her -- and we can look

20 at the reference, if need be -- but her what's described

21 by a doctor as .

22 So you mention in paragraph 7 that in particular

23 your admission to Termonbacca in arose

24 from a particular altercation between you and your mum.

25 Do you want to explain that to the Inquiry in your own

1 words?

2 **A. I had not been at school and my mother had been in the**
3 **habit of ringing up and checking if**
4 **I attended or not. She came back that evening and asked**
5 **me if I had been at school. There was no point in**
6 **lying, and she picked up a full milk bottle and hit me**
7 **round the head. I don't remember being very hurt, but**
8 **I do remember it was like slow motion, and I just**
9 **realised, looking at my mother, that she was insane and**
10 **if I stayed there, she was going kill me. So I just**
11 **packed my school bag and football boots and left and**
12 **never went back.**

13 Q. That was the last in what was a series of violent
14 incidents --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- towards you. In paragraph 7 you describe how on one
17 occasion she put your head through a window.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Do you remember was that before Termonbacca or after?

20 **A. Before.**

21 Q. Before Termonbacca.

22 **A. It was a couple of years before.**

23 Q. You also mention that she would have used on you a belt
24 --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- or a broom handle.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. I was showing you this morning -- if we can briefly turn
4 to SND-3854, and if we just maximise the last entry --
5 in fact, if you maximise the page for me and just scroll
6 down a little -- just stop there, please -- and if we
7 look at the last paragraph, this was an entry I was
8 talking to you about earlier, HIA60, where you'll see
9 that your mother, in fact, threatened to take the broom
10 handle to at that stage, who was

11 **SND 465** --

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. -- who -- again her name should not be reported -- but
14 there clearly was a difficulty. You describe in your
15 witness statement having a very good relationship with

16 **SND 465** .

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. She is, in fact, the lady who ultimately takes you to
19 Termonbacca --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- but clearly there was considerable difficulty being
22 recorded in this record as to your mother's approach to
23 **SND 465** , and it seems a similar implement to the one
24 you describe in paragraph 7 was being suggested as a --
25 as a weapon.

1 So if we go back to SND-10071, you say that her
2 temper towards you went in two or three day cycles --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- and that this milk bottle incident then is what led
5 you -- you mention -- if we just scroll on down to the
6 next page and paragraph 7, you describe how you left and
7 went to the Samaritans.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Then a particular social worker who you name became
10 involved and ultimately **SND 465** then found you
11 a place at Termonbacca.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. The records show that efforts were made with Fort James
14 and it didn't have any places at that point in time, but
15 that Termonbacca did and, in fact, , if we
16 go to SND-3858, please, and just if you highlight the
17 top entry for me on the page, this is the entry
18 I mentioned to you, HIA60 --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- where your mother was saying you should be looked at
21 by doctors. She was suggesting perhaps you were similar
22 to the words you used towards her earlier in your
23 evidence, and yet the registrar, when you are seen,
24 indicates that there's nothing pathologically wrong with
25 you and in the doctor's view the problem was the

1 negative relationship with your mother due to her
2 towards you.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. So -- and whenever you made a statement to the police in
5 July 2003 about a particular matter that we'll come to,
6 you say in that statement -- and I'll not pull it up but
7 I'll give it to the Panel for their reference -- at
8 SND-15537 that the reason was to get away from your
9 mother. That's why you were leaving for the Samaritans,
10 insisting you weren't going to go back --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- and ultimately taken into care and placed in
13 Termonbacca.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. At -- if we can go briefly -- just bring the page out
16 a little, please -- and the next entry down we see on
17 **SND 465** collecting you and
18 taking you to Termonbacca, where you were introduced to
19 -- again he shouldn't be identified in
20 any reporting -- but **SND 332**, who was
21 who worked in Termonbacca for the congregation,
22 and also SR1 and it was her group. This is for the
23 Panel. SR1 -- SR1 we are talking about; again she
24 should not be identified -- but you have positive words
25 for SR1.

1 **A. Yes. She was very good to me.**

2 Q. We will come to it for another reason in due course, but
3 you have said publicly in newspaper articles, that SR1
4 was someone you had a particular fond memory of caring
5 for you well.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Now if we go back, please, to SND-10072 and to
8 paragraph 8, if we just maximise out the page again and
9 paragraph 8, there we see you were in SR1's group and
10 that was called the group. Then you
11 describe a series of civilian members of staff who would
12 have assisted her --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- and worked on a rota basis.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You give the names of those civilian members of staff.
17 Did you have any difficulty with those members of staff?

18 **A. No, none.**

19 Q. In fact, if we then move to SND-15537, please, this is
20 part of your police statement that -- if we just scroll
21 down -- you made in July 2003. Now I appreciate you'll
22 be seeing a whole series of redactions. The Inquiry
23 Panel will be able to know who those individuals are
24 from the designation list, but you're listing out the
25 various individuals that you're sharing with at that

1 time.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. I think one of -- you shared a room, for instance, with
4 another individual

5 along with two other boys. So was the arrangement
6 that -- if you can describe for us the layout --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- of your group and the accommodation. What did it
9 look like?

10 **A. It was a two-storey building. Downstairs there was**
11 **a large dining room, living area. Then there was**
12 **a kitchen. Opposite that there was a sewing room. Then**
13 **there was a series of toilets. There was a shower room.**
14 **There was a store for the clothes. That was in the**
15 **sewing room as well, and at the end of that corridor**
16 **there would be SR1's office. Then you go upstairs and**
17 **there was a series of bedrooms.**

18 Q. Those bedrooms were shared by a number of?

19 **A. There was one room for girls. There were three girls in**
20 **the room, and then the rest were all boys, and the only**
21 **single room was**

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23 Q. So initially you shared with other boys, and you name
24 those other boys,

25

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. Looking back on it, whether it worked or not, the
3 purpose

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5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. I think you've a view about it maybe didn't work
7 terribly well.

8 **A. Well, I got three.**

9 Q. You got three. Then the other group, if I can -- you
10 mention in your statement there is the
11 group, which you were in.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Then there was another group, the group.
14 I'm sorry. You say you were in the group
15 initially --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and then eventually you were moved to the
18 group.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Now the group had accommodation basically
21 similar --

22 **A. It was exactly the same, yes.**

23 Q. -- to the version you had in the . If
24 we go back then, please, to SND-10072 and paragraph 9,
25 you say at that time when you went in, you were

1 attending . You were studying for

2 Then you mention SND132, who was still

3 there. He is someone you had met

4 --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and you and he became good friends.

7 Then I want to ask you in particular about

8 paragraph 10. This is about the ex-residents who were

9 coming back to visit Termonbacca. You say here:

10 "There were ex-residents who were between and

11 years older than me."

12 So you are --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- at the time. So you're talking about people who are

15 that sort of age range.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. "When everyone reached the age of , they left

18 Termonbacca, but some would return, I imagine either

19 because it was the only home they knew or they knew that

20 the boys were easy targets for abuse. I understand that

21 when SR5 ... " -- now the Inquiry Panel will know you

22 are talking about SR5 -- "was working in Termonbacca in

23 " -- again her name should not be

24 reported -- "

25

1 Now just for the Panel's record SR5 worked in
2 Termonbacca between and . We're not going to
3 pull up the register, but the references are SND-5781 to
4 5785. Those are documents that show the list of nuns
5 who were in the home at the time, HIA60.

6 **A. Yes. Okay.**

7 Q. What I'd like to -- obviously it is clear that you
8 weren't there between and . So how did you come
9 to know that SR5 had

10 ?

11 **A. I had been told by boys who had been there.**

12 Q. This is something you found out long after you had left
13 Termonbacca?

14 **A. While I was in Termonbacca and afterwards. You know,
15 I was having these conversations with boys I was in
16 Termonbacca with and then afterwards.**

17 Q. She left then in and you say she was replaced in
18 by SR2.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You are aware -- I mentioned to you earlier -- SR2, who
21 again shouldn't be identified, that's SR2, she was there
22 from right the way through, but you are saying your
23 understanding is

24 .

25 **A. That's what I've been told, yes.**

1 Q. You've said in paragraph 10 that some of those
2 ex-residents were really nice, decent people, and they
3 played football with you and helped you with the chores.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You name a series of them that you've positive memories
6 of, some of whom the Inquiry will hear from or has heard
7 from, and you mention played football with you. How did
8 that arise? You were obviously at school during the
9 day.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. How did the football come about?

12 **A. Well, one of the problems for me was if**
13 **I heard a football bouncing, I was gone and was playing**
14 **football, and Termonbacca had its own football pitch,**
15 **and we had a group of boys who would play football all**
16 **day long. So for me it was happy days. Play football**
17 **all day long. So ...**

18 Q. Back then you were a Liverpool fan whenever they were --

19 **A. I am afraid so. I don't want that to go on the public**
20 **record, please. Sorry, [REDACTED].**

21 Q. The -- so the football was a distraction --

22 **A. Absolutely, yes.**

23 Q. -- but something that you fondly remember playing --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- with the --

1 **A. The older boys would come. When we finished school, we**
2 **would normally be there, and we would just congregate --**
3 **congregate at the football pitch and, you know, football**
4 **would ensue.**

5 Q. Did that carry on until teatime then?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. That's a positive memory you have --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- of the football that was occurring, but not all --
10 and you identify this in paragraph 10 -- not all of the
11 ex-residents who were returning did you have a positive
12 experience with.

13 **A. Correct.**

14 Q. You name a series of those ex-residents who weren't nice
15 --

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. -- and you were very wary of them. You remember
18 an assault from one of them

19 --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- entered Termonbacca.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. What I'd like to ask you about is the role that those
24 ex-residents performed. What were they there to do?

25 **A. I think they were there basically because it had been**

1 their home, and some of them were maybe years
2 of age. They were living in the . There was
3 many of us lived in the estate, and they had no
4 families. They had no parents. So often they would
5 come to Termonbacca and visit the nuns, or some of the
6 boys would come and play football with us and help us
7 with our chores. In the absence of a family life this
8 probably provided some sort of company for them.

9 Q. Were there times that you were left in the company of
10 those ex-residents? Are there times when the nuns were
11 not around --

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. -- or were they always around when the ex-residents were
14 around?

15 A. Both. The nuns would go and say their vespers or
16 whatever and we would be left with some of the boys, the
17 older boys who had left, and normally there would be
18 a lay member of staff there as well, but if you think,
19 Termonbacca was quite a big area to cover. The younger
20 children would need to be looked after. They would
21 start getting ready for bed and bath from 6.30,
22 7 o'clock onwards. So we weren't always supervised.

23 Q. In fact, there's a particular individual, SND76, that
24 you've an issue with, and we're going to look at that,
25 but he describes his role if we go to SND-15556, and

1 this is contained -- if we just maximise that, please --
2 in -- this is in a summary of a police interview with
3 him in February 2004 in response to your police
4 statement from July 2003 that we looked at.

5 He describes his purpose in coming back.

6 "He stated he helped out by supervising some of the
7 children, washing cars, doing the stores, general
8 housekeeping and other administrative tasks. When asked
9 to clarify 'supervision', he stated he assisted with the
10 supervision. There was always another staff member
11 there. He was just there to help out."

12 Is that your recollection, that there was always
13 another staff member there?

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. "It was not his specific responsibility to look after
16 people. He stated it was an informal arrangement. He
17 clarified supervision as being there to help the staff
18 by virtue of the fact he was an adult. He described how
19 each group of children would often have slept in the
20 same dormitories, ate their meals and watched television
21 on a communal basis. He helped out with the group", and
22 he identifies it being the group that ran, but he
23 wasn't sure which one that was.

24 Then various comments are made about -- by the
25 person who created this record about the description

1 that he gives to it.

2 "He described it not as a formal arrangement. When
3 asked if he ever disciplined the children, he stated he
4 would have sometimes tried" -- scroll down, please --
5 "when asked if he disciplined the children, he stated he
6 would have sometimes tried to break children up if they
7 were fighting by using his powers of persuasion. He was
8 asked if he ever had occasion to physically admonish
9 children under his supervision".

10 and the author of this record suggests:

11 "He avoided directly answering these questions and
12 spoke in very general terms in the third person."

13 Now this individual, SND76, later clarifies that and
14 doesn't accept this analysis that was done by the author
15 of the note, but do you recollect is that a role that
16 the ex-residents performed to try to keep order, if
17 I can summarise it in that way?

18 **A. I wasn't aware of them ever having to keep order.**

19 **I didn't know that that was their role. As far as I was**
20 **concerned he was a visitor and we were never told that**
21 **this person was here to actually supervise us or help us**
22 **in any way.**

23 Q. Well, whether you were told that or not, is that what
24 actually happened?

25 **A. No. He was there, but he didn't take on any role of**

1 supervising us and he didn't help us do any of the
2 chores. He didn't organise people -- we had to share
3 a shower room. He didn't take any role in that. He
4 did -- I just remember him being there, basically
5 hanging about.

6 Q. If we go back to SND-10072, you do describe in
7 paragraph 10 that other of the ex-residents did help you
8 with the chores --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and, as you say, played football --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- but your specific recollection of this individual is
13 he wasn't one of those --

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. -- who was -- who was helping you.

16 Then if we move, please, to paragraph 11. So I've
17 given you -- this gentleman is known to the Inquiry as
18 SND76.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You describe a particular incident involving him that
21 I'm going to take you through, because that's involved
22 a lengthy interaction between you and him from then
23 until now, and I'm going to go through the salient
24 points of that with you briefly, if I can, but say here
25 that:

1 "I was also assaulted by an ex-resident called SND76
2 ."

3 So that's

4 "When I arrived in Termonbacca, I had no clothes
5 with me. There was a clothes store which residents were
6 given clothes from. I had outgrown the clothes, so SR1
7 bought me new clothes."

8 So you are saying SR1 went out and got you new
9 clothes.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Do you remember what she got you?

12 **A. We went to Spears on Butcher Street and she bought me
13 two pairs of jeans, two shirts and a lambswool jumper.**

14 Q. And --

15 **A. I would remember that, because I'd never had new clothes
16 before. So ...**

17 Q. One of the new items was the lambswool jumper and
18 indicate you loved it.

19 **A. Yes. I'm wearing lambswool now.**

20 Q. One evening you say:

21 "I was in the television room and I was wearing that
22 jumper."

23 SND76 seemed to resent your new clothes and was
24 trying to get -- and these are the other individuals
25 that you shared a room with I believe except for one,

1 SND136. Again he shouldn't be identified, but you can
2 see that's SND136 that you're referring to --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- and I'll come back to him later in your evidence, but
5 he and two other individuals that you can see on your
6 hard copy --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- that you shared with. That was HIA69 and **SND 132**
9 **SND 132**. Is that right?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Did you share with both of those or were they just other
12 boys who were there at the time?

13 **A. I didn't share a room with **SND 132**.**

14 Q. But you shared a room with HIA69?

15 **A. HIA69, yes.**

16 Q. Right. You say that he tried to get them to gang up on
17 you.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You left the television room rather than allow yourself
20 to be provoked, but he followed you out.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. If I just stop there, and perhaps do you want to in your
23 own words explain to the Panel what -- what happened as
24 he followed you out?

25 **A. I walked -- I walked out of the room and I wasn't aware**

1 of anybody following me, but as I got outside the room
2 right on the left was the sewing room, and as I got to
3 the sewing room, he ran at me from behind, pushed me up
4 against the bench and there he tore the lambswool jumper
5 off my back. At that point I turned around and managed
6 to get out of the way, pushed him out of the way, and
7 I-ran up to the room. I was ,
8 which had a lock on it. So I went there and just locked
9 the door until I knew SR1 would be there.

10 Q. Now that -- you indicate that this happened when she was
11 probably at prayers.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. If we just -- you see the sentence:

14 "I remained there until I knew SR1 had returned from
15 prayers. The nuns always went to prayers about 6.30 and
16 they were away for about 45 minutes."

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Now you then say:

19 "This attack always puzzled me, as it was of
20 a totally different nature to the other physical
21 violence that I'd experienced."

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. But is it right that up until we get to you
24 just regarded it as an unpleasant thing that had
25 happened, ripping your jumper?

1 **A. No. It stood out.**

2 Q. It stood out. What was it about it that stood out about
3 it?

4 **A. It was the only violence I had been involved in -- it**
5 **usually involved being punched or kicked or just abused**
6 **or whatever. No-one had ever tried to tear my clothes**
7 **off.**

8 Q. Then you indicated in you were watching
9 a and you saw

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11 . Again that is a matter that shouldn't
12 be reported. You then indicate you phoned
13 the particular friend of yours that you have named, and
14 he said,

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16 **A. Correct.**

17 Q. Now how did you react to him saying that to you? Was
18 that something you'd ever heard before?

19 **A. I was stunned.**

20 Q. You then say that as a result of
21 and what your friend said to you that the
22 motivation for SND76's attack on you made sense.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Now obviously the incident you were talking about was

25 This is years later --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- in . What was it that caused things to make
3 sense to you at that point?

4 A. Well, for a start this person had never been friendly
5 towards me. He had never laughed and joked with me.
6 He'd never played football. He never was interested in
7 interacting with me. I never saw him interacting with
8 any of the other young people. I found him a very cold,
9 intimidating, unpleasant presence, and then for no
10 reason he grabbed me and threw me into the sewing room.
11 I hadn't -- I didn't -- I didn't engage with those three
12 boys and him when we were watching TV that evening
13 whenever I left. I didn't want to get involved in any
14 fight, arguments with him. I could -- normally I could
15 have dealt with those three on my own, but when he was
16 there, then he -- he took it to a different level. So
17 I just decided I was leaving the room, and that always
18 stayed with me.

19 Then over the years a friend of mine who I spoke to
20 that evening, when he was on , he had
21 told me of different incidents of abuse that he had been
22 a victim of over the years. I didn't want to push him
23 on it. I didn't really want -- I didn't really want to
24 upset him any more than that. If he wanted to tell me,
25 then that was fine, but I wasn't going to, you know,

1 question him about it, but that evening he did tell me
2 and then it sort of -- it made sense.

3 Q. What I'm going to do now, HIA60, is take you through
4 a series of -- so that's , and then whenever you
5 spoke to the police about the incident in July 2003, if
6 we just look at the description of it at SND-15540 --
7 just bear with me for a moment. I've got a wrong -- a
8 wrong reference. If we just go back a page, please, to
9 SND-15539, if you just maximise the page, here you say:

10 "On another occasion it was one evening time and the
11 nuns were not there. I was in the TV room with others.
12 I can't recall exactly who, but I was watching TV. One
13 of the former boys" -- it is the same individual,
14 SND76 -- "walked into the room and just stood there
15 looking at [you]. I had on some new clothing given to
16 [you] by SR1 and SND76 saw that. He said to me
17 'Sister's pet' and words like that."

18 Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes. That would have been about right. There was --
20 I created a bit of resentment,
21 , and apparently according to the other residents in
22 Termonbacca it was supposed
23
24 . I had
25 been there probably , but it was SR1's

1 **decision, so ...**

2

3 Q. You mention you recall the lamb's wool blue --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- crew neck jumper and you'd never had anything that
6 nice.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You say he was picking on you and:

9 "All the other kids then started on me, calling me
10 ...",

11 a particular phrase --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- because of your dad, and then you thought:

14 "... 'That's it' and I walked out of the room."

15 As you walked past, he followed you, grabbed you
16 from behind and forced you into the sewing room.

17 "He ripped the jumper off my back and began to try
18 to rip the rest of my clothes off me."

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. What else do you remember him trying to rip off other
21 than that?

22 **A. Well, he was pulling at my shirt and at that time**

23 **I turned around and pushed him away. I mean,**

24 **I wasn't -- wasn't that big, but I wasn't small either.**

25 Q. You mention there you managed to struggle free with your

1 clothing torn and you ran off upstairs. Now we've had
2 the conversation you had with your friend in after

3 .
4 Then if we can go to SND-15561, because
5 the precursor to you making this police statement was
6 an e-mail that you sent to the place where this
7 particular individual worked. If we just scroll down,
8 please, do you remember doing this --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- now, HIA60?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. So you make a reference to him and and
13 then you point out that you knew him. Was this the same
14 person from Termonbacca who bullied and harassed you as
15 a -year-old and then you say "and sexually abused at
16 least one other resident of Termonbacca" that you knew
17 of".

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. The point that's being raised with the Inquiry about the
20 e-mail is it draws a distinction. Your experience you
21 describe as being bullied and harassed --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- and then the other individual as having been sexually
24 abused.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. What do you say about that?

2 **A. That's what happened.**

3 Q. That's what happened.

4 **A. God knows what would have happened if I had stayed in**
5 **the sewing room. God knows what would have happened if**
6 **I hadn't been able to push him out of the way.**

7 Q. You have indicated you accept that the police spoke to
8 you about this e-mail whenever they then began
9 investigating.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. were involved, including the Police
12 Service here --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- . You had a meeting with
15 the police -- SND-15528 -- in June 2002 in response to
16 them looking into the e-mail. If we just increase the
17 size of that, please. Scroll down a little. You will
18 see towards the bottom of the page, HIA60:

19 "Officer spoke to ..." and that's your designation,
20 "on 27th June and discussed the allegation."

21 You admitted sending the e-mail. Now they expressed
22 some views about you in terms of being and
23 the distrust which you may have been --

24 **A. Total distrust.**

25 Q. A total distrust. You describe to them allegations of

1 routine bullying by senior children whilst you were
2 resident there in Termonbacca, and you allege
3 specifically that SND76, this particular individual,
4 assaulted you on one occasion and you now believe he was
5 trying remove your trousers. You indicated that he made
6 an -- he also abused the friend of yours who we have
7 been talking about --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- who was also a resident in Termonbacca. At that
10 stage this suggests that you didn't identify who that
11 was, but subsequently his identity was --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- made known.

14 But then we move to , when you gave
15 an interview to .

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. That's at SND-15564 and if we can also bring up
18 alongside that SND-15565. Now that's the newspaper
19 article. We have a web version that makes it easier to
20 read that I'm going to pull up, but just so you
21 recognise the photograph and the article.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You remember giving that interview, and the easier to
24 read version is at SND-15826. If you just maximise that
25 page, please. This is just a printed-out web version of

1 the content of the newspaper picture that we were
2 looking at.

3 What I wanted to ask you, first of all, HIA60, is
4 what happened in that you can recollect that caused
5 you then to want to speak out about what had occurred?

6 **A. I ended up taking maybe weeks off work and I went to**
7 **my GP and he described me as being very anxious, and**
8 **I think at that time I think I was just**
9 **coming to terms with everything else that had happened,**
10 **and along with the death of DL48 and SND24 and some**
11 **others and other things that other young people had told**
12 **me about what had happened when I had been in**
13 **Termonbacca and afterwards. I had also contacted Social**
14 **Services in Derry. I had contacted I-don't know if it**
15 **was the PSNI or RUC at the time. They weren't really**
16 **interested.**

17 Q. The two individuals that you mention, you talk in the
18 interview about DL48. Again he shouldn't be identified,
19 because the Inquiry --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- has given him a designation.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. The Inquiry has received papers relating to him, but he
24 took his own life , and he'd been someone
25 campaigning, and there are newspaper articles --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- that show that, but in this record you say that both
3 physical and sexual abuse was rife in Termonbacca
4 according to this record, and you are now living in
5 another location and you're speaking out about what you
6 call the conspiracy of silence shrouding years of abuse.

7 **A. Correct.**

8 Q. You say:

9 "I think honestly the nuns didn't know the half of
10 what went on."

11 Why do you say you think they didn't know the half
12 of what went on?

13 **A. Well, if I can go back to that incident when I was**
14 **dragged into the sewing room, they didn't know about**
15 **that. I don't remember ever telling anyone else about**
16 **it. I just accepted it. By the time I was years of**
17 **age I thought anybody could do anything to me.**

18 Q. You then go on to say you felt they should have known.

19 **A. They should have known.**

20 Q. They were in the business of protecting children. Why
21 do you say they should have known?

22 **A. Because they ran the children's home. They had the**
23 **lives and welfare of -- I don't know -- 48 children in**
24 **their care. They should have known. They were placed**
25 **there by Social Services for a variety of reasons from**

1 **their own families. Either they were neglected or**
2 **abused by their own families, and then they were placed**
3 **in Termonbacca where it just continued.**

4 Q. You then go on to describe:

5 "On being admitted to Termonbacca I was soon aware
6 of the culture that ruled there."

7 You describe how older boys who had left the home
8 returned under the auspices of supervising younger
9 residents. You describe the particular incident where
10 you were beaten up by an older boy.

11 "During the next year I learned of another reason
12 why some of the ex-residents would return. Several of
13 them were involved in sexually abusing the younger
14 residents."

15 Now when you say:

16 "During the next year I learned ...",

17 is this something you learned afterwards, that this
18 had been going on?

19 **A. No. I found out while I was there. There were also**
20 **residents who were there while I was there who were**
21 **involved in this.**

22 Q. We will come on to one in your statement that you
23 describe that related to you.

24 Now you then say:

25 "I myself was attacked twice, but proved to be too

1 much of a handful for my would-be assailants."

2 You say that a lot of the sexual abuse happened in
3 the shower rooms of the house and over the years you
4 have become increasingly aware of the extent of the
5 abuse from the accounts of other ex-Termonbacca boys.

6 You then describe two individuals who did come
7 forward before you and how they didn't live to see their
8 matters being investigated. You were now going to --
9 speaking out for your late friends who can't speak for
10 themselves.

11 **A. Correct.**

12 Q. If we just scroll further down, please, to the second
13 half of the -- to the next page, you make various points
14 about inviting people to come forward. You also
15 indicate:

16 "Unfortunately for the Catholic Church and Social
17 Services this is one home boy who refuses to go away."

18 **A. Correct.**

19 Q. But you say then further down that you want to make it
20 clear that you didn't wish to blight the good name of
21 the Sisters of Nazareth and you admit that the love
22 shown to you by some of the sisters was very welcome,
23 and you -- one nun in particular shines in your memory.
24 You'd like to state that SR1, SR1, showed you only
25 kindness and you'll always be grateful to her for her

1 care and encouragement.

2 **A. I will always be grateful to SR1, but having said that,**
3 **there are other home boys who will tell you different.**
4 **They will tell you that she actually made their lives**
5 **a misery. I was unaware of that, but, you know ...**

6 Q. So your experience of her --

7 **A. Was different.**

8 Q. -- was not the same as others'?

9 **A. No. I was years of age. I wasn't or or .**
10 **I was -- I was older and, you know, I was treated**
11 **differently.**

12 Q. You indicate then there was one boy who had scars on his
13 back from being beaten by the flex of a kettle --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- by one nun in particular. That was -- you don't
16 identify the nun in the , but you're aware
17 from -- it's the SR2 is the -- I'd better ask you just
18 to confirm who do you understand -- who are you
19 referring to here?

20 **A. Well, SR2, SR2.**

21 Q. So that's SR2 and again she should not be identified in
22 any reporting.

23 Now you then say towards -- just in the last
24 sentence of that paragraph:

25 "He also recounted the ordeal of ...", and there's

1 a redaction here, but an individual, "who was persecuted
2 terribly."

3 Now underneath that is a reference

4 . Who -- can you confirm who you're
5 talking about there?

6 **A. SND136.**

7 Q. SND136. So he is again not to be identified and his
8 designation is SND136. Now he has given a statement to
9 the Inquiry which the Panel has had and been referred to
10 before. It is at SND-15578. If we just can bring that
11 up, please. Just maximise the size of it. There's one
12 particular thing I'd like to ask you. If we just scroll
13 down further, please, he makes reference -- just down to
14 the next page -- just stop there. You're saying again
15 the designations. One of the names under here is
16 a HIA136. Do you remember a HIA136 at Termonbacca? I'm
17 just wondering has he got -- is he meaning you but has
18 got your first name wrong?

19 **A. Nobody would have known me as "HIA60" then.**

20 Q. You would have been known as?

21 **A. HIA60.**

22 Q. So it's not --

23 **A. It's a different HIA136.**

24 Q. Right, and that's not to be confused with you. So the
25 Panel has had an opportunity to see this statement and

1 reflect on it, and he describes the atmosphere in the
2 home as mixed, some positive things and some negative
3 things.

4 Now we've looked briefly at your police statement in
5 July 2003, and there you're describing again this
6 particular incident with SND-76. Now you had identified
7 to police -- and if we can go to SND-15529 -- and I'm
8 aware that you perhaps find this difficult, but you can
9 explain to the Panel why that is. If we just maximise
10 the "Further Enquiries" paragraph, please. Just
11 maximise that paragraph. Thank you.

12 Now this is a record within police papers of
13 a conversation that these police officers had with the
14 friend of yours that you'd referred to earlier that has
15 been given the designation SND132. He alleges that the
16 home was a violent place and he was often physically
17 abused by other boys, and he described one instance of
18 alleged indecent assault, and the Inquiry Panel can see
19 what that related to. He couldn't recall who the
20 perpetrator was, but no other incidents of sexual
21 assault were disclosed.

22 Then he says this of you, which I know you found
23 difficult when I made you aware of it this morning. He
24 said that you were a bully who had bullied him all his
25 life right up until his . He described you as the

1 top dog in the home who was feared by many and had a
2 ..., and he describes a particular qualification, and
3 that you were obsessed by your past and was always
4 trying to get him to say things about the home regarding
5 any bad experiences whilst there. You sent him
6 newspaper cuttings regarding the home, and he would
7 describe you as a man who bears a grudge. No
8 allegations of any kind were made against SND76, who he
9 acknowledged knowing, and he wouldn't make any further
10 statement regarding his time in the home.

11 Now the individual that we're talking about, up to
12 this point you and he had been very close.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q.

15 **A. Correct.**

16 Q. You'd been at .

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You had identified him as the person who made that
19 remark to you in on the phone about what had
20 happened to him at the hands of this individual.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Eventually you'd given his name to the police and the
23 police spoke to him and this is said to be a record of
24 what he said.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Is there anything you'd want to say to the Panel about
2 that and about him saying what he said here?

3 A. I -- sorry. I -- at that time the police had contacted
4 me and asked me to give a statement, which I did.
5 I told them about what this person described to me, and
6 they said they would then send two nice police officers
7 to speak to him first. Apparently that is usual
8 procedure, and then they would send someone to take
9 a formal statement from him. However, when they went to
10 take the formal statement from him, he refused, and the
11 police -- the two detectives then said -- told me that
12 he had described me to them as a paedophile. So
13 I actually asked the police -- I think I was with them.
14 It was on the phone. They used to ring me every two
15 weeks. I think officially I was supposed to have been
16 , and I asked them what they
17 thought of that remark and they laughed. They knew it
18 wasn't true.

19 Q. What -- what view have you formed about why he might
20 have said something like that --

21 A. He --

22 Q. -- and not given a statement?

23 A. He had told me around the time of ,
24 that he -- he had actually completed a
25 and that involved three interviews of almost

1 eight hours, and he hadn't told them anything at all
2 about being in Termonbacca, and he told me that he
3 hadn't told them about that because he thought it would
4 have prevented him from becoming . So my
5 view was that he had simply done that because he was
6 getting on with his life and effectively he had not told
7 the truth to Social Services and continued to be
8 .

9 Q. And that --

10 A. He was protecting himself, in other words.

11 Q. You feel that's why he wouldn't stand by the remark he'd
12 made to you on the phone?

13 A. Well, this is the first time I've ever seen this. So we
14 spoke about it on the phone on that occasion, , and
15 I had seen him after that. We actually went to
16 on a trip together. We -- I was the
17 , and then in conversations after that he
18 actually -- he never denied it.

19 Q. Do you and he still have a relationship?

20 A. I haven't seen or spoken to him for years.

21 Q. Can you remember was the cause of that cessation of
22 being friends over this?

23 A. No. He rang me up and -- he rang me up one Friday
24 afternoon and he started ranting and raving at me down
25 the phone, telling me I was -- I had bullied him all his

1 life, etc, etc, and that was it. I asked him not to
2 contact me again. I didn't want to speak to him again
3 after that. I'm not going to deny I didn't feel very
4 betrayed. I did. I felt very hurt. He was -- at the
5 time when I -- after I had left Termonbacca and for
6 almost years after I left Termonbacca the only
7 friends I had were from the home and he was one of them.
8 I'd say it would be fair to say I had -- I had supported
9 him but he'd also supported me as well. So ...

10 Q. The Panel is aware then, HIA60, that there was a lot of
11 communication in 2002 and 2003 between you and SND76 by
12 way of you sending him text messages.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You remember doing that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I am not going to bring it up, but the Inquiry Panel
17 will be able to see the content at SND-15552 to
18 SND-15554.

19 Eventually the police then recorded an interview
20 after caution with SND76 --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- on 27th February 2004, and if we just look at what he
23 had to say about the particular incident at SND-15558,
24 please. We'll see he stated -- this is in the second
25 paragraph down -- he did not recall this incident

1 happening. He stated the allegation of you did not make
2 sense to him. He stated he could not know whether you
3 had possessed a new jumper. What do you say about
4 whether he would have known that you had a new jumper on
5 or not?

6 **A. Everybody else knew. He knew.**

7 Q. He stated he would not have come in and picked on you.
8 It was not the sort of thing he would do. He stated he
9 did not know of any sister -- I think there may have
10 been a mistake in the recording of the particular nun
11 that's being referred to. Just bear with me and I'll
12 get the ... Yes. I think the Inquiry staff have worked
13 out it was SR1, SR1 --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- but if may have been misrecorded as a
16 Do you remember a ?

17 **A. I have never heard of a ever.**

18 Q. So the reference you're meaning is SR1?

19 **A. It was only SR1, yes.**

20 Q. He gives another old nun by a slightly different name,
21 SR65, but you're talking about SR1?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. He claimed that the allegations you were making were
24 illogical. He denied he would have called you "Sister's
25 pet". He stated categorically the incident alleged did

1 not happen. He admitted knowledge of a sewing room
2 close to the television room in the home and described
3 its location. He again denied the allegation, stating
4 it didn't make sense. He denied ever attempting to
5 sexually assault you in any way and went on to say he
6 didn't attempt to sexually assault any person in
7 Termonbacca, and he denied any sexual attraction to you.
8 He described you as a difficult person. He admitted
9 being in the sewing room on occasions with SR2, Sister
10 SR2, but unsure whether it was kept open or locked. So
11 he's essentially saying, "I don't recollect any of this
12 and I certainly wasn't assaulting sexually you as part
13 of the incident".

14 Now the police then formed a conclusion about the
15 matter and I am not going to bring it up, but the Panel
16 will have the reference at SND-15526, and that in April
17 '04 then resulted in the file moving to the Director of
18 Public Prosecutions in Northern Ireland. On 28th June
19 2004 we can see at SND-15576 the DPP directed that there
20 should be no prosecution of SND76 in relation to the
21 matter that you'd reported.

22 Now that was 2004. In 2005 then you sent some
23 e-mails and renewed communication --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- began between you and SND76. That began with

1 an e-mail you sent to the . Again
2 that should not be reported, because that might help
3 identify the individual concerned, but we can see that
4 at SND-15788. I am just -- can you remember now, HIA60,
5 what the catalyst was for you to send -- the criminal
6 inquiry had ended in June 2004. This is about
7 fourteen/fifteen months later. Can you remember what
8 the catalyst was to sending this communication?

9 **A. Well, the police who had originally spoke to me -- they**
10 **came to me other than I sent them that e-mail.**
11 **years later they came to me and approached me. They**
12 **told me very -- in no uncertain terms exactly what they**
13 **thought this person was about.**

14 **Q. And that's what led you to then send this e-mail to the**
15 **--**

16 **A. Well, after then -- I then found out that they decided**
17 **they weren't going to take any further action. That's**
18 **what they told me. Then out of the blue I found out**
19 **that they'd sent the file to the police in Northern**
20 **Ireland and he was then interviewed. That was not my**
21 **understanding of what was going to happen.**

22 **Q. But this e-mail --**

23 **A. Yes.**

24 **Q. -- is in November 2005.**

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. So you send this e-mail to the --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- of the particular --

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. -- and you ask why someone accused in a particular way
6 is being given a particular . Again that
7 shouldn't be reported. You refer to a particular
8 .

9 That then prompted a response which this -- SND76
10 has set out the e-mails in his statement, and I just
11 want to look at one with you at SND-15790, where -- if
12 we just scroll down, please. Further down, please, to
13 the next e-mail. He's sending this e-mail to his
14 colleague and saying it's a document showing -- and he
15 suggested you should put up or shut up, as he sets out
16 -- when you had met in the orphanage. You were there
17 due to family problems. He describes you as a hard
18 case.

19 "As I was one of the guys in the house, I was
20 sometimes asked to help supervise ..."

21 If we just scroll on down to the next page, please:

22 "... supervise other residents when the nuns had to
23 go off and pray/eat, etc. He was always getting into
24 fights with other guys, requiring me to have to
25 intervene and separate them. He made an allegation to

1 the police that on one of those occasions when
2 I physically intervened and pushed him into another room
3 that I had intended to sexually assault him. However,
4 when he was quizzed by the police, he admitted that he
5 had not been sexually assaulted but that he 'believed
6 that the intention was in my mind to do it'. I did make
7 the PSNI aware of the ..." -- he described it as
8 harassment -- "and was able to show them a number of
9 text messages ..."

10 Now you point to that as him appearing now to
11 remember --

12 **A. I believe so, yes.**

13 Q. -- that incident, and he said something -- if we go to
14 SND-15792 -- that it arose from -- this is his e-mail to
15 you a number of days later on 21st November 2005 at 2.00
16 in the morning. If we just scroll down further, please,
17 he says:

18 "When you arrived", in the last paragraph, "you were
19 regularly getting into fisticuffs with other boys and
20 constantly challenging the authority of the nuns. On
21 occasions, as one of the boys, I was asked to
22 supervise the group when the nuns were absent, and you
23 constantly challenged my authority when I had to
24 intervene to prevent you fighting with other children.
25 On some occasions this necessitated my having to

1 physically separate you from your victims using only
2 reasonable force and no more."

3 You then -- if we just scroll a little further down,
4 please.

5 **A. Can I just say that's nonsense, because it never**
6 **happened.**

7 . He had no supervisory role. He
8 wasn't any kind of member of staff.

9 I could see it. He wasn't --
10 he wasn't employed by nuns to do anything.

11 Q. No. He appears to be suggesting --

12 **A. That's what he's suggesting.**

13 Q. -- that as an ex-boy who has come back during the period
14 when the nuns are not present he is asked to supervise.
15 Now he will be able to explain to the Inquiry what he
16 has to say about that, but you -- then on 25th May 2006,
17 so a number of months later, and at SND-15796, you draw
18 attention -- if you just scroll down, please, to 6:

19 "You refer to the incident when you dragged me
20 violently into the sewing room ... you are correct it
21 was not a bedroom. However, I fail to see the point
22 that you attempt to make. If it had been a resident's
23 bedroom, then I would doubly concerned" and so on.

24 You are drawing attention to the fact he remembers
25 dragging you to the sewing room.

1 On the next page, please, paragraph 8:

2 "The other reason why this incident has always stuck
3 in my mind is because I can remember",

4 and you describe here his breath and saliva. What
5 was it about that that you remember?

6 **A. Because he was right in my face. Have you ever been
7 physically attacked or assaulted?**

8 Q. You make the point that he attempted to rip off your
9 jeans --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- but --

12 **A. He was pulling at my clothes. He tore off my jumper and
13 it wasn't going to stop there. If I hadn't pushed him
14 away, it wouldn't have stopped. I believe that.**

15 Q. Then he responds in May 2006 at SND-15799. He responds
16 the following day, and in that e-mail again appears to
17 accept the incident where he -- if you just see in the
18 first paragraph:

19 "There was no mention in your statement to the
20 police of any attempt, as you claim, to rip your jeans
21 off. There was only reference to your jumper being
22 slightly ripped. The police were satisfied with my
23 explanation that I had to separate you from a fight
24 involving you and another one of the boys, something
25 which you regularly involved yourself in."

1 **A. That's his -- that's his statement. That didn't happen.**

2 Q. Well, the Panel has also seen his interview at the time,
3 which was that he didn't recollect the incident, and
4 that's something we will address with him, but that's
5 your drawing attention to it.

6 One final e-mail is at SND-15801 on 4th June 2006.
7 You point out just at that point:

8 "You now remember the incident when you attacked me
9 previously. You denied this, proving you are a liar."

10 You say the only reason why no sexual attack
11 occurred was because you fought him off.

12 Now the Inquiry Panel, as I made you aware, HIA60,
13 has a statement from SND76, where he again refutes any
14 suggestion that he had any sexual motive in any
15 interaction that there was between you and him, and he,
16 as I discussed with you, has also

17 at SND-15828 in . I should
18 say in fairness to him before we go there, if I may, if
19 we could go briefly to SND-15803. This is on page 25 of
20 his witness statement and his narrative is just the
21 second paragraph:

22 "In his e-mail to me on 4th June ... 'You now
23 remember the incident when you attacked me previously.
24 You denied this, proving you are a liar'. I should
25 again make it quite clear that I have no recollection of

1 the specific incident that forms the basis of his false
2 allegation against me, where I apparently was jealous
3 because he had been given a new jumper and had forced
4 him into the sewing room, etc.

5 In my e-mail of 26th May 2006 I was informing him
6 that there had been a number of occasions when I had to
7 physically separate him from fighting with other people.
8 These would have been the only occasions where I would
9 ever have had any physical interaction with him."

10 So he is saying he doesn't remember the incident
11 with the jumper.

12 So if we go to SND-15828, which is an that
13 he published in -- or it is an
14 , and he's indicating that he
15 was
16 where abuse was being talked about and a meeting was
17 going to take place with the bishop of the diocese. He
18 says:

19 "If vilified the good reputation of the many nuns
20 from the Sisters of Nazareth, many no longer with us,
21 who worked tirelessly at Termonbacca during the many
22 years of its existence."

23 He identifies a particular individual, not you, who
24 he says is the main protagonist of this and the Inquiry
25 will be able to see who that is. He then says:

1 "I myself was" --

2 He says:

3 "I am very concerned about the distorted impression
4 these allegations convey about the Sisters of Nazareth.
5 I myself was a resident in Termonbacca from the
6 until . Foolish of me to claim that in all
7 the years I resided at Termonbacca none of the many
8 hundreds of mainly boys who also resided there were ever
9 subjected to any form of abuse. I can, however, say
10 that I was not personally witness to any such acts of
11 alleged abuse and certainly was not made aware of any
12 such allegations during my tenure at Termonbacca.

13 What I can categorically say is that my memories of
14 my time at Termonbacca are very positive memories of
15 being part of a very large family of people who, despite
16 our difficult backgrounds, were fortunate to have been
17 reared by the Sisters, who devoted their lives to
18 looking after children like us and who gave us
19 a fantastic quality of life.

20 I would also like to stress that although a very
21 number of ex-Termonbacca -- a very small number of
22 ex-Termonbacca residents have voiced concerns about
23 their mistreatment -- their alleged mistreatment, they
24 are very much the vocal minority. The silent majority
25 of ex-Termonbacca residents I am convinced would, if

1 approached, have nothing but praise for the sterling
2 efforts of the Sisters of Nazareth, who provided us with
3 a loving home during our childhood."

4 He then wants to put on record his personal thanks
5 for the excellent work that they did as he sees it.

6 Do you have anything you want to say about that?

7 **A. Well, let's all go home now then. A wonderful life in**
8 **Termonbacca? I did not have that bad a life in**
9 **Termonbacca compared to some of the other boys I know,**
10 **but I'd like to know where he was when all this was**
11 **going on, because I don't know how anybody could have**
12 **been in Termonbacca all that time and not witnessed**
13 **something going on.**

14 **Q.** Then you respond to that from him on
15 in at SND-15825, where you make the point
16 that there are two sides of Termonbacca. You describe
17 your experience. You say, first of all, again about the
18 level of care and kindness that you experienced
19 particularly from SR1:

20 "... but that doesn't mean I am not willing to
21 discuss the abuse, both sexual and physical, that
22 I experienced and witnessed."

23 You say:

24 "This abuse wasn't perpetrated by the Sisters of
25 Nazareth but by the former residents of Termonbacca, who

1 had left and who would then return under the pretext of
2 visiting the nuns or the place that they claim to have
3 regarded as home."

4 You talk about discussing that with other residents.

5 You then urge any survivors to come forward to speak
6 to the authorities.

7 "You know you are not alone."

8 You say -- you then draw attention to the fact there
9 have been international scandals involving the Catholic
10 Church and that the evidence is overwhelming about what
11 occurred.

12 Just to complete the picture, at SND-15830 then in
13 another in which SND76
14 again sets out his defence of the congregation. He says
15 in a frank statement apparently that there's a sad
16 re-writing of history taking place in the life of the
17 local homes. He decided to air these comments after
18 thinking long and hard about the launch of this Inquiry.

19 If we just scroll down further, please, to the next
20 page, he says:

21 "The impression being given by some of the
22 ex-Termonbacca boys is that all of the children living
23 in Termonbacca many years ago were the victims of
24 a regime of gratuitous and excessive violence from the
25 nuns.

1 That is simply a re-writing of history. My memories
2 of having lived in Termonbacca have always been very
3 positive."

4 He loved living there. Very sad when he had to
5 leave.

6 Like many other ex-Termonbacca boys, he regularly
7 returned to visit his home and he is very grateful to
8 the Sisters of Nazareth for the wonderful start in life
9 they gave him and many other ex-Termonbacca residents.

10 He then makes reference to the coordination of
11 people to make allegations. Then he says:

12 "Given the ratio of boys to nuns, it would have been
13 impossible for the nuns to have effectively supervised
14 the children to prevent such abuse."

15 In the paragraph above he says:

16 "I am sure the allegations being made by some of
17 them are genuine",

18 but he is clearly suggesting that the matters are
19 being overstated as to what occurred.

20 **A. This man, SND76, as you refer to, this man tried to have**
21 **me criminalised to silence me, to keep me quiet. He is**
22 **a bully and a thug and he hid behind**
23 **for years. He was the one who told me he would send the**
24 **to sort me out. When they came to visit me in**
25 **2003, that's exactly what I thought they were doing.**

1 **You know, on one hand he says none of this happening.**
2 **On the other hand he is admitting it did happen. What's**
3 **he trying to hide?**

4 Q. Now what I want to do then, HIA60, is to move to -- you
5 describe, if we go back to your witness statement at
6 SND-10073, another incident involving a different
7 individual. Again if we just scroll down, please, this
8 is someone the Panel will know at SND94. This was
9 another ex-resident of Termonbacca. You had gone into
10 the shower room. Now there were two cubicles, as
11 I understand it. You were in one and the friend that we
12 discussed earlier, SND132, was in the other shower. You
13 say you had to wear pants --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- in case the nuns or a female member of staff would
16 enter to see if you were showering. Is that --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- a check that occurred from time to time?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Then this individual appeared and he pointed to your
21 groin and exclaimed, "Have you got an erection, boy?
22 Let me see" and you refused. He lashed out and punched
23 you in the face. You mention you had seen him punch
24 someone previously. Did you then go in and stand beside
25 your friend until --

1 A. Well, the cubicles were right beside each other. So we
2 were standing right beside each other.

3 Q. Did eventually this man leave?

4 A. He walked out. Yes, he walked out.

5 Q. You have indicated other occasions in paragraph 13 where
6 he would appear out of nowhere when you were --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- out walking with your friend.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. That caused you some concern.

11 A. I was always concerned, because whenever this friend of
12 mine would ask me to go for a walk, it was usually
13 because he wanted a cigarette or, believe it or not, he
14 actually had . He
15 wasn't allowed and it was almost a running
16 joke this boy would either have a
17 hidden somewhere, and we would go out
18 walks what we called the back lane, but above
19 Termonbacca there was a farm, and years later --
20 I couldn't understand why he always knew we were
21 walking, and then someone explained to me that from the
22 farm you could actually look down on the farm and you
23 could see the lane, and he was there because he used to
24 work on the farm. He would see us and come down. He
25 would just appear out of nowhere. I was just like,

1 "What's going on?" It was just bizarre. This friend of
2 mine, he always asked me -- I never smoked but he always
3 asked me to go with him basically because he was worried
4 about this other person, SND94.

5 Q. Now then if we go back to your statement and just scroll
6 a little further down, you talk about
7 , and you identify a particular individual,
8 HIA69, as someone who you later discovered had abused
9 someone else in the home --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- that you knew. That someone else is -- just so I get
12 the designation right -- HIA92 is the you
13 who you say told you later in I think
14 the that he'd been abused by this other boy
15 who was , and that was
16 HIA 69. You didn't know that at the time you were
17 there.

18 **A. I had suspicions.**

19 Q. Do you need to take a moment, HIA60? There's no
20 difficulty.

21 **A. No. Go on ahead.**

22 Q. Now, HIA92, if we just briefly pull up SND-2531, please,
23 this is what he has had to say to the Inquiry about you
24 in paragraph 16. He said:

25 "After a while a lot of the bigger boys responsible

1 for the bullying disappeared and life became more
2 normal. There was a bigger boy called ..."

3 and that's you he's referring to. You would
4 refer -- he would refer to you as the -- "our
5 protector". Him

6 :

7 "If he found out any of the other bigger boys were
8 messing with us or hurting us, he would have sorted it
9 out with them."

10 He describes you as "a gentle soul".

11 HIA60, would you like to take a break for
12 a few minutes --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- just to have a bit of fresh air --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- and ...?

17 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We'll take five minutes. No more,
18 please.

19 (12.20 pm)

20 (Short break)

21 (12.25 pm)

22 MR AIKEN: All right, HIA60? We'll continue.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. So we were just looking at SND-2531, which is where
25 you're described by HIA92. Could we have SND-2531 up,

1 please? We were noting he describes you as the
2 protector of him

3 -- and he says you were a gentle soul.

4 If we go back then to your statement at SND-10074,
5 you describe in paragraph 14 how you come -- become
6 aware in of the fact that this young boy that saw
7 you as a protector had -- was saying that he had been
8 abused in Termonbacca involving HIA69. That was the
9 first you had become aware of that.

10 **A. It was the first time anybody had spoken to me about**
11 **this young person. I might have suspected it, but**
12 **no-one had ever said to me before.**

13 Q. The point you then make at paragraph 15 of your
14 statement --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- is that the young children had no chance, you say.

17 "There were too many nooks and crannies and too many
18 rooms, such large grounds, not enough adult supervision,
19 especially if the nuns were at prayers. There was about
20 1 nun to twenty children.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. That's your memory of it. You describe in paragraph 16
23 then being struck by a particular nun. Again the
24 Inquiry Panel will know who that designation refers to,
25 but SR64 hit you when you were in the kitchen --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- but that was the once that she did that. Then
3 another nun who took over the , SR6,
4 and again the Panel is aware of who that is --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- also slapped and threatened you. Now I appreciate
7 it's been difficult for you, and the other major issue
8 that arises is of -- to do with the Social Services and
9 their involvement with you, and what I'm going to do,
10 HIA60, is just deal with that in a summary form rather
11 than pour over all of the detail of it. Obviously, as
12 I made you aware, the Panel has your document where you
13 look at the Social Services' engagement with your family
14 and has the opportunity to look at all of the records
15 that are available, but you mention that a particular
16 , **SND 466** -- and again he shouldn't be
17 identified -- you:

18 "... only saw him about two or three times when
19 I~was in Termonbacca."

20 What I was indicating to you before we came in this
21 morning was that the Social Services papers -- if we
22 just look, by way of example, at SND-3858, because they
23 show that in , when you are going into
24 Termonbacca, it is **SND 465** who is
25 at that time.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. She records various visits that she makes in the
3 pages that run from SND-3858 to SND-3860. It is not
4 until _____ which is only _____ before your
5 leaving Termonbacca, that **SND 466** takes over your
6 case again. He had, in fact, been
7 _____ . If we
8 just quickly look at SND-3850, you'll see by the
9 references that are underlined on the right-hand side of
10 the page, _____ , he is involved with your family
11 from _____ and that's until

12 The Panel will be able to read the detail of these
13 records, but SND-3852 shows _____ and at that
14 case -- at that point in time then your provision is
15 transferred over to **SND 465** . If we just go to the
16 page before, if we just scroll up a little, please,
17 we'll see the last entry in _____ for **SND 466** .

18 So then **SND 465** becomes involved and there's
19 records from SND-3851 to SND-3860. So there are nine
20 pages of detailed records that the Panel will be able to
21 have regard to of the interaction between **SND 465** and
22 _____ , and then
23 ultimately her taking you to Termonbacca in

24

25 **A. She didn't take me to Termonbacca in _____ . I was taken**

1 there by **SND 465** . I saw my mother once in that
2 year .

3 Q. Yes. I am sorry. Maybe it is my fault, HIA60. I am
4 talking about **SND 465** .

5 **A. Sorry.**

6 Q. I'm saying that it was her who took you.

7 **A. Sorry.**

8 Q. You're all right. She took you to Termonbacca in
9 and continued to be involved with you on a regular basis
10 when you were in Termonbacca until , when the
11 case transferred back to **SND 466** .

12 Now equally the Inquiry Panel will be able to see
13 from pages SND-3860 to SND-3883 there are 23 pages of
14 detailed case reporting of **SND 466** interaction
15 with you.

16 Now, as we discussed before you came in, you have
17 a particular view about that and the Panel will have the
18 opportunity to see that view, and equally the records
19 are here to show what Social Services say they did to
20 try and assist

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You then mention in paragraph 18 of your statement at
23 SND-10075 that there was also then
24 working for the congregation and that's SND332. That's
25 SND332.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Again his name should not be published, but the Inquiry
3 is aware that is SND332. You say he was employed by the
4 nuns. Is it correct you had a good relationship with
5 him?

6 **A. I would hope so. That is my recollection of it.**

7 Q. In fact, I was showing you this morning that after you
8 left Termonbacca at one point in after the
9 foster placement had broken down you actually stayed
10 with SND332 until you got other arrangements through
11 Social Services.

12 **A. It was actually [SND 466] had coerced me into going**
13 **back and staying with my mother. That lasted five days.**
14 **Then on the Friday evening I went back to my mother's**
15 **and she told me I had to leave. SND332 lived not far**
16 **away and I went and knocked on his door and asked him**
17 **what to do and he said, "Well you're going to stay here**
18 **for the night". So ...**

19 Q. So you have a positive memory of his engagement --

20 **A. Very much so.**

21 Q. -- to try to help you.

22 **A. Very much so, yes.**

23 Q. Basically if I can summarise it in this way, HIA60, the
24 difficult relationship that you had with your mum before
25 Termonbacca, that continued after Termonbacca.

1 **A. To this very day.**

2 Q. Now you say in paragraph 18, the second half of the
3 statement:

4 "I understand that he became aware", that's SND332,
5 "that a boy had been hit with the flex of a kettle by
6 a nun, and when he questioned the nuns about this
7 incident, ."

8 Who told you that? Can you remember how you came to
9 know that?

10 **A. Someone had told me after I'd left Termonbacca. I think**
11 **I was living in . It was one of the other home**
12 **boys.**

13 Q. So that was a piece of information that was conveyed to
14 you; you don't have first-hand knowledge of that?

15 **A. No. He was unhappy about it and questioned them about**
16 **it .**

17 Q. That's what you were told about

18

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Now you then describe in paragraph 19 about getting
21 . You thought it was miraculous, although you
22 say that SR1, of whom you have a very fond word --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- wasn't happy with your Latin and your French.

25 **A. No. Big use for it in Derry!**

1 Q. You then describe in paragraph 20 various occasions
2 whenever you -- and again the Social Services records
3 that the Inquiry has set this out, the various places.
4 I think you describe you had stayed over the time in
5 locations --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- before settling in and getting the job that
8 you do now.

9 **A. Well, I actually -- between leaving foster care and then**
10 **going on to Fort James around September I stayed in**
11 **about places and two of those places**
12 **twice and then I went to live in .**

13 Q. The Inquiry has obviously had the opportunity to read
14 your statement and can see that you went into Fort James
15 in , by which stage you were --

16 **A. .**

17 Q. -- I think just turned and you stayed there for about
18 --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- to --

21 **A. I actually didn't want to go into Fort James. The**
22 **reason why I felt forced to go into Fort James was**
23 **because at I couldn't actually get my own**
24 **accommodation, and I knew that if I had left care -- if**
25 **I had become and not been in care, I wouldn't have**

1 got any help in finding accommodation. I knew other
2 boys -- was one of them, and he was living
3 homeless on the Foyle Road. That's what I expected
4 I would have to do.

5 Q. Yes, and again what led you to give this detailed
6 document was a report from **SND 466**, which was to
7 assist with you getting a house, but you have a
8 particular view about the content of that report --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and again the Inquiry Panel has the opportunity to
11 see what you're saying about it --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- and see the report itself.

14 You describe in paragraph 23 and 24 particular
15 incidents in Fort James and, as I explained to you, at
16 this stage the Inquiry is looking at the two particular
17 homes run by the Sisters of Nazareth. So it may be that
18 we have to return too in relation to this matter that
19 you describe in Fort James connected to an officer there
20 and involvement with the police.

21 So if we move then through to SND-10078, you
22 describe going off to in and from then until
23 now you have held jobs. Again these shouldn't be
24 identified in the reporting about this, but you were

25 --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- in a and you now have the

3 .

4 **A. Correct.**

5 Q. That's working with .

6 **A. I am part of the ,**

7

8 Q. That's a job you have done now for a number of --

9 **A. years.**

10 Q. -- a number of years.

11 You describe then in paragraph 28 -- this is just
12 something I want to raise with you and give you the
13 opportunity if there's something you want to say about
14 it -- about -- it's down as DL48. That's DL48. Again
15 he shouldn't be identified, but you have described him
16 on a number of occasions in your statement, he being one
17 of the reasons for you stepping forward.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about DL48 or
20 ...?

21 **A. Well, DL48 in asked me if I would meet with him the**
22 **following day. I was in Derry for a week. I was**
23 **staying with , and he asked me to meet him**
24 **in Townsman's Bar the next day. It was -- I was**
25 **supposed to have met him at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.**

1 My lived five minutes from there.
2 I remember sitting in in the front room
3 just watching the clock. I didn't go and meet him.
4 I~will always regret that, but I was just not ready,
5 because when I'd met him the previous day, he told me
6 what had happened when he was with the
7 . Six months later rang me and
8 told me that he'd -- he'd been found dead.

9 I have my own feelings about how he died and what
10 happened. The police have another opinion about that,
11 but it's never been looked into. He told me that he had
12 been threatened by other people and, well, after that
13 I~just thought. "Well, I can't just let this go on",
14 because DL48 died in . Another friend of mine died
15 , SND24, and SND24 was a lot of things, but he was
16 my friend.

17 Q. You mention in your statement then at paragraph 29,
18 HIA60, that you've been --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- over the years as a result of your childhood
21 experience --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- and that has been -- you feel that you've been lucky
24 --

25 A. Yes, I do.

1 Q. -- and have had a life.

2 A. I do. I feel like I've been lucky. I have got a --

3 I~have got a job. I managed to get an education. I've

4 got a partner. I left Derry in to become

5 , and one of the

6 reasons why I left was because -- I know this is not the

7 place for it, but this is what actually happened --

8 I was constantly being harassed by the RUC. I have no

9 criminal record. I have never been charged with any

10 offence, but it didn't stop, and when I was given the

11 opportunity to work as

12 , I thought,

13 I worked in , where boys who

14 had

15

16

17 So I have been very lucky, and now I'm in a job

18 where I meet young person who have

19 had much worse experiences than me. Nonetheless I have

20 an insight into what actually happens to a young person

21 when they have to go through that whole process.

22 We are talking today about me as a 17 and

23 18-year-old. I am sat here as , which is

24 amazing to me, and I do consider myself to be very

25 lucky. I consider myself very lucky to even be here, to

1 have this opportunity, because ten, fifteen years ago
2 a friend of mine said what would actually need to happen
3 with Termonbacca -- he wasn't a Termonbacca boy, but
4 he's -- he thought the only way that any of this would
5 have been unravelled and any kind of justice would have
6 been an Inquiry like they had in North Wales. I never
7 believed it would ever happen. It is because of

8 and she is here. I cannot believe how
9 she actually managed this. So I am grateful to be here.
10 I am happy to have had this opportunity, however
11 difficult it is.

12 Q. You mention at the end of -- if we just scroll down --
13 paragraph 29 -- you have recorded for the Inquiry
14 a number of individuals who have disclosed to you what
15 they suffered.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What I'd like to do, HIA60, which we do with each
18 witness who comes along, and you have alluded to some of
19 it already, the Inquiry whenever it makes its
20 recommendations can do so in relation to some form of
21 an apology or some form of memorial or some form of
22 redress. Is there anything that you'd like to say to
23 the Inquiry Panel about the recommendations it might
24 consider making at the end of this process?

25 A. First of all, public apologies are all very well.

1 I don't see how it gives people back their lives, but
2 I would like -- I left Northern Ireland in . I'm
3 very proud of where I come from, but at the same time
4 I don't like being in Derry. I try not to go anywhere
5 near the place and I know now why that is, but
6 I believed that there was an element -- more than
7 an element of collusion between the RUC, Social Services
8 and the clergy, and the aftercare service as I see it
9 that was arranged for these boys who left care was
10 either going St. Pat's, going to Kircubbin, prison or
11 just get themselves dead. How many of these boys I know
12 who are addicted to alcohol, drugs, on prescribed
13 medication. They are now my age and older. You know,
14 their whole lives have been tainted. Their whole lives
15 have been effectively destroyed.

16 I mean, I am of age, and when this was all
17 announced, it took me right back to when I was . When
18 I was , I didn't know what was going to happen to me.
19 All I felt was hopeless, helpless. The only option
20 I had was to go back into care to get accommodation,
21 because if I had been sent back to my family, I would
22 have been on the street.

23 So we're talking years ago. So I know that
24 things have moved on a lot since then and I doubt very
25 much whether these circumstances could ever happen

1 again, but then there's complacency that creeps into
2 everything. My concern would be that young people in
3 care aren't subjected to this ever again, but also
4 questions need to be asked, because in my case there was
5 a -- I have also got the Social Services records where
6 , **SND 466** , applied for a Training
7 Detention Order on my behalf on , and
8 that was over a

9 A statement was taken to me by the -- taken from me by
10 the RUC where I was told I was going to St. Pat's. It
11 was then that SND24, my friend, told me what happened to
12 him when he was in St. Pat's. I was prepared to go
13 across the border and just take my chances rather than
14 go to that place.

15 So no-one is going to tell me that there wasn't
16 a level of collusion between all of these so-called
17 agencies that had responsibilities for these young
18 people. I know it is historical now. It is in the
19 past, but it's -- I have even have a problem with the
20 term "historical institutional abuse". It is
21 institutional abuse. It is not history as long as I am
22 alive and breathing. There is others here who went
23 through the whole system as well. So it's up to you to
24 decide what you think is the best way to deal with this,
25 but -- that's all I've got to say.

1 Q. HIA60, there's one matter that in fairness the Social
2 Services -- if we can bring up SND-3881. It is a point
3 that was raised with me and we have summarised the
4 Social Services' interaction, but the entry -- if we
5 just scroll down, please, to the entry of
6 you are quite right that there was a discussion in
7 Social Services about what steps were open as to how to
8 manage where you might live. What the record indicates
9 is that the senior social worker, whose name is given
10 there, informed **SND 466**, following discussions with
11 another senior social worker, the principal social
12 worker, that a Training School Order would not be
13 a viable proposition in your case --

14 **A. Yes. I'm aware of that.**

15 Q. -- and principally to do with your age there were
16 difficulty identifying other residential places, and
17 an effort was made at a particular location in Belfast.
18 Therefore effort was made by **SND 466** to -- whenever
19 Fort James were of the view you should no longer live
20 there to keep you living there and fought for them to
21 not close the door on you.

22 So that is a point of -- the record suggests
23 certainly the Social Services considered that as
24 an option --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- but it's not something that was considered viable and
2 therefore it didn't -- didn't proceed and you stayed in
3 Fort James.

4 **A. I was left with the impression that's what they were**
5 **trying to do. I was told that** _____ **at Spencer**
6 **Road Police Station by** **FJ 35** **,**
7 **who was also** _____ **, who told me**
8 **previous to that that I would be taken care of, that**
9 **I would be sent to the same place as DL48. Fast forward**
10 **to** _____ **, and then I find out that's what they did to my**
11 **friend. You think I am going to sit here and let**
12 **anybody now do anything to any of my friends like that**
13 **ever again? Well ...**

14 Q. You are referring then to the particular matter in Fort
15 James that you have set out in your statement that
16 occurred --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- with the police. So in addition to the
19 recommendations, HIA60, that you've addressed this is
20 your opportunity, and we say to each witness who comes
21 forward to assist the Inquiry with its work by giving
22 evidence is there anything else that now that you have
23 this opportunity that you'd like to say to the Inquiry
24 Panel?

25 **A. Well, you're here to do a piece of work and hopefully**

1 redress some of the injustice done to some of the boys
2 that I know. I hope that you do that, because there's
3 some of them have lived lives which are sad, lonely,
4 miserable and that's how they've died, and especially
5 a few of them have died in the last couple of years like
6 that. I don't know how do you that. You're best
7 qualified to decide how that's done, but I think it
8 would only be fair, and I think a society that treats
9 its children like it -- and I am in the profession --
10 who treats children as these children were treated
11 really needs to be -- I am sorry -- ashamed of itself.
12 I am not saying that's what's happening now, but
13 nonetheless these are -- these boys and girls, who are
14 now men and women, deserve a chance.

15 Also the very fact that it can be acknowledged here,
16 I know it's made a big difference to me. So I'm hoping
17 that that starts the healing, and I've said before I'm
18 very happy I was able to actually have this opportunity,
19 even if it's difficult.

20 Q. Thank you, HIA60. I don't have any more questions for
21 you, but if you just remain where you are for a moment
22 or two, the Panel may want to ask you something.

23 CHAIRMAN: We don't have any further questions for you,
24 HIA60.

25 A. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for coming to speak to us
2 today.

3 **A. Thank you.**

4 CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that you may be asked to come back
5 again but as far as --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 CHAIRMAN: -- today is concerned, that's it as far as you
8 are concerned.

9 **A. Thanks very much. Thank you.**

10 (Witness withdrew)

11 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will start again at 1.45, please. 1.45,
12 ladies and gentlemen. We have an extra witness to deal
13 with this afternoon. So we need to start promptly.

14 (1.00 pm)

15 (Lunch break)

16 (1.45 pm)

17 WITNESS HIA92 (called)

18 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

19 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies
20 and gentlemen. The first witness this afternoon is
21 HIA92, and he is present, but if before, Chairman, you
22 ask him to take the oath if Mr Toner could announce his
23 appearance.

24 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Toner.

25 MR TONER: Good afternoon, Chairman. My name is Toner.

1 I~appear with Mr McAteer, instructed by Mr Casey, on
2 behalf of HIA69.

3 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

4 Now, HIA92 --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 CHAIRMAN: -- do you wish to take either a religious oath or
7 to take an -- make an affirmation, which is a promise,
8 a solemn promise? They have the same legal effect.
9 It's entirely a matter for your choice.

10 **A. I'll take the affirmation.**

11 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

12 WITNESS HIA92 (affirmed)

13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

14 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

15 MS SMITH: Thank you, HIA92. HIA92, can I just confirm I've
16 explained to you that every witness who comes before the
17 Inquiry is being given anonymity so that their name
18 cannot be used outside this room and I've spoken to you
19 about that this morning and you want to ensure that your
20 anonymity is preserved --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- and you don't want your name to be published in any
23 way. Isn't that correct?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Could we pull up SND-2527, please? Now, HIA92, again

1 this is a document that I showed you to you earlier
2 today and this is the witness statement that you have
3 made to the Inquiry, and you'll see that where it says
4 "Witness statement of HIA92" that on the original
5 document your name is there in full underneath that
6 black rectangle. Isn't that correct?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. If we could just move to the final page, please, of the
9 witness statement, which is SND-2537, and at the bottom
10 of that page you will see another black rectangle with
11 "HIA92" on it and can you confirm that your signature is
12 underneath that rectangle and that it is dated
13 2nd July 2013?

14 **A. Yes, that's it.**

15 Q. HIA92, can I just confirm then that this is the
16 statement of evidence that you have provided to the
17 Inquiry and which you wish the Inquiry to take into
18 account?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You are now aged . Is that correct?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You spent a number -- all your childhood effectively in
23 care. Isn't that so?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. If I can just give a little of your family background,

1 you and your parents and family lived in , first of
2 all. Then your mother returned to Derry and you and
3 your two -- were taken into
4 care.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You were in -- placed in Termonbacca in Derry.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You were there from

9 , and you were transferred at
10 that point to Nazareth House in Bishop Street.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You were there from -- well, first of all,
13 you went into Nazareth House and then you were fostered
14 in . Isn't that correct?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Then eventually after about or months you went
17 back into Nazareth House.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. We will discuss later what happened, but you were
20 eventually transferred to Fort James.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. From there you spent time in St. Pat's in
23 Belfast --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- before returning back to Derry.

1 **A. Yes. Back to Fort James.**

2 Q. Pardon?

3 **A. Back to Fort James.**

4 Q. Back to Fort James in Derry. That's correct. So
5 effectively most of your time in care would have been
6 with the Sisters of Nazareth and with the Social
7 Services in Fort James.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Now can you say when you were in Termonbacca what your
10 earliest memory of being there is, HIA92?

11 **A. Well, first memory that I remember was whenever we were**
12 **lifted with Social Services and we were taken to**
13 **Termonbacca, just basically being put on**
14 **group and it was just basically we didn't know what**
15 **was -- what was happening or -- we were young at the**
16 **time.**

17 Q. You were the .

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Is that correct? Your sister was

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22 **A. She was taken down to the nursery, yes.**

23 Q. You and your brother SND134 --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- were put together initially. Is that correct?

1 **A. That is correct, yes.**

2 Q. At some point you were, in fact, separated, SND134 and
3 you.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. We'll come again to that. You talk about that in your
6 statement, but can I ask you did your mother visit you
7 during your time there?

8 **A. She did, yes, whenever she wasn't on the alcohol.**

9 Q. Your mother did have .

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Isn't that correct? That's part of the reason why you
12 and your --

13 **A. Both parents.**

14 Q. Both parents did. You talk about your mother visiting
15 at paragraph 17 on page SND-2531. You say that over the
16 years she visited you and your brother and sister in
17 paragraph 17:

18 "She might sometimes and they
19 wouldn't allow her to see us but we would have always
20 tried to see her. She did her best. I hold no grudge
21 whatsoever against my parents. I do hold a grudge --
22 I do however hold a grudge against the care system
23 because at the end of the day we should have been looked
24 after, cared for and protected, but we suffered and
25 especially during the first years in Termonbacca."

1 Now there is quite a volume of Social Services'
2 material relating to you and your family's time in care
3 and I've shown you some of those documents this morning.
4 I'm not going to open them all to the Panel or to the
5 Inquiry, but they are available to be viewed in the
6 evidence bundle, and I will refer to a few documents,
7 one of which is SND-2569. If that could be shown,
8 please.

9 This is a page which -- if you just -- at the second
10 paragraph there this is the comment on the parents'
11 attitude to the child being in residential care, and it
12 is clear from that paragraph that your mother was
13 visiting you regularly. She is -- her name is there:

14 "... has already indicated visits with great
15 regularity. She is very anxious to have the children
16 out of care. She's always accepted decisions of social
17 worker and caring staff. Has been pressing for Northern
18 Ireland Housing Executive for housing transfer with
19 a view of reestablishing a home for the children. Very
20 strong bond of affection between [your mother] and her
21 children. It is, however, difficult to assess her
22 reliability and there are continual doubts about her
23 general lifestyle."

24 You have already indicated that your mother did have
25 . This document, which the Inquiry can

1 look at in more detail, relates to what was happening in

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3 Your mother then had in

4 and thereafter she visited somewhat less often, but

5 certainly throughout your time in care she was a regular

6 visitor to all of the homes.

7 **A. She was, yes.**

8 Q. Now if I can just take you back to your statement and

9 some of the general points that we want to discuss about

10 your time in care. If we look at paragraph 20, which is

11 on page SND-2532, this is just where you were talking

12 about your schooling that you received while you were in

13 care. You talk about being in Nazareth House and you

14 were there in the school in Nazareth House until you

15 were sitting your ,

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Q. Could I just ask, HIA92, could you perhaps move the microphone a little bit towards you so we can all hear --

A. Yes.

Q. -- what you are saying? Thank you. So essentially you talk again in paragraph 22 about your education. You say there you went to Primary School in Derry and then:

"When we moved to Nazareth House, I left and went to Nazareth House Primary School. Went to Secondary School in . There were civilian teachers in that school, but they were also fond of hitting you with a leather strap."

You say that for the first three years of school you

1 were a model pupil, and then you heard you could leave
2 school in fourth year, and that is when you changed, as
3 you knew they no longer would have a hold over you.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You wouldn't work hard or study for exams and you
6 wouldn't listen to anyone.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You would accept that reflects the time you spent in
9 school.

10 **A. On education, yes.**

11 Q. Is it correct from what you have said in paragraph 20
12 that you believe that the movements and the unsettled
13 life that you had had a bearing on your willingness to
14 work in school?

15 **A. Well, I couldn't really pin down how settlement really**
16 **-- there was no really settlements in my time during --**
17 **it was either -- it was Termonbacca I think was the**
18 **longest place I actually stayed in. When I went to**
19 **Nazareth House, I was shipped around, and foster care**
20 **and then back to Nazareth House, and then shipped around**
21 **again. I was never no settled -- never no settled**
22 **place.**

23 Q. Can I ask you, going back to your time in Termonbacca,
24 did you form any friendships with anyone when you were
25 there?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Can you remember any of the names of the people?

3 **A. Yes, I can.**

4 Q. Do you want to talk about those, HIA92, or do you want
5 to just --

6 **A. Basically the man that has been up before me, HIA60,**

7 **I would have known HIA60. I mean, SND134, wee**

8 **, the there would have been, you know.**

9 **That's basically the names I remember. The young**

10 **family as well, . Me and were the same**

11 **ages together and all we done basically was play**

12 **football.**

13 Q. At paragraph 6 of your statement, which is on

14 page SND-2528, you talk about food in the home.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. You say there that you got fed in the home, but you

17 remember that you particularly hated the lumpy porridge.

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. You say that the nuns tried to force you to eat it a few

20 times, but they eventually eased off, because you think

21 they got the message that you weren't going to eat it.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. You said you would rather take a slapping than eat that

24 particular substance.

25 **A. Yes. I'd rather take a knuckle over the head, yes.**

1 Q. Now I'm going to come on to the nun that you talk about
2 in that paragraph in due course, because you do have
3 a number of things you want to tell the Inquiry about
4 her, but can I just ask you in general terms do you
5 remember anything about bathing in the home?

6 **A. Bathing in the home -- at the start I think it was, as**
7 **I explained to you before I think, because we were full**
8 **of lice, etc, that we all were getting scrubbed. You**
9 **know what I mean? There was a scrubbing. It wasn't**
10 **a bathing. Like I have children of my own and bathing**
11 **your own children, like, it's gentle and it's -- you**
12 **know, but for them it was like tearing and just**
13 **basically rough.**

14 Q. Do you remember anything about what you were bathed
15 with?

16 **A. I always remember the big bars of soap, just the big --**
17 **there were big chunky bars of soap. I always remember**
18 **that.**

19 Q. What about chores in the home? Did you ever have to do
20 anything in the home?

21 **A. Well, at an early age they had us -- we were clearing**
22 **tables. There was like a rota put on the wall. We were**
23 **clearing tables, washing dishes, drying, setting the**
24 **tables --**

25 Q. And what --

1 **A. -- scrubbing the yard out in the -- scrubbing the yards**
2 **out in the square and stuff.**

3 **Q.** What do you remember about special occasions in the
4 home, for example, Christmas or Hallowe'en?

5 **A. Not much. Not much.**

6 **Q.** Do you ever remember getting presents at Christmas time?

7 **A. One present I always remember getting was a**
8 **. I think I was about or that I had got that.**
9 **I can't remember anything else like that after in**
10 **Termonbacca itself.**

11 **Q.** Or do you remember anything about Hallowe'en in the
12 home?

13 **A. Just -- just people dressed up. I always remember --**
14 **I remember a thing that they -- they would have had like**
15 **an old woman's mask sort of thing and old clothing and**
16 **the stick and they would have come up around the front**
17 **of the building. I remember that, like, but nothing --**
18 **nothing extremely major like, no.**

19 **Q.** Do you ever remember anything music about choirs or
20 bands or anything like that during your time?

21 **A. No.**

22 **Q.** What about pocket money? Did you ever get it?

23 **A. Aye. If I can remember, it was like 25p or 50p and**
24 **stuff.**

25 **Q.** Now, HIA92, you this morning brought three photographs

1 to the Inquiry --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- that you wanted to show of yourself and

4 --

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. -- during the early years. If I could just ask these to
7 be pulled up. I think they have now been Bates numbered
8 now. This first one, that's you. Isn't that correct?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. That appears to be your first communion.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. That's your first communion photograph. If we can just
13 move on quickly to the next one -- if we can just look
14 at the bottom one, first of all, there, now who is in
15 that photograph?

16 **A. That's myself and SND134.**

17 Q. What ages do you reckon you were there?

18 **A. I think we were around about around about
19 that.**

20 Q. Was that while you were in Termonbacca or before you
21 went in?

22 **A. I think it's just before we went in.**

23 Q. And can I just -- you are the of the two boys.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Is that correct, and you are the in that

1 photograph?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Then if we can just go back to the middle one, now this
4 photograph you are obviously a little older --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and this is you and SND134 again. Is that correct?

7 **A. That's actually me whenever I left foster care and**
8 **I went back to Nazareth House, and that was one of the**
9 **days that SND134 came up to visit from foster care.**

10 Q. Again you're the of the two boys.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Is that right? I think in the background we can see
13 some elderly people.

14 **A. That's the old people's place in Nazareth House.**

15 Q. Thank you. Now you say in paragraph 5 of your
16 statement, if we could go back to page SND-2528, you say
17 that Termonbacca was tough. You always remember it
18 being especially tough the first years that you were
19 there, that you were with a nun who you name in that and
20 you say she was a great woman.

21 "We had lots of people in our group. There were
22 bigger boys as well. Girls were there only very
23 rarely."

24 Now it's been -- you were here this morning and
25 I think you did hear the last -- this morning's witness

1 give evidence.

2 **A. Uh-huh, yes.**

3 Q. He has indicated that he

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5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Is that correct?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Do you remember being in the room with --

9 **A. I remember being in that room, yes.**

10 Q. You say that -- about that particular person -- well,
11 HIA60, who gave evidence this morning, you did talk
12 about him in paragraph 16 on page SND-2531. I think
13 this was read out to the Inquiry this morning. You
14 describe him in that paragraph as a gentle soul.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. You say that he would -- you and SND134
17 would refer to him as your protector, and if he found
18 that any of the other bigger boys were messing with you
19 or hurting you, that he would have sorted it out with
20 them for you.

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. It is fair to say then that you looked up to him during
23 your time there.

24 **A. For definite, yes.**

25 Q. Can you remember -- do you remember anything about your

1 birthdays at all? Do you ever remember getting any
2 presents for your birthday or money or anything like
3 that?

4 **A.** The only birthday I can really remember whenever I first
5 got a cake was -- I think it was coming my birthday
6 and that was in Nazareth House, whenever they had moved
7 us from Termonbacca to Nazareth House. It was coming up
8 .

9 Q. Can I just briefly look at SND-3289? This again is
10 a document from Social Services Board material. You
11 will see there that it is from an **SND 466** , who is
12 in the team. It is dated
13 . It says:

14 "I wish to apply for birthday money for the above
15 named children", one of whom is yourself. "The children
16 were ..."

17 I think this is actually you,
18 to be fair:

19 "The children were admitted to care under section 99
20 on and Fit Person Orders were granted
21 in respect of them on . These children
22 are present in Termonbacca Children's Home."

23 Do you ever remember getting birthday money --

24 **A.** **No.**

25 Q. -- in

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. What about -- do you remember going on ?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. That would have been with the school about . Is
5 that right?

6 **A. That was with , yes.**

7 Q. Again Social Services' documents disclose that there was
8 financial support from Social Services to allow you to
9 go on that trip. If we could see SND-3273, please, you
10 see -- this is from the ,
11 a SND 468 , dated . It says -- it
12 refers to:

13 "... SND 466 's accompanying memo requesting
14 approval for a grant of £75 to allow the above child in
15 care to participate in his school to
16 . On the grounds that this presents
17 an opportunity for him to broaden his horizons,
18 participate in the social intercourse involved and have
19 a potentially enjoyable holiday on equal terms with his
20 peers outside who are not in care, I would recommend
21 strongly that this grant is approved."

22 You certainly did go on the

23 **A. Yes, yes.**

24 Q. So it look as though the grant was --

25 **A. I went on a couple of them actually.**

1 Q. -- actually approved. Sorry. You went to? Sorry.

2 **A. I went -- I actually went on a couple of trips with**
3 **school.**

4 Q. To play ?

5 **A. To go -- it was actually to go to to watch**

6 .

7 Q. To watch . Now, as I've indicated, there is
8 a vast array of material from Social Services relating
9 to you, and I am not going to pull those all up. You
10 would accept -- and I have shown you some of the
11 documents today -- that there was substantial
12 involvement from the beginning of your time in
13 Termonbacca right through. The social worker visited
14 you while you were there, and reports were kept.

15 For example, if we look at SND-2716, first of all,
16 you will see that this is described as an internal case
17 review, and if we could -- the date on that I think
18 should be . If we could just scroll
19 down, please, in this it records details about your
20 emotional development and behaviour, your relationships
21 in the home. It describes you as -- your relationship
22 with other -- with residential staff as good, willing to
23 please. With other children you are quite good. You
24 can be somewhat aggressive. It talks about your general
25 health and medical examinations, and general comments

1 are:

2 "Generally good."

3 It's very difficult to make out the handwriting.

4 "To have an aggressive streak"

5 that might be. I am not quite clear, but in any
6 event it is signed there at the bottom by whoever
7 prepared that internal review.

8 If -- I am not going to open all of these other
9 documents, but if the Inquiry wishes to see them, if
10 they look at SND-2714, 2716, which is this one
11 I believe, 2790, 2786 and 2725, they show that there
12 were reviews taking place in

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14 You would accept that Social Services were heavily
15 involved with you even during your time at Termonbacca?

16 **A. I always remember seeing them, yes.**

17 **Q.** In fact, you invariably in all of these are described as
18 making progress, both physically, emotionally and
19 socially. If we just look at SND-2731, and if we could
20 highlight there at E, if we just scroll down, E, "Child
21 in residential unit", and you'll see it says:

22 "Is well adjusted emotionally and his social and
23 physical development has been very satisfactory --
24 despite the traumatic circumstances of his reception
25 into care and the problems in family background."

1 It describes you as having good relationship with
2 the Termonbacca staff --

3 . Now , his name is
4 actually underneath that. It is not to be disclosed
5 outside the chamber, but that's SND332, who was
6 . Do you
7 remember him?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. What do you wish to say to the Inquiry about him?

10 **A. SND332 was a good man. He was a nice man. He was --**
11 **I never had no problems with him.**

12 Q. Apart from SND332 and social workers and your mother do
13 you remember anybody else visiting you in Termonbacca
14 or --

15 **A. I remember one time my father come down. He came back**
16 **over from and he came down, and I decided to go**
17 **along with him whenever he was leaving like, but**
18 **basically they came back down and grabbed the hold of me**
19 **and --**

20 Q. And you weren't able to go with him.

21 **A. -- back up into the home again.**

22 Q. What about -- do you remember any visits by St. Vincent
23 de Paul or senior nuns or --

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. -- anyone like that?

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. No. Now if I can take you on to some of the specific
3 allegations that you do make in your witness statement.
4 If we could look again at paragraph (sic) SND-2528, now
5 there's a particular nun who is identified in
6 paragraph 6, and she's identified as SR6, and that's the
7 designation which the Inquiry has given to her, but if
8 I can just read, there you say that she tried to force
9 your mouth open to get you to eat it -- and this is the
10 porridge that you are talking about. You describe her
11 as an animal.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q.

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16 You say:

17 "Sh would have disciplined us by using her knuckles
18 with her fist closed. It would have been a crack on the
19 back or side of the head or whatever side she came at
20 you. She would have hit you every morning for a week or
21 over a period of days. The beatings mostly occurred
22 from ."

23 You recollect that?

24 **A. I recollect that nun, yes.**

25 Q. You talk about her again in paragraph 7. You say that:

1 "She would also hit us for being in the wrong place
2 at the wrong time. I was kept along with SND134 when
3 I went into the home, but I remember when I was about
4 or , they moved me over to the other side from ",
5 from one sister's group to this other sister's
6 group, and say you were always trying to get over and
7 see SND134 and SND134 would be trying to get over to see
8 you but they wouldn't allow it. You think they
9 separated you because you were always carrying on
10 together. SND134 was only than you
11 and you were very close and:

12 "We were over-protective of one another."

13 You say this other nun who you name there, , she
14 got you moved back over. She sort of knew what was
15 going on and she would have scolded you, but she would
16 not have hit you. SR6 would have hit you with anything
17 that came to hand. You got hit several times by her.

18 "I got hit with brush shafts and with a dustpan
19 brush as well."

20 You say she left the home in around . You don't
21 know where she left, but when she left, the beatings
22 eased after her departure.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Apart from that one nun -- and I will go on; there is
25 another complaint about her further in your statement --

1 you have no complaints to make about the other nuns who
2 looked after you in Termonbacca. Is that correct?

3 **A. No, no.**

4 Q. What did you -- I mean, how did they treat you?

5 **A. Well, SR1, she basically was -- she was like -- she was**
6 **a good guardian, you know. She would -- she wouldn't**
7 **have hit us. She would have used her voice more whereas**
8 **SR6, she would have -- she used physical violence.**

9 Q. You talk in paragraph 8 about an old school house where
10 they used to take you on holiday in Donegal.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. All the boys were in one room with mattresses on the
13 ground. You and SND134 were small. You had one
14 mattress and your sleeping bags, and you say that SND134
15 had a problem with bedwetting.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You remember that you received two main whippings, as
18 you describe it, from this sister for bed wetting.

19 "SND134 had wet the bed, and although we were trying
20 to hide it, she caught on and whipped us with the top of
21 a fishing rod."

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You say:

24 "She grabbed the springy bit at the top of the rod
25 and walloped us with it. It left marks on my legs",

1 and you say it was the first time you ever saw
2 white and red marks along the back of your legs where
3 you had been hit.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. There's a second occasion that you refer to in
6 paragraph 9 when you got a whipping, which was when you
7 were playing down in the playground at Termonbacca in
8 an area that you called the forest. I take it this was
9 just an area where there were some trees?

10 **A. Just trees, yes.**

11 Q. You were playing a game of soldiers. SND134 was up
12 a tree. He broke off a branch, but you didn't think
13 anything of it. Later you saw this nun coming with
14 the branch and she was pointing in the window at both of
15 you. I take it you were inside by this stage?

16 **A. Yes. We were inside the dining hall.**

17 Q. The dining hall. You say:

18 "She beat both of us hard with this branch once she
19 had stripped it of the leaves",

20 and you were sent to your room.

21 couldn't get up the stairs to the room and you say that
22 he told you years later that he wanted to sit on the
23 cold tiles rather than go up the stairs as the cold
24 tiles were easing the pain that he felt from the
25 beating.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You describe about the clothing that you would have been
3 wearing at that time.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. What would you have been wearing, HIA92?

6 **A. Well, if it had been the summer, we would have been**
7 **running around in shorts.**

8 Q. So your legs would have been accessible essentially?

9 **A. Yes, yes.**

10 Q. You also talk about being beaten for using bad language
11 towards this particular nun at paragraph -- well, first
12 of all, you just talk about paragraph 10. You polished
13 your shoes after school, did your homework, got changed
14 into your shorts and slippers and went out to play, and
15 that's what you were wearing when she gave you the
16 beating. Isn't that correct?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Now you say in that paragraph that you're sure that
19 other members of lay staff saw her do it.

20 **A. I am sure there was some staff around, yes.**

21 Q. Do you recall how many lay staff there were in the home?

22 **A. No, but there would always have been one.**

23 Q. In paragraph 11 you say that she would have hit you,
24 called you a brat even if you were just walking past
25 her. You remember you did turn to her and told her --

1 you swore at her --

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- when she was hitting you, and you think you might
4 have only been about or , because you think it wasn't
5 long after , and she hit you for
6 using bad language.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. At paragraph 15 of the statement you talk about there
9 was a lot of bullying by older lads but that that made
10 you tough. You took the beatings from them. You also
11 used to get thrown into big dryers. These were turned
12 on and you were spun around. The older boys did that to
13 you. You say that that was always done out of earshot
14 and away from the sight of any staff, and I take it by
15 "staff" you include the nuns in that?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You say:

18 "It was easy for this bullying by the older boys to
19 take place without the staff noticing. There were never
20 very many staff on duty. Only two were on at any one
21 time and there were over two dozen boys."

22 You then talk about a particular boy who you name
23 there and who you nicknamed. You say that he was
24 bullied severely by the older boys.

25 **A. SND35 was, yes.**

1 Q. We have heard some evidence I believe from other
2 witnesses, but this boy would not have been intelligent
3 -- is that correct --

4 **A. Yes. True.**

5 Q. -- and may have been --

6 **A. Easy picking. He was easy picking.**

7 Q. Now if I can just take you back to paragraph 12, in this
8 paragraph you make a specific abuse -- sorry --
9 allegation of sexual abuse by an older resident who you
10 name there. Can I just confirm that this is
11 ?

12 **A. One of them, yes.**

13 Q. The other person you named was HIA60, who was
14 .

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You say you were or years of age. and
17 you shared this dormitory , who is named
18 , and other boys. Your bed
19 was up against the wall. .

20 You say that SND134 has had -- has a better
21 memory of this than you do, and he recalls that -- he
22 describes what he recalls and you have had this
23 conversation with him subsequently.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Can I just ask you, HIA92, what exactly do you remember

1 about this incident and what happened?

2 **A. All I basically remember is we were put to our bed**
3 **through memory now. What I remember then was basically**
4 **being held down, and I don't know whether I passed out**
5 **or not, because whenever I did come round, the -- I was**
6 **lying upside down. Whatever -- they must have set us**
7 **into the bed or whatever, put me in. Like SND134's**
8 **head was up here and I was at the bottom, and I was --**
9 **I remember being underneath the quilt, and I remember**
10 **biting and it was our SND134 that I actually bit, but**
11 **I don't know how I got into that bed in that position.**

12 Q. You weren't in your own bed. Is that correct?

13 **A. No, I was not in my own bed, no.**

14 Q. You were in SND134's.

15 **A. Put me in SND134's.**

16 Q. You go on there. You say that you don't know if you
17 screamed, but you just blacked out somehow.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You go on to describe a particular type of abuse in that
20 sentence in the paragraph. What do you want to say
21 about that today? Do you actually recollect that,
22 HIA92?

23 **A. Actually I recollect -- it is vague in my mind, like,**
24 **but I actually recollect being held down. As for ending**
25 **up in the bed upside down, I don't know anything about**

1 **it.**

2 Q. You go on to say what SND134 has told you.

3 **A. What SND134 has said, what SND134 has -- aye, actually**
4 **SND134 -- SND134 has turn round and said he seen me**
5 **being held and basically screaming.**

6 Q. Now at paragraph 13 you go on and you talk about what
7 happened just after that. You remember a particular nun
8 coming to both of you later on that night --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- getting you out of bed and taking you out into the
11 corridor and asking you if any of the boys had touched
12 you.

13 **A. Yes. SR1.**

14 Q. You had the opportunity to tell the nun at this time
15 what had happened.

16 **A. We had the opportunity, yes.**

17 Q. You didn't take that opportunity.

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. Isn't that right, HIA92? Why was that?

20 **A. Well, one, she had a slipper in her hand and, two, we**
21 **were scared, you know, and you just -- at that**
22 **age I didn't know what was actually happening and I was**
23 **just saying, "No, no, no".**

24 Q. You say that it clicked with you you were going to have
25 to stick together --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- and --

3 **A. That's when we sort of stuck together hard then.**

4 Q. You say that as time passed SND134 turned on and you
5 turned off.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. What do you me by that?

8 **A. SND134 thinks that being lifted and put into care was --**
9 **basically that I just shut off from previous years with**
10 **my parents and stuff whereas SND134 would go that he**
11 **actually seen a lot more and heard a lot more than what**
12 **I can remember myself.**

13 Q. Well, now we have indicated that

14 , you moved to Nazareth House -- isn't that
15 correct --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- for a short period of time? You then went into
18 foster care, and if I can just deal briefly with foster
19 care before coming back to the sexual abuse matter. You
20 were put out at weekends, first of all, with this
21 family. That's all three of you. That's

22

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You say that in -- you talk about this in paragraph 21
25 at page SND-2533. You say you stayed there for between

1 and months. You said that you left because you
2 were getting disciplined hard there. You say the foster
3 father was So the discipline was severe
4 and you took hidings from him. On one occasion you
5 grabbed SND134 and pulled him over to you to protect you
6 from the belt, but you stayed on for a year or two and
7 took it, but you left as you got sick of it and you got
8 sick of taking the hidings, although you accept in that
9 that you were no angel.

10 **A. Yes, true.**

11 Q. You say they discovered that you had stolen some pound
12 notes. It was fair you got beaten for that reason, but
13 other times it was something petty and it wasn't fair.
14 You give another example of where you got tar on white
15 slippers from the hot road in the summer, and you got
16 beaten for that, and if you were caught smoking, you got
17 hiding -- you got another hiding.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You then ran back to Nazareth House and you told the nun
20 there that you didn't want to go back. Your social
21 worker came. The foster family came to the home and
22 they had with them. You say
23 that they wanted you to go back with them, but you were
24 afraid of being beaten again and you wouldn't return.
25 Your foster parents are still alive and

1 indulged in frequent bouts of stealing from the family
2 home and there is evidence to suggest that you have been
3 stealing outside the home as well, which has brought you
4 into conflict with the foster parents and the other
5 children within the home. Unfortunately, despite being
6 given every possible opportunity to discuss any problems
7 or pressures which you may have been under:

8 "... he has remained extremely uncommunicative.
9 HIA92's failure to explain his behaviour and discuss any
10 difficulties that may have been experienced have
11 resulted in the foster parents becoming frustrated and
12 at a loss to know how to work with him."

13 On , giving no indication of
14 anything being amiss, you were requested to be home by
15 7.30 and certainly no later than 8.00. You arrived at
16 Nazareth House shortly after 5.00 and remained there and
17 you gave no indication of anything being wrong, but when
18 you were advised by the nun that it was time to go home,
19 you stated you didn't wish to return to the foster
20 parents and Social Services then were contacted about
21 that.

22 So effectively you absented yourself from the foster
23 home. Isn't that correct?

24 **A. Yes, I run away, yes.**

25 Q. SND-2576. You will see that this again is a document

1 and it is taken from Harberton House. There was
2 a meeting to decide what was going to -- what they
3 intended to do with you during the period of assessment.
4 If we could scroll down that page, if we just look
5 there, it says that you have a strong bond with staff
6 and children from Nazareth House and quite adamant you
7 want to return there. Although you are not against
8 being fostered again, you see placement with that
9 particular family as being over and have spoken very
10 negatively about the foster father. The social worker
11 has recorded that you have already shown yourself of
12 being quite capable of playing one person off against
13 another and it is felt you have done that quite
14 successfully in the situations that you set up between
15 your foster parents and Nazareth House.

16 So essentially Social Services are saying that you
17 are setting up situations to play off Nazareth House
18 against the foster parents.

19 **A. Right.**

20 **Q.** What do you want to say about that, HIA92?

21 **A. I basically refute that. SND 467 knew me,**

22 . He knew me. He knew me and he knew I didn't
23 like it there. He knew -- I think he knew I was getting
24 disciplined hard, but as far as going to the Nazareth
25 House, it was the only place that I knew where I was

1 **actually getting a bit of care, looking after me -- you**
2 **know what I mean -- where I actually felt wanted by that**
3 **nun.**

4 Q. I think we can --

5 **A. You know, she could look after you and she would --**
6 **I was settled. I settled right down again.**

7 Q. So essentially can I confirm then, **SR 6** , that apart
8 from the one nun who you name in Termonbacca as having
9 engaged in beatings with you, you have no complaints
10 about the Sisters of Nazareth and you would accept that
11 there were other nuns who were caring and did their best
12 for you?

13 **A. Oh, yes, definitely there was.**

14 Q. In fact, I think at page SND-2555 in the social work
15 report -- it doesn't need to be called up -- you
16 describe there in notes -- it is recorded that you were
17 happy to stay in Nazareth House until you were , if
18 that had been permitted.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Can I just ask you for the benefit of the Inquiry, and
21 again these names will not be used outside and we have
22 been using designations for the nuns, but would you like
23 to clarify which nuns in particular that you want to
24 speak about as having been loving and caring and looking
25 after you?

1 **A. It would be SR1, SR 18 and SR 19 .**

2 Q. Now if I can take you back then to the sexual abuse that
3 we were talking about --

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. -- you -- do you recall when you were at Nazareth House
6 you did tell one of the nuns about the abuse, and you
7 talk about this at paragraph 34 of your witness
8 statement. You said that you had spoken to the nuns
9 there and that after -- after a particular incident you
10 did tell them this.

11 It might be prudent just to explain for the benefit
12 of the Inquiry Panel Members, who won't be aware of
13 this, that during your time at Nazareth House your
14 behaviour deteriorated. Isn't that correct?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. It would be fair to say that at times it was extremely
17 challenging.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. There's a paragraph that you relate -- you relate
20 a paragraph 23 of your witness statement about
21 an occasion -- it is page SND-2533 -- when you were
22 about or you started to drink alcohol. Is that
23 correct?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. That led to very aggressive behaviour on your part.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You say that in this paragraph when you were or :

3 "I got drunk with some boys who played in the
4 streets near the home. They brought me back to the home
5 drunk and left me at the front door, rung the bell and
6 ran way. I think the nuns took me upstairs to my room.
7 I had been keeping a Rambo style knife and I had it
8 under my pillow that night and I tried to stab myself
9 with it in the chest."

10 A nun that you name there found you and stopped you
11 from hurting yourself. What do you recollect about that
12 incident, HIA92?

13 **A. I remember I was really drunk and I was violent and**
14 **I pulled out the Rambo knife, as it was called in them**
15 **days. I pulled that out from underneath the pillow on**
16 **my bed and I want to ram it into my chest.**

17 Q. You described earlier when you were relating this
18 incident to me that there was something that actually
19 stopped the knife going into you.

20 **A. It was a bible actually stopped me and it was SR 19**
21 **SR 19 that had the bible.**

22 Q. Now if we can just look at -- there's -- at
23 page SND-10122, please, and this is again a record of
24 what is described as untoward incident reports in
25 respect of you at Nazareth House. This is from Social

1 Services Board to the -- SND 469 , who would have been
2 the -- I believe the
3 worker, but I am not quite clear. It says:

4 "I enclose for your information a number of reports
5 which I have received in respect of the above named boy.
6 Two of the reports dated and
7 refer to occasions when staff were aware that he had
8 been drinking. This issue was focused on by both the
9 boy's primary worker and social worker.

10 On he returned from a visit to his mother
11 which obviously distressed him. He had scratched his
12 wrist as a result but no medical attention was
13 necessary.

14 On returned to the unit in a very
15 drunken state. Became extremely aggressive and
16 threatening, pulling a hunting knife from under his
17 mattress, attempting to injure himself. The Sisters had
18 to restrain him. An ambulance was summoned",

19 and you were taken to the Accident & Emergency Unit
20 at Altnagelvin. Because of your aggression there, no
21 medical attention was given. You were returned to the
22 unit and slept off the effects of the drink.

23 In fact, there is another document, which I will not
24 pull up, but I have shown to you, which indicates that,
25 in fact, the Sisters -- you were aggressive towards

1 staff in the hospital and then you ran out of the
2 hospital and the Sisters had to go after you to take you
3 back. Isn't that correct?

4 **A. That's correct, yes.**

5 Q. You on absconded from the unit with another
6 resident and didn't return until 2 o'clock.

7 On review it was noted that the staff were following
8 up the incident of and you made allegations
9 about interference when you were resident in
10 Termonbacca, and it was as a result of that information
11 it was agreed that **SND 467** would refer the matter to the
12 RUC.

13 Just scroll on down, please. There were serious
14 concerns about your incidents of drinking which seem to
15 have become a problem after your father spent a couple
16 of weeks in Derry in early and the incident
17 was being dealt with by relevant workers. Nazareth
18 House, however, expressed serious concern about their
19 ability to accommodate you during these outbursts and it
20 was agreed to seek a place for you at Fort James. This
21 may take a period of time. Future incidents of
22 disruptive behaviour would result in you being
23 transferred to St. Patrick's Training School and a Place
24 of Safety Order.

25 Now if I can come back to the incident of sexual

1 abuse, you did tell the nuns about this.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. This was after this incident with the knife. Was that
4 correct?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And that's --

7 **A. It came to a head.**

8 Q. It came to a head at that time.

9 **A. In my -- in my brain, anyway.**

10 Q. So you spoke to them and at that stage you talked to the
11 nuns in the home. They reported to Social Services and
12 as a result you eventually did make a statement to
13 police, although there were cancelled appointments --
14 I~am not sure if you remember this again; this is all in
15 documents Social Services have provided to us --
16 cancelled appointments by police, I should say. On the
17 morning that you were to make your statement do you
18 recall what you did on that occasion?

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. Well, it's indicated that you broke a mirror with your
21 first.

22 **A. Oh, aye, I cut myself.**

23 Q. You had to be taken to the hospital.

24 **A. I cut myself, yes. I remember that.**

25 Q. Before you were actually taken to the police station

1 where you made a witness statement.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Now again I'm not going to call up all of these
4 documents, but in SND-10105 you will see here that this
5 is a document from Western Health & Social Services
6 Board and it says that -- this is where I was saying:

7 "In fact, when he was asked to meet with the police,
8 he reacted by putting his fist through a bathroom
9 cabinet in Nazareth House and a social worker had to
10 bring him to hospital where he received appropriate
11 treatment."

12 At SND-14946, please, now this is, in fact, the
13 witness statement that you gave to police and it is
14 dated . Do you remember going to the
15 police station --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and making that? Your social worker was with you.
18 Is that right?

19 **A. I don't think a social was there. I think it was one of
20 the nuns.**

21 Q. Well, is it possible the social worker went and the nun
22 went into the room with you with the police. Is that
23 maybe what happened?

24 **A. That was it probably.**

25 Q. You describe there in the statement about what you say

1 was done to you by a big boy, and you name him.

2 "He was about or . He was one of the boys that
3 used to bully us wee ones. He used to come over to my
4 bed, lie on top of me and bump up and down on me."

5 You go on in that statement. If we just scroll
6 down, the Inquiry can read for themselves, but can
7 I just put it to you, HIA92, in the course of that
8 statement you don't describe what you do describe to the
9 Inquiry --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- in your statement to us.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. What do you want to say about that, HIA92?

14 **A. Basically what -- that's what I've turned round and says
15 about the blackout. That's -- it was the pressure of
16 being held down. Whether there was penetration or not
17 I don't think -- I don't know, but it was the pressure
18 of being hold down and then coming round and the
19 position as I stated before with SND134 in the bed.**

20 Q. So, as you sit here today, despite what you've told the
21 Inquiry in your witness statement --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- you are not sure whether or not you were penetrated.

24 **A. There was pressure on me. I was held down by him. It
25 was -- it's the blackout, if you know what I mean.**

1 Q. Just for the --

2 **A. The only person who could lifted me anyway would have**
3 **been him from the bed.**

4 Q. Why do you say that?

5 **A. Because he was in the same room as us and that's**
6 **whenever the nun -- the nuns then that was -- as you**
7 **stated earlier there, the nuns then had come that**
8 **evening and asked us did the boys touch us and we says**
9 **"No". It wasn't long after that they shoved us to the**
10 **room at the top of the stairs then where the two -- me**
11 **and the brother were in the room on our own then.**

12 Q. So you're saying that after the nun asked you if
13 anything had happened, you --

14 **A. The nuns actually moved us to --**

15 Q. From that room.

16 **A. From that room, yes, and the nun's room -- where we were**
17 **put in at the stop of the stairs, the nun's room was**
18 **directly just to the left as you were looking out our**
19 **door.**

20 Q. If we could just look at SND-2537 and SND-2538, please.

21 Sorry. SND-29... -- I beg your pardon. SND-2937 and
22 SND-2938. If we could just enlarge SND-2937, first of
23 all, you will see this is another Social Services
24 report. Could we remove SND2537 from the screen?

25 Sorry. Can we remove that document, please, and put up

1 SND-2937? It is my fault for giving the wrong number in
2 the first place. You will see that this is another
3 memorandum from **SND 468** , the

4 and it is dated It says here:

5 "I refer to the allegations made by this boy in
6 against one", and the person is named, "and your
7 subsequent enquiries about the case. You will recall
8 that the allegations concerned possible sexual abuse of
9 one child in care by another while both were resident
10 several years ago in St. Joseph's Home, Termonbacca. As
11 you know, the allegations were reported to the police
12 who have been investigating. **SND 467's** accompanying
13 memo now indicates that as a result of the police
14 enquiries the DPP has decided that no further action
15 should be taken in the case."

16 Do you remember Social Services coming and talking
17 to you and explaining to you that this person was not
18 going to be prosecuted?

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. But would you accept that they did do that?

21 **A. Not to me they didn't, no.**

22 Q. Well --

23 **A. Actually I heard nothing back.**

24 Q. Pardon?

25 **A. I actually heard nothing back of it, of prosecutions or**

1 **anything like that.**

2 Q. You didn't hear anything about it?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. There are documents which are in the bundle, which
5 I can't just give the name of now, which show that they
6 did, in fact, try to tell you that this wasn't going to
7 go anywhere and why and, in fact --

8 **A. That's probably why I lost the head then.**

9 Q. Pardon?

10 **A. That's probably why I lost the head then after that.**

11 Q. Well, do you remember -- you have talked about the
12 witness who gave evidence this morning and he has talked
13 about meeting you on an occasion in Derry. Do you
14 remember that at all, HIA92?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. What do you -- what's your memory of that?

17 **A. I always remember it was down by the walls -- it was
18 down by the walls. I think I was getting a bus back to
19 was it to Harberton House or Fort -- I think -- no, it
20 was Fort James I was actually getting the bus back to
21 I think. I met HIA60 and I was telling him the craic
22 about what was going on.**

23 Q. Were you drunk?

24 **A. I had drink taken, yes.**

25 Q. You say you were telling him the craic about what was

1 going on. Do you remember what you did say to him?

2 **A. I just told him that -- I'd mentioned about what HIA69**
3 **had done.**

4 Q. Did -- he has a recollection of you saying that you also
5 told him you saw him as your protector. Do you remember
6 that?

7 **A. Oh, HIA60 -- yes, for definitely HIA60 looked after us.**

8 Q. Now you didn't -- in your statement to the police that
9 we looked at earlier you only talk about this one boy.
10 You don't talk about other boys holding you down or
11 anything like that.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Isn't that correct?

14 **A. Yes. There was boys that was holding -- that was**
15 **holding us on separate occasions. This wasn't just one**
16 **occasion. This was like a couple of occasions. There**
17 **was times that we were grabbed and held.**

18 Q. But you didn't say that to the police at the time. You
19 accept that?

20 **A. Yes, I accept that, yes.**

21 Q. Now as I've indicated, there were -- we've looked at
22 some of the behaviour that you were experiencing. If we
23 could just look at SND-2628, please, it just says that
24 you had been in the flat downstairs. You came up in
25 good form. These are examples of -- this should be

1 a report I believe, if this is the right document, of
2 one of the nuns reported an incident where
3 a slapped you for bullying. Yes, that is
4 correct. This is -- this is this incident. Do you
5 remember that?

6 **A. Aye, I do, yes.**

7 Q. And what do you remember about it, HIA92?

8 **A. Basically I remember that was I tried to face off big**
9 **, as we used to call her. So it was -- I am still**
10 **actually good friends with , but I actually tried**
11 **to face her off, thinking I was tougher than her, and**
12 **I lost.**

13 Q. You are described in the documents as presenting a macho
14 image.

15 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

16 Q. Would you accept that is what you were doing?

17 **A. I was tough, yes.**

18 Q. As I have indicated, you having told the nuns about the
19 sexual abuse, they reported it to the social worker, who
20 went to the police. There was an incident in

21 where you

22 Do you remember that?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You also in -- sorry -- had taken

25

1 **A. I did, yes.**

2 Q. Your behaviour effectively was so challenging that the
3 nuns were unable to look after you any longer. Isn't
4 that correct?

5 **A. Basically at the time of**

6 **I was in Fort James. I wasn't in Nazareth**
7 **House.**

8 Q. So this was later?

9 **A. It was later, yes.**

10 Q. You were, in fact, transferred in to Fort
11 James.

12 **A. Fort James, yes.**

13 Q. But again you were transferred I suggest because of the
14 difficulties with your behaviour.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. If we can look at two documents -- SND-10122. Again
17 this is a Social Services document which again --
18 I think we were liking at this earlier, where it talks
19 about the fact that you were to be transferred. I think
20 I've read that one out already. Sorry.

21 SND-2799, please. Again if we can highlight the
22 bottom of the conclusion. This is again another social
23 work report. It says you were transferred to Fort James
24 because of difficulties with your behaviour, incidents
25 of drinking, aggression generally towards yourself. The

1 objective in Fort James is to help you to prepare for
2 adult life in the community with the use of independent
3 living unit from the age of years --
4 years. In respect of the allegations
5 previously made you had now given a statement to the
6 RUC. You were due to leave school in two weeks' time.
7 You were to be supported by your social worker in your
8 application for youth training scheme and you were to be
9 permitted access to your mother as you wished, but you
10 must arrange that with staff. That would have been in
11 .

12 Now you -- while you were in Fort James, your
13 behaviour became even worse. Is that fair? You were
14 involved in -- you actually received
15 .

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Do you remember that?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You talk about this in your paragraph (sic) at
20 paragraph 27. You talk about -- from actually
21 page SND-2534, please, paragraph 25, you say that you
22 were in Nazareth House until you were
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24 "We had gone through a serious of nuns."

25 You say this particular nun left and that's why you

1 became very unsettled. She had been a stabilising
2 influence on you. You say your head just totally went:

3 "... and I think the reason that they moved me was
4 because they couldn't control me, so they shifted me to
5 a place called Fort James in Tullyalley. There were no
6 religious or clerical staff looking after me ... My
7 life was in turmoil then."

8 You say the staff used to take you for a walk along
9 the banks of Faughan River. There were parts of the
10 river where you could jump in and there was gravel. You
11 go on to talk about other boys up ahead throwing stones.
12 You lifted a stone, threw it but it ricocheted off a
13 wire fence, hit a young boy on the head. He started
14 crying. You ended up and you think

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16 . So you had
17 and as a result you were sent to St. Pat's in Belfast.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You actually talk -- a document that has been provided
20 to us which -- is at SND-3818. Sorry. I beg your
21 pardon. SND-2649 through to SND-2658. The Inquiry can
22 look at this. This is a handwritten document in which
23 yourself record about this first occasion when you were
24 taken to St. Pat's. Do you remember writing this,
25 HIA92? It is quite a lengthy document, and I am not

1 going to open it to the Inquiry, but you go through
2 a lot of detail about going from the home and telling
3 someone, parents, that you were going to be
4 taken to St. Pat's, and you go right the way through
5 until you are put into the car and taken to St. Pat's.
6 You relate that there, and you talk in that about
7 a person called SND309 going to St. Pat's with you.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Do you remember that? Do you remember who that person
10 was?

11 **A. SND309 .**

12 Q. Yes. Now the Inquiry has received so far only in draft
13 form a statement from the person you name as an abuser.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. This would have been of SND309.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Now, first of all, can I tell you that the person
18 against whom you make the allegation completely and
19 utterly denies the allegations that you've made against
20 him, and he talks about how he was someone who was
21 denigrated during his time in care, and as someone who
22 was called nicknames and because of behaviour that he
23 engaged in and was abused for that, he found -- he says:

24 "I find it really quite disturbing for someone to
25 suggest that I would perpetrate upon others the sort of

1 abuse from which I ran and against which I rebelled."

2 He goes on to say that he has no recollection of you
3 whatsoever, but you say .

4 **A. Yes, we did, yes.**

5 Q. You say that you now understand that he used to be
6 friendly with his younger brother -- sorry. He says
7 that he now understands that

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10 , and he says he finds it strange that
11 someone would continue a friendship with

12 . What do you want to tell
13 the Inquiry about that, HIA92, first of all? Did you
14 know SND309?

15 **A. Well, if he didn't know me, how did he know my mother?**
16 **You know what I mean?**

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18 Q. Well, in fairness to him he says that he now also
19 understands that. So he is not saying he knew this at
20 the time.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. He is saying he has no recollection of you and he finds
23 it strange that

24 . Now

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1 **A. I met SND309 whenever they shifted me to Fort James.**

2 Q. Had you known him in your time at Termonbacca --

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. -- or in Nazareth House?

5 **A. No.**

6 Q. You did, when you were speaking to me this morning, talk
7 about someone else who came in with the same surname --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- to Nazareth House when you were there.

10 **A. Yes. That was --**

11 Q. What do you want to tell the Inquiry about that?

12 **A. That was basically SND300. That's whenever it sort of**
13 **came -- sort of just came rushing back into my mind**
14 **about HIA69 --**

15 Q. This was someone with the same surname.

16 **A. -- was because SND300 was . It sort of just**
17 **triggered memory.**

18 Q. Are you saying that that's the time you told the nuns in
19 Nazareth House?

20 **A. That was round the time, yes.**

21 Q. He goes on to say that -- he says although he was aware
22 of and indeed was the victim of the abuse, he was never
23 aware of the level of the abuse that you outline. He
24 was not aware of children being raped or sodomised
25 during his time in care and he says that the level of

1 depravity which you describe is not consistent with his
2 own experiences. Is there any comment you want to make
3 about that?

4 **A. He's a liar. He knows me and he knows**

5 . He knows -- he knows who we are. No
6 witnesses. No crime. That's basically his word against
7 mine.

8 Q. Well, if I can take you back then to -- you went from
9 Fort James to St. Pat's, and you talk again -- if we
10 look at page SND-2534, we are at paragraph 26 again, and
11 you say that after -- you spent in
12 the justice side of St. Patrick's Training College --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- after the incident

15 You were then brought back to Fort James, and
16 you say at that stage you were totally uncontrollable.
17 The staff there didn't like you. You wouldn't appease
18 them or adhere to what they wanted. They couldn't
19 handle you.

20 and
21 you loved it, but then they made you go back to Fort
22 James. At that time you were . Fort James had put
23 you into one of their training flats, where they tried
24 to prepare you for independent living. You did not like
25 the way the key workers were interfering with your

1 privacy and independence. For that reason they were
2 going to send you back over to St. Pat's another time.
3 A guy called was going to take you there. So you
4 said you were going to get your coat and you ran away.
5 You ran to your mother's. You knew they would come
6 looking for you. So when you heard a knock at the door
7 and saw the social worker, you didn't answer it. You
8 then appeared in court and eventually the judge said you
9 could live with your mother at that stage.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You think you were about , almost , when you left
12 care to live with your mother.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Now can I just confirm although you say you didn't get
15 on with the staff in For James, you accept that your
16 behaviour was -- as you described, you were no angel and
17 you must have presented them with considerable
18 difficulties.

19 **A. Well, I was disruptive with them, yes, but that was Fort
20 James, but my case is not against Fort James.**

21 Q. No. I just wanted to satisfy -- you are not complaining
22 about any institutions other than Termonbacca, what
23 happened to you there.

24 **A. Termonbacca, yes.**

25 Q. You accept that Social Services had a difficult job with

1 you.

2 **A. I had a difficult life. So I made it difficult for**
3 **them.**

4 Q. Yes. One of the things you did say, that during your
5 time in Termonbacca things changed when this particular
6 nun and the older boys had left.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. I mean, when you say they changed, I take things got
9 better.

10 **A. It was more of a relaxed state and it wasn't as -- what**
11 **would the word be -- discipline, it wouldn't be -- like**
12 **the violence from that nun that I have mentioned,**
13 **I never seen that again. I never seen that again from**
14 **any nun, but then again we were the youngest that**
15 **actually left that home. We were next to the last**
16 **children to leave Termonbacca and we went down to**
17 **a total different regime in Nazareth House.**

18 Q. Now you left care and in paragraph 28 of your statement
19 you go to describe your life after care, and at
20 paragraph 28 you say:

21 "Since leaving care my life has been terrible."
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24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q.

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(Witness withdrew)

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CHAIRMAN: We will just rise for a few minutes.

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(3.00 pm)

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(Short break)

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(3.05 pm)

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MS SMITH: Mr Chairman, members and ladies and gentlemen,

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the witness HIA92 is somewhat upset and feels he cannot

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continue to give evidence before you this afternoon.

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I had almost reached the end of his evidence in any

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event. I would just actually refer you to the final

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paragraphs in his witness statement where he sets out

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what has happened to him in his life between -- those

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are paragraphs 28 through to the end of the witness

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statement. He is somewhat distressed, and the Panel

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may feel it is inappropriate to ask him to return.

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CHAIRMAN: Well, the Inquiry Panel feel that's entirely the

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right course to take. The episodes that he describes in

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the section "Life after care" are exceptionally

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distressing. He has so far as we are in a position to

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judge dealt with all the matters that are relevant to

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the Inquiry's terms of reference. Therefore, we do not

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consider it appropriate to ask him to come in to proceed

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any further. So we entirely agree with that decision

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and he is free to go whenever he feels able to face up

1 to departing.

2 MS SMITH: I will certainly convey that to him, Chairman.

3 Thank you for that.

4 There is another witness to be -- to give evidence
5 this afternoon. I would be grateful for some time to --
6 say to 3.30, and hopefully we could conclude by about
7 5 o'clock this afternoon.

8 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well. Ladies and gentlemen, we will
9 sit not before 3.30.

10 MS SMITH: I am grateful.

11 (3.07 pm)

12 (Short break)

13 (3.30 pm)

14 WITNESS HIA169 (called)

15 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members. The
16 next witness is "HIA169", who is to be known as HIA169.
17 If you just stand there, HIA169, the Chairman is going
18 to ask you about taking the oath or affirming.

19 CHAIRMAN: HIA169, do you wish to take a religious oath or
20 to make an affirmation? They have the same legal
21 effect. It is a matter entirely for you to choose.

22 **A. I'd like to take the affirmation, please.**

23 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

24 WITNESS HIA169 (affirmed)

25 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Please be seated.

1 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

2 MS SMITH: Now, HIA169, if you can just speak into the
3 microphone so we can pick up all that you want to say.
4 One of the things I forgot to ask you about is I think
5 I've explained to you that we have given everybody who
6 is coming to speak to the Inquiry anonymity. I take it
7 that you do wish your anonymity to be preserved and you
8 don't want your name to be broadcast outside this room.
9 Is that correct?

10 **A. Yes, Cath... -- Christine. Sorry.**

11 Q. If you need a break at any time, just say. I appreciate
12 that you're nervous. We'll just take it slowly and
13 we'll deal with all that you have to say to the Inquiry.

14 **A. Okay.**

15 Q. You are now aged . You will soon be . Isn't that
16 correct?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. As a child you -- sorry. If I can just ask that your
19 witness statement be put up on the screen. It is
20 SND-4268. Now, HIA169, I showed this to you earlier and
21 I explained there would be black bands covering people's
22 names and you will see it is a witness statement of
23 HIA169, which is the reference number that the Inquiry
24 has given to you. If we could just go to the last
25 page of that, please. That's SND-4278.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You signed the witness statement on 2nd November 2013
3 and your signature is under that black box --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- on the witness statement. Can I confirm this is the
6 witness statement that you have made for the Inquiry and
7 you want them to consider it as your evidence?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Now you moved from to Nazareth House, Bishop
10 Street when you were aged about until the

11 .

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. If we could just look briefly at SND-4265, this is
14 a document that we have received from the Sisters of
15 Nazareth register. It indicates you were admitted on --
16 to Nazareth House on and that you had
17 come from the .

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Can I ask you, HIA169, what you -- your earliest memory
20 of being in Bishop Street was?

21 **A. Actually -- it's actually a nice thing. I remember**
22 **I think I was about 4 -- I think I was about 4 and there**
23 **was beautiful round tables with beautiful coloured like**
24 **rectangles in the table and there was glass on top of**
25 **the table -- the tables, and we were about 4, and**

1 I remember there was a few of them in the room. That's
2 kind of like my earliest memory. I know SR50 was there
3 with us kids. That is my -- because I do art. So
4 I always remember that beautiful coloured --

5 Q. Table.

6 A. -- glass tables.

7 Q. Well, while you were there is it correct that you only
8 remember your mother visiting you twice? If we just
9 look at SND-4267, please, page 4267. This is your
10 witness statement again, and at paragraph 4 -- sorry.
11 I've got my numbering wrong. SND-4269. Apologies.
12 SND-4269.

13 A. Do you want me to look at my statement?

14 Q. Yes, you can look at it, but it is coming up --

15 A. Oh, I see yes.

16 Q. -- on the screen here in front of you in any event. You
17 say at paragraph 4 that you only remember your mother
18 visiting twice during your time in Nazareth House. She
19 visited and this particular sister held you and would
20 not let you go over to see her. You do not know why she
21 did that. You just remember her holding you tightly.

22 who was with you in the home was allowed to
23 go over to see your mother.

24 You go on in paragraph 5 to say that was
25 there, but you describe the nuns as not liking you to

1 have contact with each other or being close, and you say
2 that you didn't think that they liked anyone bonding in
3 any way. You say if they saw any girls getting on and
4 having fun, they would come out and separate them. Do
5 you remember that?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Now did you make -- you did form friendships. Despite
8 this you did form friendships in the home.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Do you remember some of the names of the girls you were
11 friendly with?

12 **A. Do you want me to say them out loud?**

13 Q. Yes. They won't be allowed to be repeated outside this
14 room, but you can tell the Inquiry.

15 **A. Okay. People like , HIA105, HIA90,**
16 **SND174, .**

17 Q. Can I just pause there, HIA169, and can I ask -- you
18 have named some people there, and HIA90, do you know
19 what her married name was?

20 **A. I forget. I forget. I know HIA90 married a fellow from**
21 **. I know he wasn't very nice to her, but I know**
22 **she married a fellow from . I forget her name, her**
23 **married name.**

24 Q. Is it possible it was HIA90? Does that ring a bell with
25 you?

1 **A. I can't remember, but I know she married a fellow from**

2 .

3 Q. In any event you talk at paragraph 7 about the daily
4 routine in the home.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. You say that you got up about 7.00 am on an ordinary
7 morning. On a mass morning you got up earlier. You
8 went to mass and then you had breakfast. You had mass
9 you think about three times a week and on a Sunday. You
10 say that if you were being punished for something, you
11 were not allowed breakfast, and you would then get
12 washed. So are you saying that you got washed before or
13 after breakfast?

14 **A. Before breakfast.**

15 Q. You talk -- you go on there to talk about treatment that
16 you received, but can I just ask food in the home, you
17 talk about that at paragraph 9 and you say the food was
18 good.

19 **A. I thought so, yes.**

20 Q. Your only complaint was that really sometimes food was
21 withheld as a punishment.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. But that the actual quality and quantity of the food was
24 good.

25 **A. I thought it was good, yes.**

1 Q. Are you happy with the clothing with which you were
2 supplied? It was adequate?

3 **A. Well, I think it was adequate. It was hand-me-downs,**
4 **but yes. I think so, yes.**

5 Q. Just these are some general issues that I am just
6 talking about --

7 **A. Sure.**

8 Q. -- addressing about your life in the home. At
9 paragraph 22, which is on page SND-4274, you talk about
10 another type of punishment, and this was at paragraph 22
11 there. Another punishment was -- by the nuns was to
12 make you have your bath last.

13 **A. Yes, or maybe 16th or, you know ...**

14 Q. Okay, and you all used the same water. It was filthy by
15 the time you got in. Some of the girls would have had
16 their period. You can't have a bath to this day. You
17 only ever have a shower. A bath would make you feel
18 dirty.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. That's your recollection of --

21 **A. Very much so.**

22 Q. -- the bathing regime.

23 **A. Filthy.**

24 Q. Some others have suggested that there was a disinfectant
25 used in the bath. Do you have any recollection of that?

1 **A. No. The bath was just filthy. The water was filthy.**

2 Q. If I can just turn back to page SND-4270, paragraph 10,
3 you describe the sleeping arrangements in the home. You
4 say you slept in a dormitory. You had metal beds with
5 a sheet and blanket and you say it was freezing cold.
6 The dormitory was dark and scary and you talk about
7 a form of punishment, which was being made to stand in
8 a dark corridor naked. You say there were cockroaches
9 on the ground.

10 **A. Oh, yes. Sorry. Yes.**

11 Q. You recall this happened twice when you were 9 and 11.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You go on to describe your problem with wetting the bed
14 and that problem persisted throughout your time in care.
15 You say how that was treated was to get you up in the
16 middle of the night to go to the toilet.

17 **A. Oh --**

18 Q. Sorry.

19 **A. Yes, yes. About 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning they
20 would get us up.**

21 Q. And you still --

22 **A. Wet the bed.**

23 Q. -- wet the bed and you put your bed wetting to
24 a particular incident, which we'll come on to describe
25 later, but in the morning after wetting the bed you say

1 were beaten by one of two nuns who you name there, and
2 you won't appreciate from what's on the screen, but your
3 statement that you have with you should indicate which
4 nuns we are talking about there. It's --

5 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

6 Q. -- in paragraph 10.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. The Inquiry has the names of those nuns.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You say that you were beaten by them:

11 "... but worse than that, they then humiliated the
12 bed wetters by making us put our underwear on our head
13 and standing at the breakfast table so everyone could
14 see."

15 **A. That's my experience, yes. Some kids had sheets, but my
16 experience was I had to put my underpants on my head and
17 stand up.**

18 Q. Now in paragraph 8 of the statement you talk about you
19 had to do chores in the home and you talk about
20 scrubbing the bathrooms, toilets, corridors, washing the
21 dishes, and you say one particular nun was obsessed with
22 cleanliness within your group, and if a spot was missed,
23 she would get you down on her knees -- she would get
24 down on her knees and start scrubbing, and if you didn't
25 offer to help her, you would get punished by her, and

1 she would pull your hair, kick you on the body or hit
2 your heads off the wall. You describe her as having
3 a nickname, because you say she always wore boots and
4 would kick you with them.

5 **A. Yes. Not all the times, but sometimes. Yes. Yes.**
6 **Sorry. Yes.**

7 Q. Now there is -- you go on at paragraph 11 just at the
8 bottom of that page to say that you suffered physical
9 abuse at the hands of three nuns who you name there.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You then go on to give particular instances about this,
12 but can I just pause for a moment to go back and ask
13 again some general questions about the home?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Do you remember special occasions being celebrated such
16 as Christmas?

17 **A. Well, there was Christmas, St. Patrick's Day,**
18 **Hallowe'en.**

19 Q. What do you remember about those events?

20 **A. Well, Christmas, you did have a party and the bishop**
21 **would come and we'd get presents, and Hallowe'en there**
22 **would be toffee apples and, you know, other stuff, party**
23 **things in the big dining room.**

24 Q. And St. Patrick's Day?

25 **A. Paddy's Day I think was just a special party meal thing.**

1 Q. What about your birthday, HIA169? Is there something
2 you want to tell the Inquiry about that?

3 A. I thought my birthday was on up until I found
4 out -- I had to get my birth certificate and I saw on my
5 birth certificate it was on , but
6 I always was told my birthday was on ,
7 .

8 Q. Do you remember your birthday ever being celebrated in
9 the home?

10 A. I wasn't -- no, not me, no.

11 Q. What about pocket money? Did you get pocket money?

12 A. Yes, we did get pocket money.

13 Q. Can you recall how much you got or what you did with it?

14 A. We went to the tuck shop, but if you were being
15 punished, you didn't get the pocket money, but there was
16 a -- there was a -- what they call a tuck shop, like --
17 and it was in the school corridor, and you were allowed
18 to buy sweets and stuff, things like that.

19 Q. What about day trips? I think you talk about these at
20 paragraph 9 of your witness statement. You say you did
21 get -- you went to the tuck shop. Sometimes you were
22 allowed to watch a film on a Sunday.

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. You got an apple to eat while you were watching the
25 film.

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. You say you were often punished --

3 **A. Mostly cowboy movies and stuff like that.**

4 Q. But you say that you were punished by being not allowed
5 to watch the films. Is that right?

6 **A. Oh, yes, yes. You would have to stand outside the**
7 **classroom where the film was being shown, you know, and**
8 **you could hear the film, but if you were being punished,**
9 **you know, you would be upset because you weren't in**
10 **watching the film.**

11 Q. Can I just say music played a large part in the life of
12 the home. Is that correct?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You do -- I think at paragraph 14 and 15 of your
15 statement you do talk about this as well. You say you
16 were and you would travel around Northern
17 Ireland winning every festival you entered, and you say
18 this meant that everyone in Derry loved these particular
19 nuns. It was therefore difficult for anyone to believe
20 that they were abusing you behind the scenes.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. What do you remember about being ?

23 **A. Well, we -- well, we pretty much won -- we pretty much**
24 **won everything, feisean and, you know -- SR9 was really**
25 **ambitious. We pretty much won everything.**

1 Q. Did you enjoy being _____ ?

2 A. I didn't like being _____ , but I think I said to
3 you earlier I loved listening to the harmonising,
4 because I love harmonising. I love music with
5 harmonising, but I didn't particularly like being
6 _____ , and sometimes I would have _____ and
7 I didn't like that, because I'd be nervous and scared,
8 but I didn't really like -- I did like -- sorry. I did
9 like going around the countryside and, you know, doing
10 con... -- not doing _____ but I loved getting
11 out of the Nazareth House and going to different places
12 in Donegal or Northern Ireland or -- you know, because
13
14 .

15 Q. You talk about Irish dancing in the home and I know you
16 wanted to clarify something about what you say in
17 paragraph 15 where you say that a particular person:

18 "... _____ . He would beat us on
19 the legs with a steel ruler
20 ."

21 Now you were never actually an
22 yourself. Is that correct?

23 A. No, I also did the _____ and,
24 you know, all that stuff.

25 Q. But there was something you wanted to say about that,

1 that --

2 **A. Well --**

3 Q. There was a ceillidh band and you weren't in that.

4 Wasn't that right?

5 **A. No, no, I wasn't in the band.**

6 Q. So you were --

7 **A. I was .**

8 Q. -- and the Irish dancing?

9 **A. We did Irish dancing and stuff like that.**

10 Q. Well, can I -- during your time there did you ever see

11 anyone from Social Services visit?

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. Or what about -- have you any memory of any senior nuns

14 coming to visit the home?

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. What about anybody else visiting? Do you remember any

17 celebrities or ...?

18 **A. Well, SR9 loved . We did**

19 **a -- ,**

20 **which I hate to this day. Sorry. She loved**

21 **and, of course, brother , ,**

22 **was a priest in the Nazareth House for about a year and**

23 **maybe three or four months, but she -- came**

24 **and visited us.**

25 Q. Now in paragraph 5 of your witness statement, if we can

1 just scroll back to that, these are some of the
2 particular allegations that you make about your time
3 there, and you say that -- you have just indicated that
4 the brother of -- and again he can't be
5 named outside this room -- came to visit the home and
6 you say this particular nun loved him.

7 **A. I'm really sorry. Is this number 7?**

8 Q. Paragraph 5. Sorry, HIA169.

9 **A. Oh, 5.**

10 Q. If you just see, you say where it starts:

11 " also in Nazareth House ..."

12 **A. Oh, sorry.**

13 Q. Then if you go down, the large line blacking out the
14 name is of the particular priest who was the brother of

15 .

16 **A. Yes, yes.**

17 Q. He came to visit the home and you say that this
18 particular nun loved him. If it's easier to look at
19 your own statement --

20 **A. Okay. Sorry.**

21 Q. -- you can read it. That's fine.

22 **A. Okay.**

23 Q. You say that you were his favourite -- that's the
24 priest's favourite -- and she didn't like this, so she
25 picked on you and beat you, but never in front of him.

1 **A. Oh, yes.**

2 Q. You are suggesting that she was jealous because he liked
3 you.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You talk about at paragraph 7, if we just go down there,
6 where you were saying that your hair was normally
7 brushed with a normal brush, but if you were being
8 punished -- can you just see that halfway down that
9 paragraph?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Your hair was brushed with a steel fine toothcomb by one
12 of the two nuns that are named.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You remember on many occasions between the ages of 4 and
15 14 when this was happening, and having your head pushed
16 about, and sister being very rough, often leaving your
17 scalp bleeding.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Then you talk about the rest of the routine in the home,
20 about going to school. Primary school was Nazareth
21 House. After that you went to secondary school at
22 Sister -- sorry -- .

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. After school you came back home, had your tea, you would
25 be allowed to watch some television, did your homework

1 and you went to bed about 8.00. When you were younger,
2 that bedtime would have been about 6.00 or 7.00.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. That was essentially the daily routine in the home.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. We have already discussed about the chores and about the
7 nun whom you nicknamed --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- and what happened with the chores there?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. If we can just move on then to paragraph 12, you
12 describe an incident here where you were in
13 and you name three girls who were with
14 you, one of whom is now deceased, and another girl. You
15 were playing in a workman's hut in the playground at the
16 school.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. They said, "Let's get HIA169" and they took you into the
19 hut and they took most of your clothes off. You were
20 messing about essentially -- is that correct --

21 **A. Yes, yes.**

22 Q. -- carrying on?

23 **A. Um.**

24 Q. The principal then telephoned Sister --

25 **A. SR9.**

1 Q. -- and told her what was going on. When you got back to
2 the home, you say this nun lined you up along the
3 corridor. She grabbed you by the hair and banged your
4 head off a wooden ledge above the lockers.

5 **A. That's right.**

6 Q. Your head was bleeding
7 . You were distraught at the
8 time. She wiped the blood off your -- off you, but her
9 face was red with anger, and you say that another nun
10 witnessed this incident.

11 **A. I -- I've made a mistake about that. You are talking**
12 **about SR 18 . I don't think she witnessed that**
13 **one.**

14 Q. You don't believe that she saw that particular incident.

15 **A. No, not that one.**

16 Q. We will come on to explain about that.

17 **A. It actually did happen. However, dates and times and**
18 **who was there, who wasn't there I do get mixed up about.**
19 **I don't think she witnessed that one.**

20 Q. Right. Well, you say that you have a scar and perhaps
21 you could just indicate to the Panel Members where that
22 scar is from that incident.

23 **A. This. It's right here. (Pointing.)**

24 Q. There should be some photographs which I will come to --

25 **A. Okay.**

1 Q. -- which aren't terribly clear, but they do show
2 scarring. You go on then in paragraph --

3 CHAIRMAN: Just a moment, HIA169. You seem to be pointing
4 to a mark --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 CHAIRMAN: -- but I can see what looks like a mark
7 as well.

8 **A. Sorry, your Honour. Sorry, Mr Chairman. That's from
9 another incident.**

10 CHAIRMAN: I see. Thank you.

11 MS SMITH: I think, HIA169, you go on to describe you
12 actually have a number of scars --

13 **A. I do.**

14 Q. -- and we will deal with how you received those.

15 **A. I do.**

16 Q. In paragraph 13, for example, you say you had your nose
17 broken twice --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- once by one nun and once by another nun.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. You say that you were about years of age and one nun
22 broke your nose by hitting your head off internal doors
23 in Nazareth House.

24 **A. Yes. I'm really sorry, Christine. I'm half deaf
25 sometimes.**

1 Q. Sorry.

2 **A. Could you speak up just a wee bit?**

3 Q. I beg your pardon. Sorry. I did not realise that.

4 **A. Thank you. Sorry. I am sorry.**

5 Q. Hopefully you can hear me a bit better now.

6 **A. Yes. Thank you.**

7 Q. There is a system we can get for you if you need some
8 assistance with your hearing. I hadn't appreciated that
9 you had that difficulty, HIA169.

10 **A. No. It is just sometimes I have, you know ... My**
11 **apologies.**

12 Q. No, no. As long as you can hear me.

13 **A. I can hear you now.**

14 Q. I will speak up a little bit louder --

15 **A. Sorry.**

16 Q. -- and hopefully that will make it easier for you.

17 We were talking about your nose was broken off
18 internal doors when your head was hit off internal doors
19 in Nazareth House.

20 **A. Yes, yes.**

21 Q. Then there was another occasion about a year or two
22 later when a different nun hit your head and face off
23 a pebbledashed wall in the yard.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You say that you didn't receive any medical treatment on

1 either of those occasions.

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. You say that you know your nose was broken, because you
4 were bleeding --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- there was swelling and you had nose bleeds
7 afterwards.

8 **A. Absolutely. Sorry. Yes.**

9 Q. You don't know what you had done and you just say that
10 you truly believe they just hated you.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You think that was because you were not like
13
14 .

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. She was considerably than you. Isn't that
17 correct?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q.

20 . She was intelligent
21 .

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. She became a .

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. She used to come back to Nazareth House in the holidays.

1 Did you have any contact with her when she came back?

2 **A. Well -- well -- God! It's a complicated story. A lot**
3 **of us didn't like her, because sometimes she wasn't very**
4 **nice to some of us kids.**

5 Q. But you wouldn't have had a relationship with her when
6 you were growing up ?

7 **A. Oh, God, no.**

8 Q. You describe also these same two nuns you say would walk
9 up behind you and hit you on the head with their keys.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. They would come up with big heavy keys, say, "What are
12 you doing here?" You say you were obviously somewhere
13 that you ought not to have been, but you don't remember
14 being told not to be there. You don't remember the
15 actual incident that caused them to do this. Is that
16 correct?

17 **A. No. Sometimes out of the blue sometimes they would just**
18 **come up and they had these big keys and they would just**
19 **hit you on the back of the head with them. You know,**
20 **they weren't the little keys. They were big iron keys,**
21 **you know.**

22 Q. Now if we can move on then just to paragraph 16, you say
23 that you were about 12 or 13 and you were at
24 and you took some --

25 . Isn't that correct?

1 **A. I stole -- I stole ... -- how do you say**
2 **that word?**

3 Q.

4 **A. I**

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6 Q. You were taken back to Nazareth House and you were given

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8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. As a result of that incident you were then sent to the

10 , who was also in the school

11 --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- a lady named SND 472 .

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You didn't tell her why .

16 Isn't that correct?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You say you couldn't communicate well at that time.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You say you met her many years later, and she had
21 actually gone to speak to the nun at the time, because
22 she was worried about you.

23 **A. Yes. I didn't know that she had gone. She told me**
24 **later that she had gone.**

25 Q. From about 2010 there is a series of e-mails between you

1 and SND 472 . Isn't that right?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q.

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5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. I am going to ask that there be two documents pulled up.

7 Both are very similar in theme. If we can see SND-4390,

8 please. Now I showed this document to you, and you will

9 not have seen this, but this was a document which

10 SND 472 -- a note that **SND 472** had written in

11 July 2010 --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- at a time when you had contacted the police about

14 what you say had happened to you --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- in Bishop Street.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. She records that she met with a detective constable who

19 she names to discuss an unrelated matter, and he asked

20 you -- he asked her if she remembered you as a past

21 pupil, and she said that she remembered you very well

22 indeed. He explained that he had been in contact with

23 you about allegations of abuse during your stay, and I

24 -- she -- that's ^{SND 472} -- said in the years she had

25 contact with you, approximately until ,

1 you were perceived to be difficult.

2 "She did tell me that she was very unhappy."

3 **A. Sorry.** SND 472 **said that?**

4 Q. She told a police officer --

5 **A. Oh, sorry.**

6 Q. -- that when she had contact with you --

7 **A. Right.**

8 Q. -- you were perceived to be difficult. She doesn't say
9 by whom, but she says that you were perceived by someone
10 to be difficult.

11 **A. Oh!**

12 Q. Okay?

13 **A. Okay. Sorry. Thank you.**

14 Q. That's okay.

15 "She did tell me that she was very unhappy in
16 Nazareth House, but did not disclose any abuse.
17 I visited the Nazareth House to talk to the nuns about
18 [you] and to ascertain the source of her unhappiness.
19 The nun with whom I spoke said she could not understand
20 how HIA169 could be unhappy as she had a 'lovely
21 bedroom' which she then showed [you]."

22 She then said to the police to ask you to contact
23 her if you wanted to. You did do that then. You then
24 contacted SND 472?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. As recently as 12th February this year --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- you received a letter from her. Isn't that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. If we could see that. SND-15827, please. SND-15872.

6 Sorry. It just says:

7 "Dear HIA169,

8 Thank you for letting me know when you are due to
9 give your account to the Historical Institutional Abuse
10 Inquiry. I wish you all the best on the day and I am
11 glad you have kept me informed. As I told you when we
12 met in Derry and we talked of the account you had given
13 to your solicitor and e-mailed a copy to me, I had no
14 idea in the when you were a pupil in
15 what was behind your emotional distress. When you
16 and I was asked to see you in my role as
17 , you told me how unhappy you were in
18 the Nazareth House, but did not give me any details.
19 I visited the Nazareth House at that time to talk to the
20 sisters about your unhappiness. When I addressed this
21 with [a particular nun], she questioned why you would be
22 so unhappy as you have a 'beautiful bedroom'. She asked
23 a young sister to show me your bedroom. I returned to
24 school aware that there was little awareness of what lay
25 behind your unhappiness. I will never forget that

1 visit.

2 I started in in September and you
3 would have left a few years later and you visited me
4 once afterwards when you moved to .

5 Wishing you all the best and keep in touch.

6 Yours sincerely.

7 SND 472. "

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. That is consistent with what she told the police officer
10 back in 2010.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Now there's -- paragraph 17, SND-4272, please. Going
13 back to your witness statement, you talk here about when
14 you were about

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21 and as a punishment both the nuns beat a girl you
22 name and you with their fists on the way home on the
23 bus. You said you felt very little pain at the time
24 because of the alcohol, but once it wore off your body
25 ached for days. That was the first time that you had

1 drunk alcohol and you started to realise it numbed the
2 pain and gave you courage and you believe that that
3 incident is why

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5 **A. Yes. Can I make one correction?**

6 **Q. Yes.**

7 **A. I think I might have exaggerated about one of the other**
8 **girls, but I definitely --**

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10 . You

11 stop for tea, you know, and I remember up on the shelf
12 there was a clear bottle of stuff and there was biscuits
13 and other things, and

14 , and on the bus -- can I say the
15 nun's name?

16 **Q. Yes. Go ahead.**

17 **A. SR9. Well, you know, she really beat the living**
18 **daylights out of me, but I think I've -- because**
19 **I checked it out recently. I think I exaggerated.**
20 **I thought it was another girl, but it wasn't, but**
21 **and I definitely didn't**
22 **really feel any pain,**

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24 **Q. You go at paragraph 18. You say there was another**
25 **occasion when you were about you were allowed**

1 to go to a birthday party in which was held by
2 a you were friendly with, but you don't
3 want to give her name.

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. There was vodka at that party and . You
6 say you discovered music and different people and you
7 had a -- you loved it. You were late returning to the
8 home and a nun was waiting for you. She was furious.
9 She was about to grab you and beat you, but because you
10 were drunk, you stood up to her. Told her not to think
11 about touching you. You used bad language and called
12 her names, and " " .

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. She ran to SR9's office and you followed her. You also
15 called that nun a name. You could see that they were
16 scared of you and they didn't touch you that night. You
17 realised as a result that alcohol could give you
18 courage.

19 **A. Yes. Absolutely true. Yes, yes.**

20 Q. You go on then at paragraph 19 to talk about being
21 overwhelmed by everything that was happening to you, and
22 when you were about

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25 You say at night everyone received milk and buns at

1 8 o'clock. You brought the milk round to three
2 different groups and on your way back you threw the
3 empty bottles down the steps to smash them, lifted
4 a piece of the smashed glass and

5 .
6
7 You
8 don't know how you ended up there, but you were taken to
9 a classroom where a nun wiped the blood and then
10 bandaged the leg you say with cotton wool and bandages.
11 You didn't receive any medical attention and the
12 dressings weren't changed for some days. You say when
13 the bandages were removed, the cotton wool was embedded
14 in the wounds which was closing over and was infected.
15 You say two nuns, who you name there, held you down
16 while the nun who had bandaged your leg pulled the
17 cotton wool out of the wounds. You say it was agony.
18 You were screaming with the pain. You weren't taken to
19 hospital and you received no medical treatment. You say
20 that's because the nuns would not have wanted questions
21 to be asked.

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23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Now you accept that at that time

25 . Isn't that

1 correct?

2 **A. Yes, I lied.**

3 Q. Yes, and -- are you okay, HIA169?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. There's some water in front of you and some tissues if
6 you need it.

7 In fact, what the nuns were told was that this had
8 been an accident.

9 **A. Yes. I lied.**

10 Q. That you had fallen down the stairs --

11 **A. I had fallen down the stairs.**

12 Q. -- carrying the bottles. I'll come back to what some of
13 the nuns say about this, HIA169.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. But if we can just again go through your statement --

16 **A. Sure.**

17 Q. -- at paragraph 20 this is another incident when you say
18 you were about and you were physically
19 assaulted with a brick --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- by this particular nun. At this time you say you
22 were going to . You were dropped off in
23 the minibus by another nun. She drove on to drop off
24 another girl and then she dropped the rest of the
25 children off in the Waterside. That was simply the

1 route that she took.

2 **A. Yes. Sorry. She dropped another girl off in**
3 **and then the bus went on to .**

4 Q. But you and another girl you say were playing truant
5 from school.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You saw British Army soldiers leaving their barracks in
8 a jeep, and you say you had picked up vibes from the
9 nuns that they hated the British Army and the police,
10 and if they came through the back gates of Nazareth
11 House, the nuns would hit them with brooms.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. As a result you felt that you should hate them too.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You talk about other things about that time, but you
16 say:

17 "On this particular occasion the streets were
18 covered in bricks. So I picked one up and threw it at
19 the army jeep."

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Now the sister who had dropped you off in the minibus
22 was coming back down with some of the children, and you
23 say the jeep nearly collided with that minibus --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- as a result of your action.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You are saying you are sure it must have frightened this
3 particular nun --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- because you had nearly caused this accident. She got
6 out of the minibus, picked up the brick and took it back
7 to Nazareth House.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You describe being sick with fear all day and later that
10 evening you were made to stand in a dark corridor with
11 about eight other girls who had found themselves in
12 trouble that day.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Was this a regular occurrence, that you were sort of
15 summoned before this particular nun for bad behaviour?

16 **A. On the school corridor?**

17 Q. Yes.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Excuse me. Two nuns came out to you about 6.30 after
20 they had been to church. You say you had been standing
21 there for some hours.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. This particular nun had the brick in her hand and you
24 say she started hitting you with the brick
25 over and over again. While she was hitting you, she

1 kept saying, "You are not worth it. I wouldn't be
2 bothered hitting you with this brick". There was blood
3 pouring out and you didn't receive any
4 medical treatment as a result. You say you still have
5 scars as a result.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. I think the Chairman has indicated that he could see
8 some scars .

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. It is your evidence that those scars were caused by this
11 incident?

12 **A. Yes. She just kept hitting me with the brick and saying**
13 **those words to me and there was just blood coming out**
14 **and stuff like that.**

15 Q. You also describe having indents in a circle from the
16 brick on your head. Is that the scars that we are
17 talking about here ?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Now you say that another nun who you name there saw the
20 blood pouring and you say you know what
21 you did was wrong, but you think you should have been
22 punished differently.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You didn't deserve the punishment that you received. It
25 was witnessed -- this incident was witnessed by the nun

1 you name there and you name four other girls as having
2 seen this incident, and they are named in that.

3 If I can just at this point pause to say that
4 certainly one of those girls has come forward to the
5 Inquiry and she has given evidence to say that she did
6 witness this, that she does recall you being struck on
7 the head by this particular nun with a brick. So she
8 has said that.

9 The Inquiry has received a witness statement from
10 someone who has not come forward but who also says that
11 she did witness this incident.

12 A third statement has been provided by the Sisters
13 of Nazareth from a third person that you name in that
14 witness statement.

15 Now you can't see those on that, but again I am
16 going to use the name just to make this easier, but say
17 that, you know, she -- her name is not to be used
18 outside the chamber, but that person's name is SND60,
19 and you describe her as having been there. She has
20 provided very recently a witness statement to the
21 Inquiry and the Inquiry will consider whether they wish
22 to call her forward to give evidence, but certainly in
23 that witness statement she describes this particular nun

24
25 , and that would be consistent with what

1 you remember.

2 **A. I'm sorry. The one who drove the minibus?**

3 Q. No, no.

4 **A.** ?

5 Q. Yes.

6 **A. Sorry.**

7 Q. The one who hit you with the brick.

8 **A. Yes. Sorry.**

9 Q. She was the effectively.

10 **A. Yes, yes.**

11 Q. She describes her as "really like a mother to us all".

12 She says:

13 "She was strict and we had to keep the rules, but as
14 there was so many of us in the home, if you broke the
15 rules by carrying on at the wrong time, you would get
16 a real telling off and sometimes girls got slapped with
17 a ruler",

18 but she said she never -- this nun never to her
19 knowledge used the leather belt that all the nuns wore
20 as part of their uniform. She goes on to speak about
21 her time in Nazareth House as -- memory of the home as
22 of good times, and she speaks glowingly about her
23 treatment in the home and gives a very different picture
24 to what you describe, HIA169, and she makes no mention
25 in her statement of any incident involving SR9 and the

1 brick.

2 **A. That's okay.**

3 Q. At paragraph 21, just to move on, you say that when you
4 were in trouble, you were made to stand in the corridor
5 and wait for one of the two nuns, and you remember that
6 they did put you over a table, take your pants down and
7 hit you with a steel ruler on your backside or the back
8 of your legs. You also describe a third nun who also
9 hit you once with a steel ruler when you were about ten.
10 You say it was very painful and you couldn't sit down
11 afterwards.

12 Now that particular nun, the third nun that you
13 named there, has also given a witness statement to the
14 Inquiry. If we could just look at this at
15 page SND-4150, first of all, please, to see the
16 statement. If we could move to paragraph 10 of that
17 statement. First of all, paragraph 7, if we could just
18 pause there, she says in addition to her
19 duties, she would also be required to help the Sisters
20 in the residential home with the children, and that
21 would have been a supervisory nature.

22 Then moving down to paragraph 10, she says that she
23 doesn't --

24 "I do not recall any incidents of a child being
25 abused. I recall the head nun who was responsible for

1 discipline in the home and also in the school. She was
2 very strict, but also fair. The usual punishments
3 I recall are of being refused an activity like music or
4 dancing or of pocket money being withheld."

5 You accept that those were punishments that were
6 imposed. Isn't that right?

7 **A. Yes, yes.**

8 Q. "I never remember any occasion when a child left
9 the nun's office and ever said they had been slapped or
10 beaten. They were upset if they had been punished and
11 some may have felt it was unfair, because they did not
12 think they were to blame, but none ever said they had
13 been slapped or beaten."

14 She goes on specifically to talk about what you say
15 about her at paragraph 29 on page 4154. She says that
16 you allege that she hit you with her fist and also with
17 a bunch of keys:

18 "I have never struck any child with my fist and
19 I did not carry a bunch of keys while I was in Bishop
20 Street. I completely deny this allegation. She also
21 alleges that I struck her with a steel ruler. I do not
22 recall there ever being steel rulers or any other
23 implement that could be mistaken for a steel ruler. The
24 rulers in the school were all wooden. I did not teach
25 [you], nor was she . I completely

1 deny this allegation."

2 She goes on to talk that children who wet the bed,
3 like you, were called by the sisters before they went to
4 bed. They were woken and went to the toilet to try to
5 stop bedwetting. You say that is what happened.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. "If beds were wet, the sheets were taken by the sister
8 in the laundry and were washed during the day."

9 She goes on at paragraph 32 to say that the
10 referred to by you -- and this is where we
11 talk about the milk bottle glass --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- was completely new to her.

14 "I had no idea about this and had never been told of
15 this before. I did not witness anything that might have
16 indicated this was going on. Even now, thinking back,
17 with greater awareness of , I
18 cannot say that there were signs I missed. I do recall
19 an incident of HIA169 being injured, but my memory was
20 that her sister told me that she had fallen carrying
21 a crate of milk and cut herself on the broken glass."

22 You accept that is effectively what you told them at
23 the time?

24 **A. That I lied.**

25 Q. Paragraph 33:

1 "I am sure she received medical treatment, but
2 I could not say anything about a cotton wool dressing,
3 as I was not involved in the treatment. I deny being
4 involved in holding her down while such a dressing was
5 removed in the way she describes or at all. I am sure
6 HIA169 sustained the injuries she has complained of and
7 I have seen the report from the doctor and the pictures.
8 I cannot comment on how these injuries were received
9 other than the recollection of an incident with milk
10 bottles. I do not recall any other major incidents with
11 HIA169. **SND 477** attended I believe
12 and any child who was ill or needed any care would have
13 been seen by him. I am sure he would have treated
14 HIA169 for injuries she sustained, and if he was
15 concerned, I am sure he would have made some note or
16 comment about those injuries. I am also sure the staff
17 at the school would have noted serious injuries and made
18 inquiries about them."

19 Yes. You don't have to put your hand up, HIA169.
20 There is something you wish to say about that.

21 **A. Sorry. First of all, the steel ruler, it wasn't like**
22 **a long steel ruler. It was a very special steel ruler.**
23 **It had a dent in it. It was -- it was a special steel**
24 **ruler. It had a dent in it. I could even draw it for**
25 **you. It wasn't one of those long steel rulers. It was**

1 a very unique -- it had a dent in it. Sorry.

2 The other thing is I never heard of this SND 477

3 person. I have never seen -- I never heard of this ^{SND 477}

4 SND 477

5 Q. You don't remember seeing a doctor in your time?

6 A. No, absolutely not. If SND 477 had seen my wounds and

7 stuff and he came every week, I am sure he would have --

8 he would have sent me to the hospital, got me stitched

9 up or something. There's no way -- I never heard of

10 a SND 477

11 Q. Well --

12 A. Sorry.

13 Q. No. That is okay, HIA169. There's a witness statement

14 that we are receiving. We have it in draft form, and

15 this is from SR 18 , who has reverted to her

16 own Christian name, and that is -- we have received --

17 we are to receive the full statement from her, but she

18 does talk about what you say in your witness statement

19 and what she remembers, and she does say that she

20 remembers you always a pleasant and helpful child, that

21 she was fond of you, that your talent was art and you

22 loved drawing pictures and showing them to her, that her

23 dealings with you were on school mornings before the

24 dining room was refurbished and you had to sweep the

25 dining room floor before going to school. Do you

1 remember that being your chore in particular? Not
2 particularly?

3 **A. Not really.**

4 Q. Well, in any event she says that, you know, when it was
5 her turn to supervise the children between 8 and
6 9 o'clock, you liked -- the children loved to sit on the
7 couch with her, show her photographs of work they had
8 done in school and have a chat. She said you liked to
9 chat with her before you went to bed. Do you remember
10 that?

11 **A. I don't remember that, but** .
12 .

13 Q. You had a good relationship with her?

14 **A. We used to -- again, like** , **we used to**
15 **have to do each things -- see each other in secret and**
16 **if SR9 caught us ... (Gesturing.)**

17 Q. Well, you are gesturing, but you're --

18 **A. I mean, if SR9 caught us -- I used to be in her**
19 **classroom helping her with her classroom and if --**
20 **believe me, if SR9 caught me in with her, she would get**
21 **really, really angry. We loved each other.**

22 Q. Well, this particular nun, **SR 18** , says that
23 she never saw or heard of SR1 wearing . In fact,
24 she always wore -- her memory is of her wearing
25 , and she says she never

1 heard of this particular nun kicking any child, nor did
2 she ever hear of children who wet the bed having to wear
3 their underwear on their heads, but that's what she says
4 about those allegations that you make.

5 The other thing that she talks about is her
6 recollection of you receiving an injury to your head and
7 she relates this in this -- hopefully in the signed
8 witness statement which we will get, but certainly what
9 she says is that:

10 "The incident described here regarding SR9 did not
11 take place after school. It happened one night before
12 the older children went to bed. I was supervising the
13 bath time of SR1's group. I cannot remember how it
14 started, but HIA169 was swinging off the top of the
15 bathroom door and fooling around. I asked her to stop
16 but she kept on swinging. I told her if she did not
17 stop, I would bring her to SR9. She didn't stop. When
18 the bathing was finished, I took HIA169 to SR9, who was
19 downstairs. I told SR9 what had happened. SR9 lifted
20 her hand to give HIA169 a clip on the ear, but HIA169
21 quickly moved her head to the side to avoid SR9's hand
22 but banged the side of her head against a cabinet
23 nearby. I did not see what happened next, because SR9
24 asked me to go upstairs. I believe HIA169 has a scar
25 as a result of this incident.

1 I was shocked, as I never previously witnessed anything
2 like this incident."

3 Now I can see that you're crying, HIA169. Are you
4 okay? Do you need to take a break?

5 **A. Can I have three minutes, four minutes? Is that okay?**

6 CHAIRMAN: We'll just rise for five minutes.

7 (4.30 pm)

8 (Short break)

9 (4.35 pm)

10 MS SMITH: Now, HIA169, we were just talking before we took
11 a short break saying what **SR 18** is going say
12 about what you have explained to the Inquiry.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You were in contact with her. Isn't that correct?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Can I just -- in paragraph 35 you talk about a telephone
17 conversation with her. Sorry. If we could put up
18 page SND-4277, just at paragraph 35 you say that in
19 September 2012 you telephoned her where she is now
20 and you told her that you were actually
21 pursuing a civil claim against one of the nuns.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You told her about the abuse and asked if she would be
24 a witness for you, as she was in Nazareth House at that
25 time. You actually -- you say in that that she admitted

1 she remembered the time you were hit with the brick and
2 that she said she would have to get advice from the
3 Sisters of Nazareth in London to think about putting
4 herself forward. However, what she says about that is
5 that she was totally surprised when she received the
6 telephone call, because she hadn't seen or heard from
7 you in years.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. She says the incident she admitted to remembering was
10 not the one where you claimed that you were hit with a
11 brick --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- but the incident that she talks about, about you
14 fooling around, being told to stop, not doing so and
15 then what she describes as effectively an accidental
16 injury, where you moved to get out of the way of SR9 and
17 cracking your head at that stage?

18 **A. Yes. I mean, I understand what you are saying.**

19 Q. Yes, and just for the sake of completeness, you did
20 record that telephone conversation --

21 **A. I did. I did.**

22 Q. -- and she expresses annoyance with the fact that you
23 did record it. I am not going to go through the
24 transcript, and it is certainly available for the Panel
25 to have a look at in due course --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- but that taped telephone call can be found at
3 pages SND-437... -- sorry -- SND-4367 through to
4 SND-4385.

5 If we just look at a couple of those pages very
6 briefly, if we look at SND-4382, you will see that in
7 this she talks about -- we can see there is
8 a conversation going on between you and her and she says
9 that:

10 "There are people -- things have changed so much in
11 years and I am going back further than that but,
12 I~mean, there are things still going on in people's
13 houses."

14 You agree. She says:

15 "It is human nature",

16 and you said:

17 "Yes. Agreed, and in every religious institution
18 everywhere."

19 "Absolutely",

20 but you say you can only talk about your experience
21 and you say your experience with nearly years of
22 Nazareth House was just with moments of fun, because you
23 were funny when you were a child. You were cheeky, as
24 you know, but you honestly don't think that you deserved
25 from a very, very, very young age what you got.

1 "I don't."

2 She says that she's hearing what you're saying. It
3 goes -- so the conversation goes on. You accept that
4 you were cheeky as a child and you were --

5 **A. Yes, I was.**

6 Q. You were getting into trouble. You were doing things
7 that were wrong, like drinking alcohol.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. So while you do say that you did deserve to be punished
10 --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- you just simply didn't deserve the type of punishment
13 that was meted out to you.

14 **A. Yes, yes.**

15 Q. If we just look at SND-4373, just you were talking about
16 heads being bashed -- I think this is maybe
17 a different -- sorry. I am looking at the wrong page.
18 4373 you say:

19 "Come on, sister. Come on. You were there when
20 heads were bashed. My head was bashed. Come on. Are
21 you crazy. Come on. (Laughing.) Oh, my Lord. Yeah.
22 Very funny. Yeah. Very funny. Yeah. See a doctor."

23 That's your response to her saying that if you had
24 a wound on your leg, surely -- you know, "Did you see
25 a doctor at all?" You say it would have been funny and

1 you say:

2 "Of course I didn't. Why would I be seeing a doctor
3 if I am held down by two nuns?"

4 You then go on at the bottom:

5 "Anyway, look."

6 You hesitate:

7 "The other reason why I'm ringing you is not going
8 to make you happy. If the prosecution -- well, first of
9 all would you support me?"

10 You see:

11 "Well, I don't know the story."

12 Then:

13 "What do you mean that you don't know the story?
14 You were there when I was battered and bruised and cut.
15 You used to -- when I was a child."

16 You're bringing up this case about the sister.

17 Then if we can go over the page, you say:

18 "Yeah, yeah, yeah"

19 at the top of that page. If we scroll down, it
20 says:

21 "Right. That's good. That's good, but you were
22 there when I was a kid. Come on.

23 Oh, I know.

24 You saw stuff.

25 I was only there that year with you.

1 I know and I know all about what happened when you
2 left."

3 Then you go on. There is a conversation about that.
4 You bring her back at the bottom where it says:

5 "No, but you know about the head, the bashing."

6 She says:

7 "I wouldn't be part of that."

8 "No, but you know about it. Come on."

9 "I'm just saying that if you were saying that you
10 were blamed for being transferred ..."

11 So she brings the conversation back to that.

12 Then if we go over the page, she says just at the
13 top there:

14 "I was new in the order and I wasn't in on that and
15 I used to sleep on the middle floor."

16 You say,

17 "Yes, I know all that, but are you telling me you
18 never saw me after the time my head was split and all
19 that?"

20 She says:

21 "Yes. That was the only time, HIA169."

22 So she is suggesting that she only saw you being hit
23 on the head once and she has described in that witness
24 statement what she says that was, but there are other
25 comments in that transcript which the Inquiry will have

1 the opportunity to read for themselves.

2 **A. Okay.**

3 Q. Can I just ask: you also in had contact with SR9.

4 Is that correct?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. If we could just look at SND-4299, now this is a letter
7 which is addressed to you from SR9 and you will see the
8 date on that is (sic). It says:

9 "Dear HIA169,

10 I would like to meet with you again to clear up
11 a few matters."

12 **A. You mean**

13 Q. Sorry. I beg your pardon. My fault.

14 "I will be free today (Friday) and tomorrow if you
15 would like to call."

16 It is signed by that name.

17 **A. SR9.**

18 Q. Now can you recollect how you received that letter or
19 what happened?

20 **A. I went to Nazareth House to confront -- I think there
21 was some sort of conference going on in the Nazareth
22 House in Derry around that time, and I went to -- up
23 to -- my friends told me to go up and confront her about
24 stuff that happened to me when I was a kid. I went up
25 and she brought me into the right-hand front parlour,**

1 and I tried to confront her as best I could, tried to be
2 strong and confront her, and I said about things that
3 she did to me and all the damage that she did to me and
4 all the violence and stuff like that, and if -- she --
5 she seriously started talking about a little black book.
6 Honest to God, that she had a little black book. If she
7 ever hit any of us on the leg or something, that she had
8 written it down, just little things like that in this --
9 honest to God. She started talking about this little
10 black book, and I started getting scared of her again.
11 I really did. I started getting scared of her again,
12 because she was very powerful.

13 Then I said, "Well, you know, what about the time
14 about the brick, SR 30 bringing you the brick,
15 SR 18 witnessing you bashing my head, and SR1
16 and SR2 holding me down while you took the cotton wool
17 out of my leg?" There was like a conference going on.
18 So she said, "Well, let's -- they're all here. Let's go
19 out and ask them", and I just -- I got petrified,
20 because she was going to put me in front of them to
21 ask -- she was going to ask them, "Did any of this
22 happen?", and I just got petrified and I got out of the
23 Nazareth House as quickly as I could. That's -- she
24 made -- she frightened -- she threatened me. She wanted
25 to put me in front of the other nuns because I had

1 **confronted her, and I couldn't handle that.**

2 Q. The --

3 **A. Sorry.**

4 Q. No. I didn't mean to interrupt you.

5 **A. No, no.**

6 Q. Did you respond to this letter at all? Did you go back
7 to see her at all?

8 **A. Oh, absolutely not.**

9 Q. And --

10 **A. Sorry. No.**

11 Q. You just -- you have talked about the contact then that
12 you had with **SR 18** , and just for the sake of
13 completeness you weren't aware that she was making a
14 witness statement and, in fact, you wrote to her as late
15 as 21st December of last year. Isn't that correct?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You've got a copy of that. That's SND-15871.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You just -- you say there that:

20 "The Inquiry is about to start in January. I am
21 pleading with you to come forward."

22 You say:

23 "They will pay for you to come over."

24 You give contact details there. You just say:

25 "I just want you to tell the Lord Justice that you

1 witnessed me being (my head being smashed) by SR9 at the
2 first classroom and the other things you witnessed
3 throughout the year you were there. There is nothing to
4 be afraid of any more, sister. It is about healing for
5 all of us and a lot of us need to heal. I know you have
6 talked to the head nuns and solicitors. If you can
7 pursue those two nuns to come along, it can't harm. If
8 anything, some good can come out of it. Thank you.

9 Sincerely."

10 You wrote to her.

11 **A. I did.**

12 Q. You didn't receive any response to that letter?

13 **A. No. First of all, I wrote the letter to ,**
14 **because I thought she was still in .**

15 Q. Uh-huh.

16 **A. Then I subsequently found out that she had been**
17 **transferred to . So I wasn't sure that she got the**
18 **letter in . So I wrote pretty much the same**
19 **letter and I registered it. So that way I made sure she**
20 **got it in . So it's never been brought back to me.**
21 **So I assume she got it.**

22 Q. Well, now one of the things that you describe in your
23 witness statement also, if we could just go back to
24 that, at paragraph 24, which is on page -- the bottom of
25 page SND-2... -- SND 4274, this is where you describe

1 foster placements, as we are referring to them loosely
2 with the Inquiry. Effectively in summer holidays and
3 that --

4 **A. Summer holidays, yes.**

5 Q. -- you were sent out to spend time with families outside
6 the home.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You remember having to spend your summer with a family
9 you name there. You were about

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You say where they lived. They had who you
12 name and you think he was about .

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You describe him and you talk about a day you were out
15 in the fields and he asked if he could do something with
16 you and then you describe the sexual abuse that you
17 suffered at his hands.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You remember then being picked up by the father of that
20 household and carried to the house, where you were
21 bathed, and you don't remember talking about the family
22 or how you got back to Nazareth House, but you never
23 told anybody what happened.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. But you never went back to that particular family again.

1 Isn't that correct?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You believe that that family had their suspicions and
4 that that's the reason they never had you back. Is that
5 right?

6 **A. Yes. Well -- well, what had happened was I never -- do
7 I mention the half a Crown?**

8 Q. Sorry?

9 **A. Do I mention the half a Crown?**

10 Q. If you want to do so, yes.

11 **A. Oh, sorry. SND 173 offered me half a Crown to --
12 I liked him and he liked me and we used to play in the
13 hay, and he offered me -- he said, "I'll give you half
14 a Crown if you let me do something to you", but I didn't
15 know what he was going to do, and the next thing --
16 I had pink bloomers on and a dress and shoes and socks.
17 I was in the hay, and he gave me half a Crown, and
18 I just remember something being inside of me, and
19 I couldn't breathe. He was on top of me and I couldn't
20 breathe and --**

21 Q. And you --

22 **A. Sorry.**

23 Q. I don't mean to stop you, HIA169, but the details are
24 set out in that paragraph there and the --

25 **A. Oh, sorry.**

1 Q. -- just in -- this is --

2 **A. There it is. Sorry.**

3 Q. Yes.

4 **A. I didn't -- sorry.**

5 Q. If we just move on then to paragraph 25, you talk about
6 going with another girl to a different family.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You talk about the mother of that family being
9

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. She made you kneel and pray daily.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. That she would hit you with a cane and the other girl.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. That she had son, who you think it was
16 between and .

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You actually describe in -- not in this statement but in
19 a statement that you gave to the police --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- as having found him attractive.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You then remember going out into the woods with him on
24 one occasion.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. You were kissing there.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Then you describe then what happened in the woods with
4 him, and you say what then happened is someone told, and
5 you think it must have been this girl ^{SND 174} presumably.

6 **A. Did I say that?**

7 Q. No, I am suggesting that.

8 **A. Oh, God, no. No, no, no. We don't -- I don't know who.**

9 Q. You don't know who.

10 **A. Somebody had told the woman. Oh, no, it couldn't have
11 been ^{SND 174}. Somebody found us and the next thing
12 I remember SR9 and another nun came to pick us up the
13 next day.**

14 Q. Right, and you say that as a result of that at the
15 bottom of that paragraph -- of that page you say she
16 physically beat you, called you horrible filthy names,
17 told you that what had happened was your fault.

18 **A. Stuff like that, yes.**

19 Q. You just remember being glad to be away from that house,
20 even if you were being beaten as a result?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You then go on to talk about when you were going to
23 stay with a sister .

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You hitchhiked there, and getting back and being very

1 ill.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. A doctor was called on that occasion.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. This was in the home; you weren't taken into hospital?

8 **A. No, no, this was in the Nazareth House.**

9 Q. You had sweats and were feverish, and you remember one
10 particular nun visiting you and bringing you a bar of
11 chocolate and you describe her as a good nun.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You then moved down to . Was that I take it to be
14 nearer your sister? Sorry. You were moved down to
15 Nazareth House in . Was that to be
16 nearer ?

17 **A. Oh, God, no. No, no. That was because that's -- that's**
18 **somewhere -- I was sent to the Nazareth House to -- for**
19 **like a summer holiday to do work and stuff in the**
20 **, which is where I discovered drugs, sex**
21 **and rock and roll.**

22 Q. You left Nazareth House in and you stayed in
23 , as you say there.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Your life, as you describe it in paragraph 28, started

1 to spiral out of control and you describe what you did
2 there. At paragraph 29 you say that as a result of
3 these experiences you have been in therapy.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Again I am not going to open these up to the Inquiry,
6 but they can find records --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- of your attending therapists --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- at pages SND-4315 to SND-4353.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You told the police about your experiences in 2010. If
13 we could just briefly look at SND-4300. This is
14 a statement that you gave to the police relating all
15 that happened to you --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- at that time. Eventually you received word that
18 there was to be no prosecution.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You received quite a detailed letter from the
21 Department -- the Director of Public Prosecutions
22 Office, the Public Prosecution Service, saying that
23 there was to be no --

24 **A. Yes, yes. He just basically said there's no, you know**
25 **-- and if I wanted to -- what's it called -- pursue it**

1 **again, I could. I could do that, but I never did.**

2 Q. But you then talk about in paragraph 33 and 34 that you
3 are taking a civil claim against the Sisters of
4 Nazareth.

5 **A. Well, I started the civil claim in _____, but**
6 **then ^{SND 472} got in contact with Detective _____ and**
7 **then he -- and then all of this started. So ...**

8 Q. So you haven't pursued that?

9 **A. Absolutely not, because I thought this was a lot -- 100**
10 **times more important. I had nothing to -- I had nothing**
11 **to do with that after all -- Detective _____ and**
12 **then this -- the Inquiry started. So no, that's ...**

13 Q. Okay. Well, can I just ask as a result of starting the
14 civil claim --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- you tried to get hold of your records. Isn't that
17 correct?

18 **A. Exactly, yes.**

19 Q. The only response that you got -- you didn't succeed in
20 getting records from them.

21 **A. No.**

22 Q. The only response was they told you that you owed them
23 money.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. If we just look at SND-4288 and SND-4289, this is

1 a letter from the Sisters of Nazareth to your solicitor
2 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- which indicates that they do not retain medical or
5 educational records. They tell you that you were
6 admitted -- give you details of when you were admitted
7 and when you were discharged. If we can just scroll on
8 down, please, on the second page it talks about:

9 "We have discovered a note of your client having
10 borrowed the sum of £800 from the Sisters of Nazareth on
11 . There is a note in the diary to that
12 effect and a copy of the cheque stub."

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. If we could just look at that, please, it is at
15 SND-10569. If we could enlarge that. You see it's
16 dated and it said:

17 "Gave HIA169 £800 cheque. Asked how ..."

18 I can't read this very clearly.

19 "[Something] asked her to send me on receipts, etc,
20 and promised to pay monthly payments of £20 towards
21 loan, but of course did not do so. Told me she needed
22 money for community therapy. I gave -- I have never
23 seen or heard of HIA169 since",

24 I think that reads.

25 **A. Sorry. Who is this from?**

1 Q. This is a note that Sisters of Nazareth have -- this is
2 the note that was referred to in that letter to your
3 solicitors. You won't have seen this, HIA169, but this
4 is the actual diary entry. You will see it is in

5

6 **A. Sorry. Is that community therapy?**

7 Q. Community therapy.

8 **A. Okay.**

9 Q. It goes on. You can't see, but:

10 "SR9", who we know is SR9, "asked me another
11 time shortly after this if

12

13 I refused blankly. Felt she could say she was
14 blackmailing us. Did not give her any more money",
15 I~think, "such money."

16 **A. Sorry. Where does this say ...? I can't see this.**

17 Q. It is very difficult I appreciate to see that, but if
18 you just -- I am reading it out to you. The date is
19 there, in the top corner.

20 **A. Yes. I see that. I see.**

21 Q. If we look, see where it says:

22 "SR9 ..."?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Then it says -- that's SR9:

25 "... asked me another time shortly after this if

1 I

2 I refused blankly. Felt she
3 could say she was blackmailing us. Did not give her any
4 such money."

5 Then it goes on. There is an entry about something
6 entirely unrelated after that.

7 Now you haven't seen that before, but that is the
8 record that they have of loaning you £800. Do you
9 remember getting that loan?

10 **A. Oh, yes, but I borrowed it because I moved into**
11 **and I was getting furniture. I moved into**
12 **. I was in and I was getting**
13 **furniture. I don't -- that's not true.**

14 **Q. Well, did you -- did you make any repayments of the loan**
15 **for furniture?**

16 **A. No, I didn't. I'm sorry. I didn't, but however I -- as**
17 **soon as I asked for my records from the Nazareth Order**
18 **-- and they had no records of me, education, medical or**
19 **anything like that. The only record that they had of me**
20 **was borrowing the £800. I'm sure --**

21 **Q. Can I just confirm you have since repaid that loan.**
22 **Isn't that right?**

23 **A. Oh, I paid it immediately. I paid it immediately,**
24 **because they had no records of me being educated. They**
25 **had no records of me -- they had no records of me except**

1 for when I was born and when I left, and the only record
2 that they had, the solicitor had, was that I borrowed
3 this money, and immediately when I -- when I -- when
4 I -- when I -- when I got -- when I got the letter
5 I paid it immediately in postal -- postal orders and
6 I wrote -- I don't know if you have it on the file
7 there.

8 Q. Well, the postal orders are certainly in the bundle and
9 the Inquiry can see those at SND-24... -- SND-4297. We
10 don't need to pull them up on the screen --

11 A. No, but I --

12 Q. -- but they are there to be seen.

13 A. -- but I wrote on them, on the photocopies of the postal
14 order, "You have no records of me going to the hospital.
15 You have no records of me being educated. You have no
16 records -- but the only thing you have a record of me is
17 borrowing \$800 -- pounds".

18 Q. Uh-huh.

19 A. So I immediately paid it and I delivered it, hand
20 delivered it into the Nazareth House and gave it to
21 a nun. Sorry.

22 Q. Okay. That entry can be seen at SND-2496, but again we
23 don't need to call it up on the screen, and the Inquiry
24 Panel can look at that in due course.

25 HIA169, there are just -- when you did -- you were

1 examined by a doctor who -- and there were photographs
2 taken of your scarring whenever you went to the police
3 in 2010. Isn't that correct?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Now they again are also in the bundle. I'll just get
6 the page references, if I may. They are not terribly
7 clear, but you actually wrote on a number of these
8 photographs, and we can see them at SND-15313 through to
9 SND-15319.

10 **A. Yes. I sent these to Detective .**

11 Q. You are saying that this is when -- the incident when
12 you self-harmed for the first time --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- left that scarring on your leg and you describe about
15 the cotton wool --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and the treatment that you received there.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. If we just then briefly scroll down through these, I am
20 not quite sure -- that is a photograph of yourself.

21 These aren't terribly helpful, but the actual
22 photographs are in the bundle and your face and details
23 haven't been blacked out and the Inquiry Panel Members
24 will be able to see those for themselves in due course.

25 **A. Okay.**

1 Q. Excuse me. Just for the sake of completeness, because
2 we can't see those, can you just describe where the
3 scars are just for the benefit of the
4 Inquiry?

5 **A. I've got three here and a big long one there and I've**
6 **got two scar dents . (Pointing.)**

7 Q. In the police papers which is in the bundle there is
8 a record of those scarring.

9 **A. Yes, and I saw photographs of me.**

10 Q. You saw a doctor. Yes. They were taken by a doctor at
11 the police station.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Isn't that correct?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. She has given an account of her examination.
16 Unfortunately, Chairman, I can't just get that
17 page reference, but I will get it for you in due course.

18 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

19 MS SMITH: Now you also -- just for completeness, you also
20 wrote to **SND 473** back in 2010 --

21 **A. I did.**

22 Q. -- to complain about what had happened to you --

23 **A. I did.**

24 Q. -- when you were in care.

25 **A. I did.**

1 Q. HIA169, can I just ask you now how you feel about those
2 who cared for you when you were a child in Nazareth
3 House?

4 A. Well, there were some good nuns. There really were some
5 good nuns. I mean, I'm upset today, because I thought
6 they really liked me, and they're not coming -- they're
7 not coming forward. There really was some good nuns,
8 younger nuns, but I'm upset today, because they're not
9 coming forward, and I honestly know they witnessed
10 stuff. They saw stuff.

11 The three main nuns, SR9 in particular and SR1,
12 I mean, I wasn't in , but, I mean, SR2 didn't
13 -- she did hit me with the keys a few times and she did
14 hit me with this steel ruler and she did hold me down by
15 my legs while the cotton wool was being taken out, but
16 I wasn't , so I didn't have all that much
17 dealings with her, but I'm upset that she's lying that
18 she didn't hold me down. I'm upset that she's saying
19 things like she's saying, that only privileges like the
20 and, you know, stuff like that are -- that's --
21 it's not true.

22 SR1 was -- she was pretty vicious. SR9 was at times
23 -- I am sorry -- but she was sadistic at times. She
24 really was. They both were. I know SR2 abused a couple
25 of kids in her group. I know that. So how do I feel?

1 I just think some of the things they did was just
2 terrible.

3 Q. Well, can I ask are you aware that this Inquiry has to
4 make recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive
5 about what should happen, whether by way of apology or
6 redress -- sorry; I am not speaking into the
7 microphone -- or a memorial. Have you thought about
8 that, HIA169, or what is your view as to what should
9 happen?

10 A. I really haven't. The apology thing, I honestly -- is
11 that an echo -- I honestly really don't believe them
12 when they apologise. Honest to God, I really don't.
13 I haven't -- sorry. A memorial. What was the other
14 word?

15 Q. A memorial or some other form of redress by way of
16 compensation or anything else.

17 A. No, I haven't thought about things like that. I -- I --
18 I do -- I have friends who are down in Dublin -- okay?
19 I think this is important to say. I have friends who
20 are down in Dublin, and when the whole thing that was
21 going on in Dublin with all the kids in Dublin who were
22 abused and stuff, I have friends who -- and there was
23 protest and a lot of people went to the Dail Eireann,
24 and about eight of my friends went and bought -- because
25 they know me and they know what happened to me, they

1 bought little children's shoes, which a lot of people in
2 Dublin did at that time, and they put my name on the
3 little children's shoes and they put them on the gates
4 of the Dail Eireann, because they were thinking about
5 me. So I don't know why I'm telling you that, but it's
6 a memorial.

7 I mean, I don't think in the scale of what happened
8 in the whole of Ireland, in England, Scotland and Wales,
9 Spain or wherever, I really don't think that it's ever
10 going to happen really on that scale ever again.

11 Probably going to be a couple of incidents where
12 children are going to be abused, of course, and it
13 happens in children's home, regular homes and so on.
14 I'm blabbering on here, but no, I haven't really thought
15 about it.

16 I just kind of wanted to really -- I love the shoe
17 incident. I really do like the idea that my friends put
18 little shoes on to a gate for me. I just kind of want
19 to pretty much tell what happened to me, some of the
20 things that happened, and I am probably not even telling
21 half the stuff that happened to me, to be quite honest,
22 Christine.

23 Q. Well, I am running the risk then of inviting more, but
24 do you feel that you have had the opportunity to say
25 what happened to you today here and is there anything

1 you feel that we haven't covered that you need to say?

2 A. Well, I think something really, really important is that

3 the nuns were loved. The nuns were loved, because

4 I think one of the reasons -- one of the reasons was

5 because of the , . The nuns were

6 loved because SR9 -- ". The

7 They did all these

8 concerts. Ireland loved them. England loved them.

9 Northern Ireland loved the nuns, because they were

10 famous. I think that was one part of it. They were

11 famous. SR9 and SR1 and SR2 were loved,

12 . The band

13 was in -- they did win "Opportunity Knocks" and they

14 went on tours, and, you know, it might sound silly, but

15 I think that's one of the reasons.

16 I think the other reason was -- one of the reasons

17 -- I really felt hated, hated. I think one of the

18 reasons was because , because

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20 . I think that was part of it, and

21 I think there was other things, because I was abused in

22 holiday homes and I was taken away. There's lots of

23 reasons. Is it okay to call you Christine?

24 Q. That's fine.

25 A. There's really lots of reasons.

1 Q. Well, HIA169, thank you very much for what you've told
2 us today.

3 **A. Thank you.**

4 Q. The Panel Members may have some questions for you. So
5 if you'd just stay there briefly.

6 Questions from THE PANEL

7 MR LANE: Just a couple of ones. Going right back to the
8 beginning, when you were talking about punishments, you
9 mentioned food was sometimes withdrawn. Was that just
10 yourself or did that happen to a lot of the children?

11 **A. Oh, no, not only me. Other kids as well.**

12 Q. And did it happen often or was it just once in a while?

13 **A. I think -- probably -- not often, but not once in
14 a while either, if you know what I mean.**

15 Q. From time to time?

16 **A. From time to time.**

17 Q. Okay, and the other one I just wanted to ask you about,
18 you mentioned having to stand outside naked --

19 **A. On the back stairs.**

20 Q. -- at night. Was this actually without any clothes on
21 or just with nighties on or what?

22 **A. Twice with no clothes on and there'd be cockroaches.**

23 Q. Was that just you or did that happen to other girls as
24 well?

25 **A. I don't know. It happened to me. I don't know if it**

1 **happened to other children.**

2 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

3 **A. It wasn't -- it was just a couple of times.**

4 Q. Fine. Thanks.

5 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, the references to the
6 FMO's report that I was talking about are to be found at
7 SND-15288 through 15290.

8 CHAIRMAN: SND?

9 MS SMITH: SND-15288 to 15290. It's a two-page document.

10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

11 Well, HIA169, thank you for coming to speak to us
12 today. As far as we're concerned, that's everything.
13 Thank you very much.

14 **A. Thank you, sir.**

15 **(Witness withdrew)**

16 MS SMITH: That concludes the evidence for this afternoon,
17 Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 10.30 tomorrow?

19 MS SMITH: Yes.

20 (5.15 pm)

21 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning)

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