
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Wednesday, 5th March 2014

commencing at 10.30 am

(Day 17)

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

1 Wednesday, 5th March 2014

2 (10.30 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (10.55 am)

5 WITNESS HIA127 (called)

6 CHAIRMAN: Good morning.

7 MR AIKEN: Good morning.

8 CHAIRMAN: Mr Aiken.

9 MR AIKEN: Chairman, before I deal with the next witness
10 there are two appearances that are going to be given to
11 you.

12 MR RODGERS: Chairperson, I appear on behalf of cipher SND38
13 with Mr Ivor McAteer. We are instructed by Patrick
14 Daid, Solicitor.

15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Rodgers.

16 MR DORAN: Mr Chairman, I appear on behalf of the individual
17 with reference number SND43 and my instructing solicitor
18 is Miss Hamilton of McCartan, Turkington & Breen
19 Solicitors.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Doran.

21 MR AIKEN: Present this morning, Chairman and Members of the
22 Panel, is "HIA127", HIA127, and HIA127's aware,
23 Chairman, that you're going to address him in relation
24 to the nature of his evidence.

25 CHAIRMAN: HIA127, do you wish to make an oath, a religious

1 oath or to make an affirmation, which is a solemn
2 promise? They have the same legal effect. It's
3 a matter for you to choose.

4 **A. I'll take the oath.**

5 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

6 WITNESS HIA127 (sworn)

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

8 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

9 MR AIKEN: Can you bring up SND-5049, please? HIA127, the
10 Inquiry Panel appreciate that anyone coming to give
11 evidence in this context about this subject matter can
12 find it difficult. You will have some water that's
13 available to you, and if at any stage you need to take
14 a break, just raise that with me and the Inquiry Panel
15 don't have a difficulty if that's what's required.

16 **A. Okay.**

17 Q. You're now [REDACTED]?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Just recently had a birthday?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. On the screen is your witness statement. Now I'm aware
22 from speaking to you that you have a hearing difficulty

23 --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- and you don't have your hearing aid in today.

1 **A. No. The battery run out this morning.**

2 Q. I'm also aware that you're softly spoken.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. So what I'd like you to do is to either sit forward or
5 bring the microphone forward so that you can be picked
6 up --

7 **A. Is that any better?**

8 Q. -- what you are saying. That's better. If at any stage
9 you don't hear properly the question I'm asking you,
10 just tell me and we'll keep going until you hear it
11 properly.

12 **A. Okay.**

13 Q. Now on the screen in front of you is a copy of your
14 witness statement I hope that you'll be able to confirm
15 shortly, but with you in the witness box you have a copy
16 of your statement that doesn't have the black boxes and
17 the designations. So you'll see "Witness statement of
18 HIA127". The version that you have should allow you to
19 see what's underneath that black box.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. What I'd like you to do in a moment is just confirm that
22 the statement that you've got in your hand is the same
23 as the one that's on the screen, but before we do that,
24 the reason for the designations and the black boxes are
25 to protect the anonymity of any individual who is coming

1 forward to give evidence to the Inquiry, so that if in
2 the media after today your evidence is reported, then
3 that can't be done identifying you by name or using any
4 information from which you could be identified.

5 Now anonymity is a matter for ultimately you as the
6 witness, and I ask each witness whether you want to the
7 keep that anonymity or whether you wish the media to
8 report your identity when reporting your story.

9 **A. I wish to keep it.**

10 Q. You want to remain anonymous?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Now then if we look at the screen, can you just check
13 that the first page of the statement that you have in
14 hard copy in front of you is the same as the statement
15 that you can see on the screen --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- except for the black boxes?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Then can I ask you to turn and can we go to SND-5059,
20 and if you go to the last page in your hard copy,
21 HIA127, can you confirm that the signed page on your
22 hard copy actually has your signature?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Can you confirm that you want to adopt the content of
25 your witness statement as your evidence to the Inquiry?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Now what I want to do -- if we can go back, please, to
3 SND-5049, what I want to do with you first is understand
4 the chronology of your path through care, and I'm going
5 to do that in brief terms in that I gave you this
6 morning, HIA127, and hopefully you have with you
7 a document that has your name and date of birth at the
8 top of it and then a series of dates and institutions
9 and references to where you were at any given point in
10 time.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. It may be the case that not all of this is accurate, but
13 if we use this as a helpful guide through your time in
14 care, and the Members of the Panel have the document and
15 can see this, as do those who need to see it. So -- and
16 you're aware that other members of your family have
17 given evidence to the Inquiry --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and therefore the Panel has an understanding already
20 of your family background --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- and the particular difficulties with your mother and
23 your father. [REDACTED].

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You effectively spent all of your childhood in care --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- in various locations, both in children's homes and
3 foster care --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and also interspersed with going back to your mum for
6 short periods and that not working out and going back
7 into care again.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You can take it from me that the Panel has
10 an opportunity to see all of the Social Services
11 material, and there is, as you know from my description
12 of it earlier, a large amount of material that has been
13 produced by those professionals engaged with you during
14 your time in care.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. I'm not going to spend a huge swathe of time today going
17 through piece by piece all of that journey, but can I
18 summarise it in this way: you went into Termonbacca
19 shortly after you were born and you stayed there until
20 1979, and during that period, those [REDACTED] years, your
21 mum would have taken you in and out of Termonbacca at
22 various time.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You have effectively no memory of your time in
25 Termonbacca --

1 **A. Can't remember a thing.**

2 Q. -- and no complaints to make about it as a result?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. Then from the age of [REDACTED] until the age of [REDACTED] you lived with
5 foster parents along with your [REDACTED] other siblings who
6 had originally been with you in Termonbacca.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. If I've got the ranking right, of those [REDACTED] of you who
9 were in Termonbacca, you were the [REDACTED] down in terms
10 of time.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. The [REDACTED], they stayed in that
13 foster placement for a slightly shorter period than you.
14 You were there until the summer of [REDACTED] and your [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] sisters left at around about Christmas [REDACTED] --

16 **A. Uh-huh. Yes.**

17 Q. -- as a result of what happened to one of your sisters,
18 who gave evidence yesterday, at the hands of the foster
19 father.

20 **A. Correct.**

21 Q. This record in any event suggests that from the summer
22 of [REDACTED] there was a period that you spent in Harberton
23 House. I am not sure whether you still remember that or
24 not. It may be you don't. Do you remember being in
25 Harberton House after the foster placement?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Then in April [REDACTED], when you were [REDACTED], you go to live in
3 Nazareth House.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Do you have an initial memory of going into Nazareth
6 House at that time, aged [REDACTED]

7 **A. That's the year I went to America.**

8 Q. Right. You'd been six weeks in America with one of your
9 sisters who gave evidence yesterday --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- as a result of a school trip.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Can you remember did you go into Nazareth just before
14 you went on the school trip?

15 **A. Just before I went.**

16 Q. The American trip was a positive experience?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. I'm not going to pull it up now, but for the record [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] which is on the document I've provided to
20 HIA127 and to the Panel, is borne out by two other
21 references, one at SND-5224 and another at SND-5230.

22 Now whenever you go into Nazareth House initially,
23 a gentleman -- you know who I'm talking about.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You talk about him at length in your statement, and

1 we're going to refer to him as "SND38". He was not
2 initially working in Nazareth House when you first moved
3 in.

4 **A. Not that I remember, no.**

5 Q. He came during your period when you were already there.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You -- if I can just ask you to describe for me,
8 Nazareth House at that time had two units effectively.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Each unit had a series of bedrooms, living room, dining
11 area.

12 **A. Kitchen, dining room, bathrooms.**

13 Q. Wash-room and unit -- one of the units was on the first
14 floor and another of the units was on the second floor.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Have I got that right?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. In fact, there is a plan, if we can just pull it up
19 briefly, at SND-15867. Does this -- if you look at the
20 plan today, does that resemble what the accommodation
21 was like?

22 **A. Yes, but we didn't have a pool table in our one.**

23 Q. You didn't have a pool table in your hall?

24 **A. We didn't have a pool -- unit 2 wasn't allowed the pool
25 table.**

1 Q. Unit 1 had a pool table. Is that right?

2 **A. Unit 1 had a pool table.**

3 Q. Was unit 2 on the first floor or second floor?

4 **A. Second floor.**

5 Q. So you were at the top of the building, as it were?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Is the location of your bedroom correct? Were you near
8 the staff office and staff bedroom and opposite the
9 living room?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. If we go back then to SND-5050, please -- SND-5051,
12 please, now SND38 then appears to come to Nazareth in
13 June of [REDACTED], by which time you'd be [REDACTED]. If we look
14 briefly at SND-15854, and this is the witness statement
15 from SND-38, you'll see it indicates that he -- it's
16 under the "Personal Details" section. It indicates he
17 started on [REDACTED]. So you at that stage would
18 have been [REDACTED].

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Can you remember at what point he became someone who
21 worked more closely with you in the unit, how long into
22 your stay in Nazareth? If you can't remember, just say
23 so.

24 **A. I honestly can't remember when he became my key worker.**
25 **I always thought it was like from day one.**

1 Q. So at a point during your stay in Nazareth House after
2 he has arrived he becomes your key worker?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Can you remember how many children to a key worker, as
5 it were?

6 **A. I wouldn't -- was it two?**

7 Q. Two or three?

8 **A. Maybe three at the most. Around maybe two or three.**

9 Q. Two or three. By -- can you describe -- before we go to
10 the statement to look at it what did the key worker do
11 for you? What you interaction did you have with him?
12 What did -- how did he help you? What did he do with
13 you? Where did you go? What was the idea of the key
14 worker?

15 **A. The key worker was for instead of just everybody running
16 round running riot, just a person you could actually
17 talk about to about personal things, and then that one
18 person would know exactly what you're on about instead
19 of telling three different people. That person would
20 work with that person on a one-to-one basis.**

21 Q. You were in unit 2.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Can you remember who was the head of unit 2 during your
24 stay?

25 **A. There was that many.**

1 Q. There were a lot of changes, were there?

2 **A. There was changes when I was there. I can remember**
3 **a few names: SR23, SR22, SR20.**

4 Q. You describe or name those individuals in paragraph 10
5 of your statement at SND-5051. You also indicate there
6 were a number of civilian workers working alongside the
7 nuns or the nun who --

8 **A. Residential social workers they classed themselves as.**

9 Q. That's how they were described?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You have given a list of the names of people who
12 performed that role in paragraph 10.

13 Now you describe a series of incidents involving
14 SND38.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. The first of those incidents is at SND-5052. You relate
17 it to while you were on holiday with the unit at

18 [REDACTED].

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. The Inquiry Panel has the opportunity to read in
21 addition your police statement that deals with this
22 particular issue and that begins for the record at
23 SND-15168.

24 If we just look at SND-15168 for a moment, just
25 halfway down -- if you just maximise the page for me,

1 please -- just halfway down the page you'll see:

2 "I enjoyed a good relationship with SND38 ..."

3 I'm going ask you to explain that relationship in
4 a moment:

5 "... until we went on a two-week trip to [REDACTED]
6 in [REDACTED], when I was [REDACTED] years old."

7 So this is you in [REDACTED] dating the [REDACTED]
8 incident, which is what I'm going to call it for now.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You repeat that in your Inquiry statement.

11 Now what I want to show you and ask you to comment
12 on, if we look, first of all, at SND-5181, now this
13 document appears to be -- if you can just stop there,
14 please -- this document appears to be part of a monthly
15 record book that was kept by the unit on you and there
16 is also a day book version that we'll look at which
17 records what happened per day, but you'll see this one
18 is of July [REDACTED] and it indicates that on 1st July to
19 15th July you are on holiday in [REDACTED]. It also
20 talks just slightly further down, an issue that we're
21 going to come to for one of your later incidents that
22 you describe: Seen by the doctor on 18th regarding
23 a rash and you're described a particular cream and
24 Polytar.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. So the summer of [REDACTED] was two weeks in [REDACTED]

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Now then when we look at SND-5352, if we just scroll
4 down towards the bottom of the page, you can see -- this
5 is part of the day book and it indicates 28th July [REDACTED]
6 to 2nd August you spent the first week in [REDACTED]
7 and then from 3rd August to 11th August you are on
8 holiday with your foster parents. Can you remember that
9 holiday? If you can't --

10 **A. I don't remember where we went.**

11 Q. You don't remember where you were, but do you remember
12 being on holiday with your foster parents in --

13 **A. I don't remember that.**

14 Q. -- people who were to become your foster parents in the
15 summer of [REDACTED]?

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. You don't remember that, but if we look at the
18 page before this one, please -- stop there. If you just
19 scroll up again for me, please, to the next page. Just
20 go up to the next. Just keep going up, please, until
21 I find the reference I am looking for. Just stop there.

22 On 30th June [REDACTED] you'll see at the bottom of this
23 page you went to [REDACTED]

24 **A. Yes. I remember that.**

25 Q. Who did you go to [REDACTED] with?

1 **A. That was -- it wasn't a school holiday. It was like**
2 **extern type thing.**

3 Q. Extern?

4 **A. I think it was extern.**

5 Q. Now what I want you to think about then, because
6 a number of incidents into the discussion we are going
7 to have about SND38 you describe being in his mother's
8 home --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- for Christmas.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. The -- and we can see if we go to SND-5277, and if you
13 can -- I am not sure if that can be -- just scroll up,
14 please, and if you can -- if we go back out to the main
15 frame and you maximise the page. SND-5277, please. Now
16 I am not sure whether that can be maximised any more,
17 but do you see in the top left, HIA127, if you can just
18 have a look:

19 "Monday, 25th December [REDACTED]?"

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. "Spending a few days at the home of his key worker."

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Now is that SND38?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Your key worker. So you are at his mother's home over

1 Christmas --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- in [REDACTED].

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Now in your statement and in your police statement you
6 talk about the Christmas incident as, if I've got the
7 numbering right, the fifth in a series of nine incidents
8 that you describe.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. So did some of what you describe happen before
11 Christmas, this Christmas occasion that you remember
12 being at his house or his mother's house, and some of it
13 happen after this Christmas where you're at his house?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. If we go back to the very first incident, which is the
16 summer in [REDACTED] and you describe what you say he
17 did to you in the caravan site --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and chalet type place you were in. Was that the same
20 year as you went to [REDACTED] or it was the year that you
21 didn't go to [REDACTED], because you're in [REDACTED] both
22 years?

23 **A. The year I didn't go to [REDACTED].**

24 Q. Now if that's right, then the Inquiry statement and the
25 police statement referring to [REDACTED] are wrong. It should

1 be [REDACTED].

2 **A. It should be [REDACTED]**

3 Q. Because it's December of [REDACTED] that the fifth incident
4 that you describe at Christmas at SND38's mother's house
5 is -- you only spent Christmas with them once --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- and that was in December of [REDACTED].

8 **A. That's correct.**

9 Q. Now the first incident that you describe, if we go back
10 to SND-5052, up to this point -- so if the dates are
11 right, we're now talking about August -- sorry --
12 July [REDACTED] -- up to this point what had your relationship
13 been like with SND38?

14 **A. It was good, normal. He was my best friend.**

15 Q. Your best friend?

16 **A. He would have been my best friend.**

17 Q. Right. Why do you say that?

18 **A. Because he was. He was probably my only friend.**

19 Q. You describe then being in this chalet type building and
20 having gone to bed slightly early. The Inquiry Panel
21 have had an opportunity to read what you say occurred
22 and what you've similarly described in your police
23 statement. You say that he came in and put his hand
24 down under the covers and down your trousers.

25 **A. That's correct.**

1 Q. This was the first time anything like this had happened.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. At this stage you would have been [REDACTED]

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You say then you got out of bed and ran out the door --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- and you say you went away for two hours.

8 **A. Roughly two hours, yes.**

9 Q. Now you do know that, HIA127, that the police did
10 investigate these allegations in 1996 after you made
11 your statement.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. They took a series of statements from other members of
14 staff who would have been involved at the time, and I'm
15 not going to go through all of those, but the Inquiry
16 Panel will have the opportunity to read them, but none
17 of those members of staff, albeit they may have been
18 talking about [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED], can recall you
19 running off and being away for a couple of hours and
20 someone having to search for you or anything of that
21 nature. Is there anything you want to say about that?

22 **A. It was because one of them turned out to be his wife.**

23 Q. The page references -- I am not going to go through them
24 all now, Members of the Panel -- but they run from
25 SND-15213 through to 15222.

1 I just bring up one statement from a Sister who was
2 known then as SR142. SND-15230. If we can maximise the
3 page out, please, you will see she is commenting. This
4 statement unfortunately is not signed by her. I can
5 show you what the content contains. It says:

6 "I have been made aware of allegations regarding
7 a holiday in [REDACTED] and I would state that during
8 those holidays I would find it difficult to believe that
9 two people could have ever found themselves alone due to
10 the number of people about and that during that time
11 I can never recall [you] ever wanting to lie down during
12 the day or ever running away."

13 She makes the point:

14 "No allegations were ever made to me."

15 You, of course, would agree with that, because the
16 allegations aren't made until 1996, and we'll come to
17 that.

18 **A. Correct.**

19 Q. But you can see the suggestion that's being made, that
20 it would have been difficult to be alone with someone in
21 your room and she doesn't have any recall of you running
22 off in the way that you describe.

23 **A. It would have been quite easy.**

24 Q. Why would it have been easy?

25 **A. Because there's so many wains. All the wains was out**

1 **playing outside. I'm the only one that was inside. All**
2 **the staff would have been outside looking after all the**
3 **other wains.**

4 Q. Now if we go back then to SND-5053, you describe --
5 I should say, just to be clear, because I made you aware
6 of this beforehand, the statement from SND38, he denies
7 completely all of these allegations.

8 **A. I understand that, yes.**

9 Q. As to that particular allegation, just by way of example
10 if we can go to SND-15860, just the bottom line of the
11 page before says that some -- this allegation is untrue
12 and he denies it, and then:

13 "Other children and staff shared the mobile home,
14 and because of the compact size, it would have been
15 immediately noticeable if a child and a staff member
16 went into a small bedroom together."

17 I am not sure you ever -- are you saying the two of
18 you went into the room together or were you already in
19 the room?

20 **A. I was already in the room.**

21 Q. This statement indicates that you ran out of the mobile
22 home and hid away for two hours, returning at 9.00 pm,
23 and SND38 then says:

24 "If a child had gone missing from the mobile home on
25 a holiday, his absence would have been quickly noticed

1 and staff would have carried out a search of the caravan
2 park. An unsuccessful search would have resulted in the
3 police being notified, especially when this happened
4 away from home in unfamiliar surroundings. An untoward
5 incident report would have been recorded. Details of
6 the absence would have been recorded in the unit books
7 that were brought on holiday."

8 Then he draws attention to the fact that all members
9 of staff who were spoken to -- and that's the type of
10 reference I was showing you from the police statement --
11 stated that you didn't go missing during the holiday and
12 there is nothing to support your claim. That's what he
13 says in response to your allegation.

14 **A. They can all tell lies.**

15 Q. Now if we go back then to SND-5053, you indicate that
16 the second incident involves you being back at school,
17 and I should just ask you before we deal with the second
18 incident why did you not report or not feel able to
19 report this first incident that occurred?

20 **A. Because I wasn't sure of what happened.**

21 Q. When you say you weren't sure what happened, can you
22 explain that?

23 **A. Was it normal to happen or not normal? I was confused.**

24 Q. Had you had any form of discussion with anyone about the
25 facts of life or anything of that nature?

1 **A. No. You weren't allowed to know. It was a bad thing in**
2 **the home.**

3 Q. I will come back to this, HIA127, if needs be, but
4 I just give a reference for the Panel. SND-5187 is
5 a reference drawn to the Inquiry -- drawn to my
6 attention by the congregation. It indicates there were
7 some incidents where you with a couple of girls in the
8 home and were messing about and putting your hands down
9 each other's trousers. Do you have any recollection of
10 that now?

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. No. It's in the records and I'm not going to bring it
13 up other than it's been drawn to our attention, but
14 there are some references like that that the Panel will
15 have to look at.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. The second incident then at SND-5053. You are back at
18 school and you're counting coppers. Did you collect
19 coppers or what was this about?

20 **A. Just I was a terrible person with money. I was like**
21 **a compulsive gambler down the local shop with computer**
22 **games. So I liked to save up my money and go play**
23 **computer games at the local shop.**

24 Q. You describe here how SND38 then comes into the room and
25 you then describe what occurred between you.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. What you describe in terms of the outcome of this
3 incident, this was the first time; this hadn't occurred
4 after the first incident.

5 **A. Yes. I think it was the first time it happened in**
6 **Nazareth House.**

7 Q. Just for the record -- I am not going to bring it up --
8 but reference is made of the date by SND38, SND-15860.
9 He is saying if this happened in September [REDACTED], the
10 wrong year on what you've said --

11 **A. September [REDACTED].**

12 Q. -- you would have been already in foster care. So
13 assuming that it's September [REDACTED], he simply says this
14 incident would not have occurred and didn't occur.

15 Now the third incident that you describe at
16 SND-5053, just if we scroll down a little, please, you
17 were having a bath in the bathroom on the second floor
18 and you were drying yourself and you were naked:

19 "... and he said it was time for the cream for my
20 [REDACTED]"

21 Just can we establish that the [REDACTED] -- is that
22 the Polymar (sic) cream you are talking about?

23 **A. No. Polytar cream --**

24 Q. Or Polytar.

25 **A. -- was for my head. It's a shampoo, but there was**

1 **another cream that came with it.**

2 Q. If you -- we've seen that in July '89 at SND-5181 the
3 Polytar cream was prescribed, and then if we look at
4 SND-5175, the [REDACTED], as you describe it, was
5 actually diagnosed as a condition. This is another one
6 of these monthly records that were kept relating to you.
7 If you just stop there, you will see under the "Medical"
8 section you were examined by **SND 477** on 31st October
9 and [REDACTED] was diagnosed. Polytar and Synalar cream
10 -- perhaps it was the Synalar cream that went on the
11 body. Is that right?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You now bathe in a treated bath instead of showering.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You say then, if we can go back to SND-5053, that you
16 rubbed the cream over you -- he rubbed the cream over
17 you and began interfering with you and masturbating you.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. He says of that, if we go to SND-15860 -- SND38 says
20 that you were responsible for -- just down towards the
21 bottom -- if we maximise the page and scroll down --
22 that you were responsible for applying your own cream,
23 which was kept in your bedroom, and he might have
24 encouraged to you put your cream on, but on no occasion
25 did he ever apply it.

1 **A. That's just lies.**

2 Q. Now why do you say that's lies? What did he say to you
3 about the cream?

4 **A. He told me I couldn't apply it properly and he would
5 have to do it.**

6 Q. Just someone was coughing and you're softly spoken.

7 **A. He said I can't apply it properly as I won't cover all
8 the proper areas. So he has to do it for me.**

9 Q. He says -- he points out that the bathrooms had a lock
10 on the door and therefore --

11 **A. Yes, they did. It was a very small lock.**

12 Q. Did you lock the door when you were bathing?

13 **A. You can't lock the door whenever he's standing in there
14 with you.**

15 Q. You describe him touching himself as well as you.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Now the next occasion that you describe then in
18 paragraph 20 at SND-5054, you describe him stripping you
19 and putting you into the bath, that there was a new rule
20 that meant you had to be put into the bath or everyone
21 had to have a bath, and you weren't --

22 **A. I wasn't having it that day.**

23 Q. -- you weren't having it and therefore he --

24 **A. He decided, "You're having it whether you like it or
25 not".**

1 Q. Yes, and he -- you say that as part of that process you
2 threw water at him. Then he pushed you against the wall
3 and started to play with you.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You were punching at him and he then was touching
6 himself as well and you went back to your room. He says
7 of that at SND-15861 and -- SND-15861 -- we will leave
8 the date issue aside for now -- what he is saying if you
9 had been dragged -- the fourth paragraph down -- if you
10 had been dragged from your bedroom at the end of the
11 hallway to the bathroom halfway up the hallway at 9.00
12 pm at night, this would have been witnessed by many
13 other residents and staff.

14 Now that reference, if we just go back to the plan
15 so that that's explained more clearly, SND-15867, the
16 point that's being made, HIA127, is if you look at where
17 your bedroom is --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and then where the bathroom is, you know, if he
20 dragged you to the bathroom --

21 **A. It's only a short distance.**

22 Q. -- his point is that --

23 **A. Just across the hall.**

24 Q. -- people would have witnessed it or it would have been
25 obvious that it was happening.

1 **A. Not necessarily. Everybody could have been in the**
2 **living room or dining area.**

3 Q. Then if we go back to SND-15861, basically the point
4 that's being made in the next paragraph down is really
5 if this had happened in the way you describe, it's
6 impossible that other people wouldn't have been aware of
7 it.

8 **A. No, it's not impossible.**

9 Q. Then if we could go to SND-5054, the fifth incident that
10 you describe is an occasion before Christmas when he
11 picked you up from school. How often would he have
12 picked you up from school?

13 **A. Very rarely.**

14 Q. He says he took you -- you mentioned this lady already
15 in the context of [REDACTED] -- he took you to his
16 girlfriend's house.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED].

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Just to be clear for the record those are matters that
22 shouldn't be reported so as not to identify the
23 individuals that we're talking about.

24 But you described then that you watched TV.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Then he began touching you again, and then you say that
2 he put your penis in his mouth.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. This is the first time that you describe this type of
5 behaviour from him.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Was it usual for him to take you to his house --

8 **A. Not to his -- not to his girlfriend's.**

9 Q. -- or his girlfriend's house?

10 **A. Probably to his mother's house I would have been at
11 more.**

12 Q. You would have been more at his mother's house?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Do you know -- can you remember, and if you can't, just
15 say so -- was this the first time that you were at the
16 girlfriend's house whenever this occurred or might you
17 have been there on other occasions before this?

18 **A. No, that was the first time I was at her house.**

19 Q. This was the first time?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Now as to that if we go to SND-15861, and if we just go
22 to the last paragraph of that, you'll see that what
23 SND38 says is that you were only ever in his
24 girlfriend's house -- [REDACTED] -- on
25 three short occasions, and he said you'd a good

1 relationship with his girlfriend. On the first occasion
2 you helped cut the grass and the girlfriend was there.

3 Do you remember that being the first occasion, you being
4 there, she was there and you cutting the grass?

5 **A. I did go there. She was there. I did cut the grass.**
6 **That's not the first time I was there.**

7 Q. So there is a subsequent occasion whenever you do
8 remember cutting the grass at her house with him?

9 **A. Yes, but where he done things to me, that was the first**
10 **time I was there. I have cut -- must have cut the grass**
11 **after that.**

12 Q. Then he says that -- on the second occasion he says
13 there was an occasion whenever you and he stopped but
14 briefly at the house to collect some books and she
15 wasn't there on that occasion.

16 **A. I never collected no books when I was in the house with**
17 **him.**

18 Q. Well, that's the only occasion when he says that you and
19 he might have gone to the house without her being there,
20 because you will see the last sentence indicates that
21 the third occasion when he says you were there you
22 helped him put on tiles in the bathroom or removed from
23 the bathroom the tiles, and she was present then, and he
24 makes a remark that you carved something into the
25 plaster. Do you remember any involvement with the

1 tiles?

2 **A. I don't remember anything about tiles.**

3 Q. Now you -- if we go back to SND-5054 and just stop there
4 for a moment, please, just up one line, whenever you
5 were -- the reasons for you not feeling able to report
6 this you say the end of paragraph 19:

7 "He is a big man and he threatened me saying 'I will
8 hit you a slap'."

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You say at the end of paragraph 20:

11 "I was scared of him and didn't tell anyone."

12 Then paragraph 21 after this particular incident
13 involving the girlfriend:

14 "I was going to tell his girlfriend but I thought
15 she wouldn't believe me."

16 **A. That's right.**

17 Q. Now the sixth incident then is the Christmas Eve, and in
18 your statement again it is [REDACTED], but we can see that --
19 go to SND-5276. Can you just maximise that for me,
20 please, and scroll down? Scroll further down, please.
21 Stop there. Just in the bottom right corner -- it's
22 rather difficult to read, HIA127 -- it says you were on
23 a bit of a high. You were given --

24 **A. Extra chores.**

25 Q. -- extra chores to do for misbehaving during dinner.

1 **A. "Left at 4.00 to spend a few days at home ..."**

2 Q. "Left at 4.00 to spend a few days at the home ..."

3 If we scroll down, and this should then appear on
4 the left-hand side of the screen:

5 "... of his key worker."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Just scroll slightly further down, please. You can see
8 then:

9 "Monday, 25th December, Christmas Day.

10 Spending a few days at the home of his key worker."

11 **A. In [REDACTED], not [REDACTED]**

12 Q. [REDACTED]. Just scroll down further, please. Then "Tuesday,
13 26th December". Now this suggests you returned on the
14 evening after Christmas Day. So 26th December, that's
15 Boxing Day. So you've been away for two nights,
16 Christmas Eve and Christmas Night. and then you've come
17 back the following day, the Boxing Day. Did you spend
18 the two nights at SND38's mother's house?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. If we go to SND-5171, this is the monthly record for
21 December [REDACTED] If we just scroll down -- sorry. If we
22 move up a little, please, you will see there:

23 "24th to 26th December. Spent Christmas at key
24 worker's home."

25 This is, in fact -- you see "Relationship of staff"

1 towards the bottom of what we can see on the screen:

2 "To stay overnight at his key worker's home from
3 Christmas Eve until Boxing Day. During this period he
4 adopted excellently to family life."

5 If we just scroll on down -- further down, please --
6 just keep going so we can see who signs this off. Just
7 stop there, please. So these records are being
8 completed by SND38, your key worker.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. If we look at SND-5214, now this is a document in the
11 Social Services' files. It is of 3rd June [REDACTED], but it
12 is confirming that approval is given for you to spend
13 24th to 26th December at the home of your key worker --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- and that permission was granted. That's then what
16 you did.

17 Now there is a police statement that was taken in
18 1996 from SND38's Mother and that's at SND-15215.

19 I appreciate for her this was also [REDACTED] years
20 afterwards --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- but you will see towards the bottom of that statement
23 that she says:

24 "He begged me to stay another evening. However, he
25 had only permission for that one night and he had to

1 return to Nazareth House."

2 That's why I was asking you, HIA127, do you remember
3 did you stay in the same house for two nights or did you
4 stay in different houses one night and one night in the
5 other.

6 **A. I stayed in his house for two nights.**

7 Q. You were there for two nights.

8 Now you describe then in paragraph 22 at SND-5055
9 about him coming into the room. Now you say you shared
10 the room with him. The suggestion from Mrs -- SND38's
11 mother was it was a younger son of hers that was sharing
12 the bunk beds with you and that SND38 was in a different
13 room. Can you remember that now?

14 **A. No. It was like the bunk beds -- there was bunk beds in**
15 **the room. There was another son in there, but SND38 was**
16 **with me and his brother in the same room.**

17 Q. So he'd come into the room, but do you remember was the
18 other bunk -- you were in one you describe. You say
19 here --

20 **A. Yes, but the bottom bunk was slightly bigger than the**
21 **top bunk.**

22 Q. You say here that the younger brother -- you were saying
23 SND-38 was in the lower bunk, but was the younger child
24 there?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. You say that you were able -- he put his hand underneath
2 the quilt inside your pyjamas and was touching you.
3 Then you rolled over and he moved you back and did it
4 again.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. At this stage you were still 13.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Then you say he lifted you out of bed and put you on the
9 bottom bunk --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and he started to masturbate you again.

12 What he says about that, if we look at SND-15862, if
13 we leave the date issue aside but look at the third
14 paragraph, that you received permission to have
15 an overnight stay. At this stage he says he was
16 a befriender to you for approximately six months and had
17 regular visits to your -- you had regular visits to his
18 home and you had requested the overnight stay. Do you
19 remember was it you who asked for it? Can you remember
20 at this stage? If you can't, just say so.

21 **A. I don't actually remember asking him for it.**

22 Q. But permission was granted, and he says:

23 "You state you slept on the top bunk and I slept on
24 the bottom bunk."

25 He said:

1 "That is untrue. I slept in a different room."

2 **A. He slept in the same room as me.**

3 Q. Now you then say -- and this is the seventh incident as
4 I'm numbering them, and it's grouping together a series
5 of incidents -- on two or three occasions he came to
6 your bedroom in Nazareth House -- if we go to SND-5055,
7 please -- and you describe him trying to have anal sex
8 with you --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and you wouldn't allow him to do that.

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. He says that it's -- SND-15862 -- that that's untrue.
13 If we leave the date issue aside, he says he didn't do
14 that.

15 **A. Yes. Just lies.**

16 Q. Now the eighth incident at SND-5055 and paragraph 24,
17 you describe in early January before you went back to
18 school. Now you have [REDACTED]. If this is after the
19 Christmas incident, then it may be [REDACTED] --

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- but whatever the date of it, you say you are again in
22 his girlfriend's house and he pushed you down on the
23 sofa and abused you again. Now just for the record at
24 SND-15862, Members of the Panel, referring to
25 paragraph 24, references refer back to the three

1 occasions -- that's dealt with at paragraph 21 --
2 whenever SND38 accepts that you may have been with him
3 at the girlfriend's house. That's SND-15861.

4 Now before we look at the further matters that you
5 talk about there in paragraphs 25 and 26 there's a ninth
6 incident in this group at paragraph 27 on SND-5056.
7 That's you describe him coming to visit you during
8 a foster placement that you had.

9 If we following the chronology, you left Nazareth
10 House on [REDACTED] Just to give you, Members of
11 the Panel, two references to that: SND-5051 and
12 SND-15196. That accords with whoever prepared this
13 document suggesting [REDACTED] and for a ten-month
14 period you were staying with the particular foster
15 family.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Now I'm not going to go through the records, but the
18 Panel has the records and has the opportunity to see
19 them, but the way this worked was a phased moving to the
20 foster family.

21 **A. Yes. They didn't just throw me in at the deep end, so
22 to speak. Because I was an older person, I shouldn't
23 even be fostered at that stage. So they just worked me
24 up to it.**

25 Q. By this stage in August of [REDACTED] you would have been [REDACTED]

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. The records show you going for a night and then staying
3 in the unit for a number of nights. Then more nights at
4 the foster family, less nights at the unit until you
5 were there pretty much full-time.

6 **A. Until I was there permanently.**

7 Q. Do you remember -- you describe here in paragraph 27 how
8 SND38 visited you on a fortnightly basis and engaged in
9 further abuse of you.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. If we just look at SND-15863 and paragraph 27 on that
12 page, SND38 says he visited the foster parents at their
13 home as part of the introduction and phasing-in process.
14 They had children of their own. It was the first time
15 they had a foster child:

16 "During the months following I also visited the
17 foster parents and [you] at their home as part of the
18 support system for [you] and them", the foster parents.
19 "At no time was I ever alone with [you]."

20 At no time was he ever alone with you in the foster
21 home. The foster parents were always present when you
22 visited -- when he visited. He says that you --

23 "I don't offer an explanation how this abuse could
24 have taken place",

25 given that he is coming to the home of the foster

1 parents. Where did this abuse happen?

2 **A. In the bedroom of the foster home.**

3 Q. I think the point he is making is how could you and he
4 have gone to the bedroom in the foster family's home
5 without them knowing about it?

6 **A. Firstly, the foster father was at work and the foster
7 mother would have been looking after the other kids.**

8 Q. Now this is a particular reference. Can you remember
9 did he visit you every fortnight? Is that your
10 recollection, or why do you pick a fortnight?

11 **A. Because what I can remember it wasn't like set every
12 fourth Thursday or whatever. It was roughly every
13 fortnight.**

14 Q. So he was just visiting regularly. Is that --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. Is that --

17 **A. It wasn't written in stone to be there every fortnight,
18 but ...**

19 Q. It wasn't every Monday, the first and third Mondays of
20 the month?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. It wasn't that type of --

23 **A. There was nothing set in stone. Just when he decided,
24 but it worked out roughly every fortnight.**

25 Q. If we look at SND-5450 -- and this is maybe a record you

1 can't comment on -- at a point did his visits to you
2 reduce while you were in the foster care? Do you
3 remember --

4 **A. They did eventually.**

5 Q. Because if we just scroll down to the bottom of the
6 page, this is a Social Services record. It's the
7 paragraph that begins:

8 "The issue which is causing the greatest problem for
9 the foster parents is the role of SND38."

10 The relationship you have with SND38 is described as
11 positive and important and he is apparently managing
12 a behaviour modification programme involving the use of
13 a detailed daily file. This is probably something you
14 mightn't have recalled.

15 **A. I knew nothing about that.**

16 Q. But the foster parents are saying they feel that his
17 involvement is too intensive and they were not fully
18 consulted about setting it up and it represents
19 something of an intrusion into the routine of their
20 home. It seems that **SND 475** -- she was from
21 Social Services, a social worker.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. One of your field workers. Is that right?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. She was going to discuss that issue directly with SND38

1 with a view to (a) apprising him of the way the foster
2 parents were feeling and (b) reducing the extent of his
3 involvement. So you do recall that his visiting of you
4 being less as time went on?

5 **A. Yes. As time went on it just disappeared.**

6 Q. Members of the Panel, we haven't yet found a record of
7 **SND 475** carrying that discussion out so far.

8 What I want to ask you about then is you stay there
9 for ten months and you explain that at SND-5056 and
10 paragraph 27. After that you return home for a period.
11 Is that right?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. How long did that last? Can you remember?

14 **A. I think it was about a month.**

15 Q. A month?

16 **A. One month.**

17 Q. Then there seems to have been a period maybe back at the
18 foster carers or -- it didn't work out with your mum --

19 **A. No. Me and brother were fighting too much.**

20 Q. -- and eventually you went back into Nazareth House in
21 **██████**, but what's missing from this record is that you
22 spent a period of time in Harberton House.

23 **A. Yes. I went straight from the foster carers to my**
24 **mother's, from my mother's to Harberton House, from**
25 **Harberton House to Nazareth House.**

1 Q. The reason I raise that is do you remember SND38
2 visiting you while you were Harberton House?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. If we can bring up SND-5159, please, now this is
5 a record that -- a day record that seems to have been
6 maintained in Harberton House. You can see "4th
7 December [REDACTED]":

8 "Went out with SND38 for the pm. To return at 9.00
9 pm."

10 I'm just going to show you a few of these. On 17th
11 December [REDACTED] at SND-5152 you are still describing
12 SND38 as -- if I can go to SND-5152, please -- this is
13 a review form that's completed by you. Do you recollect
14 your handwriting now when you see it?

15 **A. I do, yes.**

16 Q. If we just scroll down. Just keep going, please. Now:

17 "The people I find easiest to talk to are:"

18 [Your] peer group and my social worker and SND38."

19 So you use still -- whatever had happened, you still
20 had positive words --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- for this man certainly up until this point in time.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. For instance, if we just follow the chronology of it, at
25 SND-5157, 27th December, if we just maximise and scroll

1 down to "27th December", again:

2 "Went out with SND38 and to return at about" -- if
3 we just scroll down -- we're missing the end of the
4 page. We need to go to the next page. If you just
5 scroll up so we can see.

6 "... return at about ..."

7 Just go further up to the bottom of the next page --
8 the top of the next page. Go right to the top for me.
9 I'll look for the reference and give it to you in due
10 course.

11 If we look at SND-5155 -- sorry -- SND-5157:

12 "Going out with SND38 for the pm."

13 SND-5157, on 3rd January -- I've got a wrong
14 reference. 15th January, SND-5155. Scroll down
15 a little further, please. These are just a few
16 examples. Do you remember this period of him coming to
17 Harberton House for you and you going out with him?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Just for the record SND-5154 are other entries in
20 January.

21 CHAIRMAN: You have been going over an hour, Mr Aiken.

22 Unless you are going to finish very quickly, would this
23 be an appropriate point to give the stenographer a short
24 break?

25 MR AIKEN: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will sit down at 12.20. HIA127, you
2 shouldn't talk about what you're telling us now until
3 you come back in ten minutes.

4 **A. No problem.**

5 (12.10 pm)

6 (Short break)

7 (12.20 pm)

8 MR AIKEN: We had got to Harberton House round about [REDACTED] --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- by which stage you are then [REDACTED]. Have I got that
11 right?

12 **A. [REDACTED].**

13 Q. [REDACTED] and he is visiting you in Harberton House, and then
14 in February [REDACTED] -- we just got to the end of me
15 summarising Harberton House. February [REDACTED] just before
16 your [REDACTED] birthday you were admitted back to Nazareth
17 House.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. I am not going to bring up the references, but SND-5149
20 shows that entry on [REDACTED] and you stayed
21 there in Nazareth House [REDACTED] to about [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]. SND-5408 is an indication of you going
23 home to your mum in [REDACTED], and that lasted for a short
24 period of time. I appreciate this is difficult, but I'm
25 going to bring up SND-5408. On [REDACTED] this

1 described you having tremendous difficulty at home and
2 you took an overdose of medication.

3 **A. Paracetamol tablets.**

4 Q. Your younger brother had already taken an overdose a few
5 --

6 **A. Older brother.**

7 Q. -- older brother -- a few days beforehand.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. That involved you being then admitted to I think it was
10 [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. You were then seen by
11 Dr [REDACTED]. At SND-5409, please -- just scroll a little
12 further down, please:

13 "However, following a discussion with Dr [REDACTED] ..."

14 -- this is halfway down the page, third paragraph --

15 on what we can see the form of the admission was purely
16 on the grounds you were essentially homeless. You
17 discussed the situation. You said you wanted to go back
18 to Harberton House, because you wanted to harm
19 a resident who had had some sexual contact with [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]. You were told you couldn't be admitted there.
21 You agreed to go to Nazareth House, but you said it
22 would be only for [REDACTED] months until you reached the age
23 of [REDACTED]. Do you remember that now or is that not a memory
24 you have?

25 **A. I don't remember asking to go to Harberton House.**

1 Q. Then at SND-5407 there is a summary of this period of
2 time that you had in -- if we just maximise this page --
3 that you had in Nazareth House before going to St. Pat's
4 on a Training School Order. You are described as
5 initially being settled, but you started to become
6 restless, staying up late and difficulties with the
7 staff and then you took a knife to the teddy bear of
8 a 10-year-old. Do you remember that now?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. What was the idea or plan for that?

11 **A. The idea was for me to get locked up away from Nazareth
12 House, to go to St. Pat's and get locked away.**

13 Q. Why did you want to get locked away?

14 **A. Because I'd be away from HND33 or whoever he is.**

15 Q. SND38.

16 **A. SND.**

17 Q. That is what happened. You went to St. Pat's and the --
18 just for the record -- I don't want the page brought up
19 -- SND-5244 is the Place of Safety Order, and various
20 court reports, December ■■■, SND-5419, and
21 psychologist's report at SND-5428.

22 Then if we look at SND-5424, in February ■■■ you had
23 just turned ■■■--

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- and it indicates your intention to go and live with

1 your sister.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. That is what you did.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. I think that sister gave evidence yesterday and she at
6 various times took lots of you in.

7 **A. She's our second mother.**

8 Q. She's your second mother. Now did you ever see SND38
9 again after you left for St. Pat's?

10 **A. I've never seen him before -- since, [REDACTED] years now.**

11 Q. Now what I want to ask you I'm going to name four
12 individuals to you, but these names should not be
13 reported, just to be clear. I just want to ask you
14 about whether you know them or not. SND96.

15 **A. I've heard of him, yes.**

16 Q. How did you come to hear of him?

17 **A. Through my sister.**

18 Q. What -- how did your sister know him?

19 **A. She I think used to actually go out with him as
20 boyfriend/girlfriend.**

21 Q. SND97.

22 **A. Never heard of him.**

23 Q. SND202.

24 **A. Never heard of her.**

25 CHAIRMAN: The second name was?

1 MR AIKEN: SND97. You say you had never heard of him.

2 **A. Never heard of him.**

3 Q. SND99.

4 **A. Never heard of him.**

5 Q. This is a fifth name, but --

6 CHAIRMAN: I seem to have missed one. I have SND96, SND97,
7 SND99.

8 MR AIKEN: SND202.

9 **A. Never heard of her.**

10 Q. SND384.

11 **A. Never heard of him.**

12 Q. Now it is the case, and I have asked you about this
13 already, but if we just look at SND-5229, in
14 November █████ by this stage there had been a series of
15 the incidents you describe and it is shortly before the
16 Christmas incident. If we just scroll down, please, you
17 will say (sic):

18 "What things do you like to do in your spare time?

19 "I like running, swimming, TV, video games, visiting
20 SND38's home, visiting form teacher."

21 So despite these things that were happening, you
22 still had a positive outlook on your relationship with
23 SND38?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Can you explain that?

1 **A. It was normal.**

2 Q. You thought it was normal?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. At what point did you take a different view about it?

5 **A. I was about [REDACTED] and I found out what he was doing was**
6 **wrong.**

7 Q. How did you come to -- what was it about being [REDACTED]? What
8 did you find out that --

9 **A. I learned about the birds and bees through friends when**
10 **I was about [REDACTED]**

11 Q. Now if we look at SND-15222, please, this is a record of
12 a police officer recording what you initially told him
13 about two weeks before you made your own police
14 statement in August of 1996, but you said that SND would
15 have built up your trust by taking you out and buying
16 you things.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. What did he buy you?

19 **A. I remember when I went to his home that Christmas he**
20 **bought me the Atari, a computer game system.**

21 Q. That's an Atari. That's A-T-A-R-I.

22 **A. A-T-R -- A-R --**

23 Q. One of the old --

24 **A. Yes, way back in the day.**

25 Q. He bought you that for Christmas?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. What else did he buy you? Can you remember?

3 **A. He would have given me anything I wanted. Money,**
4 **clothes, whatever.**

5 Q. If we look at SND-5460, this is an interview that
6 a social worker conducted with you on 6th August. This
7 would have been about six days before you made your
8 lengthy police statement that the Panel have had
9 an opportunity to see.

10 If we just scroll further down, please, you told
11 **SND 465** that SND38 would give you money, £5 to £10,
12 and this continued when you left care:

13 "... as he remembers going to Nazareth House and
14 asking for money."

15 Did you go back and ask for money at times?

16 **A. Not that I can remember, no.**

17 Q. Well, that's what is recorded as you saying at the time
18 to **SND 465**. You don't recollect that now?

19 **A. Not now.**

20 Q. In as far as October **██████**, SND-10397, now this would
21 have been -- you are about **██████████████████** and about to --
22 I think the first page of this form -- if we just go up
23 to the page before, please. Keep going up so we get to
24 the start of the form so that the Panel can see what it
25 relates to. Just to the next page. Just go on up

1 further, please. So this is a "Ready to cope alone?"

2 It is like part of the work that was being done with you
3 to prepare you to go out and live on your own.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. If we go back to SND-10397, one of the things that the
6 form asks is:

7 "Do you have at least one friend with whom you can
8 keep in touch after you move?",

9 and again you are still listing SND38 as that one
10 person you would turn to.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. SND-10399 just dates that form [REDACTED].

13 What I am going to do, HIA127, just now before
14 I walk through what happens and how this comes to light,
15 I just want to break off for a moment with you and talk
16 about another individual that's in your witness
17 statement. If we can go back, please, to SND-5055, I am
18 just going to talk to you briefly about a particular
19 incident that you describe in Nazareth House involving
20 one of the lay workers, if we just scroll down, please,
21 to paragraph 26, and this is SND43, and the Panel, if
22 I can just refer you to her witness statement, which
23 begins at SND-15873 for the record. You indicate that
24 you were beaten by one of the social workers' husbands.
25 So this is a female social worker working in Nazareth

1 House. You had an argument one day and you think that
2 you hit her --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- and she threatened you with her husband --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- SND-44 and she said, "If you hit me again, I'll bring
7 my husband" and you said, "Well, go on ahead and bring
8 him".

9 "He came to the home the next day and he slapped me
10 around the head in [your] bedroom."

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Now that's just one particular incident you're
13 describing with this particular lady and her husband.

14 **A. Yes. That was just a one-off for him being there.**

15 Q. That was a one-off problem, as it were, anything beyond
16 the normal interaction there would have been between you
17 and her and her colleagues in terms of getting you to
18 behave and live properly and so on. This is the one
19 that sticks out.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. The only one in relation to her.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. As to that if we can just look at SND-15876, which is
24 paragraph 12 of her witness statement, she says you say
25 you think you hit her. She says you did not hit her at

1 any time. She says she didn't threaten you with her
2 then husband, that that's a false allegation without any
3 foundation and that her then husband did not attend
4 Nazareth House and assault you and that's untrue.

5 Now what do you say about the suggestion that that's
6 untrue, that this didn't happen?

7 **A. That's lies. It did happen.**

8 Q. What can you point to to -- what do you recollect about
9 it or about the individuals involved? Is there anything
10 sticks out about the man you say --

11 **A. "██████" we called him, because he had ██████.**

12 Q. How often would you -- other than this particular
13 occasion how often would you have seen him?

14 **A. All the time when his wife was working. He could just
15 waltz into the place like he owned the place.**

16 Q. Now just for completeness then if I can take to you
17 SND-15878 and paragraph 20 where -- and paragraph 21
18 where this lady points out that she has worked with
19 children for over thirty years. She has dedicated her
20 life to that role. She regards it as a vocation rather
21 than a duty. She talks about much of it being
22 voluntary, and she has good relationships with children.
23 She categorically denies that she ever failed any child,
24 and she believes that to the best of her ability she
25 acted at all times professionally and properly towards

1 the children with whom she worked. She's never been the
2 subject of a complaint about her conduct and she's never
3 engaged in the type of conduct that you alleged.

4 I just want to -- did she know what happened between
5 you and her husband?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Why do you say she knew about it?

8 **A. She was standing there watching him.**

9 Q. She says she's very hurt by the allegations and can't
10 understand why you're making them.

11 **A. Because they happened.**

12 Q. Now I want to go back then to SND38 and those
13 allegations that you've described and to look at how
14 that came to light for you in terms of you first felt
15 able to disclose what you say occurred. You had formed
16 a relationship with a girl --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- SND263, who -- again her name shouldn't be reported.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. If we can bring up SND-5454, you had had some difficulty
21 in that relationship.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. That resulted in, according to this record -- if we just
24 scroll down, please -- you and her attending at Relate
25 together.

1 **A. That's correct.**

2 Q. Why had you gone to Relate?

3 **A. To try to save that relationship we had.**

4 Q. During the first session, which was on 26th July 1996,

5 you alleged that you had been sexually abused by a [REDACTED]

6 member of staff while in care in the Nazareth House.

7 You confirmed the allegation but didn't indicate the

8 [REDACTED] name.

9 Then the next page shows how that developed and you

10 disclosing the name of the person that was involved.

11 That was SND38. Now disclosure by you to Relate was the

12 public disclosure --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- that then produced a series of events that I'm going

15 to briefly take you to, but the then girlfriend that you

16 had, with whom you had a son --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- made a police statement in July 1996. If we can go

19 to SND-15221, if you just maximise that page for me, she

20 explains how you had formed a relationship around 1995.

21 Sorry. That's when you met her. You began your

22 relationship in March 1995 and then you moved in

23 together, but she realised there was something wrong

24 with your physical relationship. She found you to be

25 nervous, shaky and sometimes you just started crying,

1 and realising something was wrong, she pressed you for
2 an explanation as to what that was.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Was this the first person that you'd ever told about
5 what had happened?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Eventually she -- you were concerned she would poke fun
8 at you. She promised she wouldn't, and then you
9 eventually began to tell her about what had occurred.
10 You say it was about ■ years of age at the time. Well,
11 if the dates that we're talking about are right, you
12 would have been ■ at the time, and it went on for two
13 and a half years when he left at age ■.

14 If we just scroll on further down, please, now some
15 of the detail that she describes -- now you'll see about
16 six lines down where she says that you told her you
17 also --

18 "He also did the business on him."

19 Can you see the next phrase and what she says that
20 meant?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. But you have yourself not made that --

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. -- allegation.

25 **A. She assumed that.**

1 Q. What's being described there was never -- you say there
2 were a number of occasions it was attempted, but that
3 never actually happened.

4 **A. That never actually happened.**

5 Q. Now that -- you made a police statement then on 29th
6 July, SND-15166 -- just maximise that for me, please --
7 where you say you have told your girlfriend about it and
8 you've told the police about it but you are not prepared
9 to go to court or make a formal complaint about those
10 things. [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]. Why at that stage did you not want
12 to come forward, as it were?

13 **A. There was a policeman that actually called me a liar.**

14 Q. Well, on 30th July then, the next day, SND-15167, you
15 make another statement withdrawing the allegation that
16 you made against SND38:

17 "I now wish to unreservedly withdraw this allegation
18 and wish that police take no further action regarding
19 this matter."

20 Can you remember why you made statement the next
21 day?

22 **A. Because a policeman called me a liar. So no point
23 complaining.**

24 Q. SND38 then -- despite whether you wanted to withdraw
25 them or not, they were serious allegations -- he was

1 then suspended from Nazareth House the next day. The
2 reference for that on 31st July '96 is SND-5456. The
3 police officer who engaged with you made a statement on
4 1st August of '96 at SND-15223. If we just bring that
5 up. I am not going to go through this in detail now,
6 HIA127, but this statement -- and the Panel will have
7 the opportunity to read it -- details four of the
8 I counted them out as nine earlier, but not all of the
9 allegations that you set out when you make your own
10 statement some twelve days later now on 12th August,
11 which we will come to. This statement from him deals
12 with about four of them. So whenever you initially
13 spoke to him, did you tell him everything that had
14 occurred?

15 **A. Not every single detail, no.**

16 Q. It is pointed out to me that Foyle Trust at this stage,
17 once this disclosure was made by you, various assistance
18 kicks into action and there's a memo indicating at
19 SND-14747 that appropriate support was being given to
20 you by the trust in light of what you had explained
21 occurred.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. SND-14747. Foyle staff are offering appropriate support
24 to the alleged victim.

25 Then we looked at already -- there was an interview

1 with **SND 465**, Social Services, on 5th August '96.
2 That was at SND-5460. The Panel has also seen SND38's
3 wife's statement, which was on 8th August. That was at
4 SND-15214. You then yourself made the detailed
5 statement on 12th August 1996, which begins at
6 SND-15168. I am not going to go through that any
7 further with you, but the Panel will have the
8 opportunity to read it in addition to your statement,
9 having heard you today.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Now the matter was brought to a conclusion then on
12 2nd December 1996. SND-15201. Inspector Crawford, who
13 was involved in the investigation, recommended no
14 prosecution. If you just maximise that for me, please.

15 "On the basis of the facts the allegations made are
16 totally unsubstantiated and impossible of corroboration
17 and recommends no prosecution."

18 That's ultimately what happened. The Director of
19 Public Prosecution appears to have directed no
20 prosecution on 31st December 1996. There is no
21 page reference to back that up, but it seems that SND38
22 was informed. If we look at SND-5543, he was informed
23 on 6th January 1997. Scroll down a little for me,
24 please. Members of the Panel, this is taken from
25 a judgment in a High Court case involving SND38. You

1 will see in paragraph 4 the penultimate sentence. It
2 indicates the date that the -- that SND was informed.

3 After that you have your life with your then
4 girlfriend. This has come to an end in terms of your
5 police investigation. Had you any further involvement
6 with SND38?

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. Were you aware of what happened to him after this set of
9 incidents that we have looked at?

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. Now you will see, if we can bring up SND-15864, please,
12 SND38 says, paragraph 32, that he notes you claim you
13 informed your aftercare social worker that you had been
14 abused when you became aware that your younger siblings
15 were being admitted to Nazareth House. He says that's
16 untrue. The [REDACTED] were admitted to
17 Nazareth in [REDACTED], and points out that you first reported
18 the allegations in 1996. Now that's arising from
19 paragraph 32 of your statement. If we just go back to
20 that, so you can see the point he's making, at SND-5057:

21 "When I was about [REDACTED] years old, I heard my [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] were going to Nazareth House."

23 He still worked there. You didn't want him touching
24 them and you say you told your social workers.

25 Now if you were [REDACTED] at the time, that would be [REDACTED],

1 [REDACTED], and the statements that we have seen show the
2 disclosure taking place in 1996 and you telling your
3 girlfriend in 1995. So is it possible you're mistaken
4 about the dates that --

5 **A. It is possible I'm mixed up in the dates.**

6 Q. The point that's being made by SND38 is if you were
7 really concerned about your sisters, you would have been
8 talking about it earlier, because they went into
9 Nazareth House in [REDACTED].

10 **A. Maybe I didn't find out until later they were going in**
11 **the home. They could have been there for four years**
12 **before I knew about it.**

13 Q. Now if we go to SND-15864 again, please, you will see
14 the third paragraph -- fourth paragraph SND says:

15 "You state that when you first reported the alleged
16 abuse two policemen called you a liar. That's untrue.
17 As a result the police thoroughly investigated with the
18 assistance of Social Services and Nazareth House all of
19 the allegations made by you. The investigation found
20 not one piece of evidence to corroborate even one of the
21 allegations made by you."

22 He says his position was vindicated.

23 "The suspension was lifted and I was allowed to
24 return to work."

25 Is there anything you want to say about that, [REDACTED] HIA 127?

1 **A.** I've no comment on that. If they can't find evidence,
2 I-am not the person looking for it. I wasn't the person
3 looking for evidence. I don't know what they were
4 looking for.

5 Q. I note, Chairman, it is almost 1 o'clock, but I'll
6 shortly be finished, if the Panel is happy ...

7 CHAIRMAN: We will carry on until the witness is finished.

8 MR AIKEN: Now at one stage then you were sent in November
9 █████ -- so you are ██████████ and you go off to St.
10 Patrick's Training School --

11 **A.** Yes.

12 Q. -- SND-5056 and paragraph 30 -- and you were there, as
13 we worked through the chronology, for about four months.
14 You describe that in your witness statement as you were
15 the best boy in the place and abided by the rules. So
16 was it a steadying influence on you, St. Pat's? How
17 would you describe it?

18 **A.** It was a scary place when you're only ██████████.

19 Q. That caused to you tow the line?

20 **A.** Yes.

21 Q. You wanted to get out?

22 **A.** Yes.

23 Q. You mention you went in with a broken arm and that saved
24 you having to do some of the chores.

25 **A.** Yes.

1 Q. If we just scroll down, please, to the next page,
2 SND-5057, you then describe your life after your period
3 in care. The Inquiry Panel will have the opportunity to
4 look at that, but you describe having a gambling problem
5 --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- and you got into some difficulty with the law.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Those are things that you have now left behind.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You now have a steady relationship --

12 **A. I do, yes.**

13 Q. -- which you've been in for a number of years.

14 Something that I meant to raise with you at the
15 start, but unhelpfully forgot. At paragraph 35 on
16 SND-5058 you describe how you were assaulted by the
17 boyfriend of your sister --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and kicked in the head.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. What effect has that had on you?

22 **A. My memory's been all mixed up.**

23 Q. You describe then in paragraph 36 that your mum passed
24 away. Was it ever possible to have a reconciliation
25 with her?

1 **A. We got somewhere. We got bits and pieces sorted.**

2 Q. You don't really have a relationship with your dad --

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. -- but your relationship with your siblings are good.

5 **A. Strong as ever.**

6 Q. I know you're grateful to your sister who took you in.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. One -- I want to just try to cover this very briefly,

9 HIA127. The Social Services would say that they did

10 everything they could to help you amongst other members

11 of your family in very difficult circumstances and the

12 breadth of the records indicate the extent of the

13 effort. Whether you see it as that back then --

14 **A. Right.**

15 Q. -- you can appreciate from their perspective they say

16 there were doing what they could to deal with the

17 difficulties that you and your family presented and they

18 point to the efforts -- and we were looking at one of

19 the forms -- the efforts to try to get you ready to live

20 on your own that were being engaged in as you were

21 heading towards 17. I am not going to go through it,

22 but the records show very regular visits from your field

23 social worker while you were in Nazareth House, for

24 instance, and beyond.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. You didn't feel able to talk to that person about what
2 had happened.

3 **A. No. Nine times out of ten it was a male social worker.**

4 Q. Now, as I said to you before you came in to give
5 evidence, one of the matters that the Panel has to deal
6 with is making recommendations at the end of this
7 process, and that may be in the form of an apology or
8 a memorial or some means of redress of some kind. Is
9 there anything that you would like to say to the Panel
10 to help it consider the recommendations it might make?

11 **A. I would like an apology and possibly the building tore
12 down. I know it's actually for sale at the minute.**

13 Q. I'm not sure one of the recommendations can be the
14 tearing down of buildings.

15 **A. Well, maybe an apology then.**

16 Q. Maybe it can, but time may produce that in any event.
17 Who knows?

18 HIA127, this is your opportunity to say what you
19 want to say to an Inquiry here to hear about what
20 occurred for you while you were in care. Is there
21 anything else you want to say beyond that which we've
22 covered -- haven't covered?

23 **A. I just think I've covered everything. I will leave it
24 in the hands of the Inquiry.**

25 Q. HIA127, if you stay where you are, it may be that some

1 of the Panel Members want to ask you something.

2 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA127, we don't have any questions to ask.

3 You have told us a great deal this morning we will need
4 to think about. Thank you very much for coming to speak
5 to us today. Thank you very much. That's all as far as
6 we're concerned.

7 **A. Thank you.**

8 **(Witness withdrew)**

9 MR AIKEN: That concludes the morning session, Members of
10 the Panel.

11 CHAIRMAN: We will sit at 2 o'clock.

12 (1.06 pm)

13 (Lunch break)

14 (2.00 pm)

15 WITNESS HIA69 (called)

16 CHAIRMAN: Good afternoon.

17 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies
18 and gentlemen. This afternoon's witness is HIA69.

19 I believe there an appearance to be announced first,
20 Chairman.

21 MR McATEER: I appear with Mr Toner, instructed by Mr Kevin
22 Casey of McCartney & Casey, on behalf of this witness
23 bearing cipher HIA69.

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr McAteer.

25 MS SMITH: If you wouldn't mind standing up, please, the

1 Chairman is going to ask you a question in a moment.

2 CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to make either the religious oath or
3 an affirmation, which is a solemn promise? The two have
4 the same legal effect. It's a matter for you to choose.

5 **A. I'll take the bible.**

6 **WITNESS HIA69 (sworn)**

7 **Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY**

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

9 MS SMITH: HIA69, if you can just speak into the microphone
10 so we can get a record of all that you've come to tell
11 the Inquiry, and if you need a break at any time, please
12 just say --

13 **A. Okay.**

14 Q. -- and we'll take a short break. Can I ask that
15 document SND-2188 be put up on the screen, please?
16 HIA69, this is the witness statement that you initially
17 provided for the Inquiry. You will see your name is
18 covered there with a number, HIA69. Can I just confirm
19 that you wish to maintain your anonymity throughout and
20 you don't want your name to be disclosed outside of this
21 room? Isn't that correct?

22 **A. That's correct.**

23 Q. You see this says it is the witness statement of HIA69
24 although your full name is underneath that. If we could
25 then move briefly to page SND2197, which is the last

1 page of your statement, and you'll see there that it's
2 signed by HIA69 and it is dated 8th July 2013. Can you
3 confirm you have signed that document and it is
4 a statement of evidence you want the Inquiry to take
5 into account about your time in care?

6 **A. That's correct.**

7 Q. Thank you. HIA69, you're now aged ■ (sic). I was
8 about to say ■. You are actually ■.

9 **A. That's --**

10 Q. Is that correct?

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

12 Q. You and your family, that's your sisters and brother --
13 brothers, spent short periods of care in -- prior to
14 1973 due to your mother's lifestyle and behaviour.
15 Isn't that correct?

16 **A. Well, I always understood I was taken into care when**
17 **I was ■. Now you showed me some documentation this**
18 **morning that said I had short periods of care before**
19 **going into care. I don't remember that. My**
20 **understanding is that I was taken into care when I was**
21 **■. I have no other memory other than that. I don't**
22 **have memory of short periods elsewhere or coming back**
23 **and forward.**

24 Q. Well, the documents will show -- and I'm not going to
25 pull them up on the screen. The Inquiry Panel Members

1 can look at these later. For the benefit if they want
2 to look at SND-2204 and SND-2141, they just, for
3 example, show you were admitted to Termonbacca from [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] and then from [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED], but in any event the documents
6 also show that due to your mother's neglect and she had
7 a drink problem a Fit Person Order was made in respect
8 of all of her children on [REDACTED] and you were
9 taken permanently into care at that point. You were in
10 Termonbacca until [REDACTED] until you left there to go
11 into a foster home, where you spent two years before
12 being transferred to Harberton House.

13 **A. That's correct. I remember that, yes.**

14 Q. The documents show that, and another document the
15 Inquiry might wish to look at is SND-2208.

16 Now if we can just at this point in your evidence
17 talk about your time in Termonbacca, and I'm going ask
18 you what your earliest memory is. If we go back to
19 paragraph 2 of your witness statement on page SND-2188,
20 you'll see here that it says you thought you were there
21 around [REDACTED]. Again you would have been [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and
22 that's why you think you were there from that time, and
23 you were there you thought until [REDACTED], but you accept
24 that the records show that you were there for longer
25 than that.

1 **A. I have memories of being there in [REDACTED] and I have**
2 **memories of being there -- distinct memories of [REDACTED] and**
3 **[REDACTED] as well.**

4 Q. Well, in any event when did you go in, you were placed
5 initially in a large dormitory, which was in a Nissan
6 hut, and some other people have given evidence to the
7 effect that these huts were used while there was a new
8 building being built in the grounds. Do you remember
9 that?

10 **A. I do, yes.**

11 Q. You describe the dormitory there and then you remember
12 being moved into that new building when it opened and it
13 had smaller bedrooms in it.

14 **A. That's correct.**

15 Q. You say that there were two groups in Termonbacca in
16 paragraph 3, and you describe that a nun was allocated
17 to each group, and at that time you name two nuns, and
18 you will see that we have given each of the nuns
19 designations to protect their identity also, HIA69, but
20 you have your own witness statement where those names
21 are printed. So you can identify them from that.

22 **A. That's correct.**

23 Q. We are not going to use the names as far as possible,
24 but certainly there were two nuns allocated to each
25 group. One of those was in charge of your group. You

1 say she left when you were about eight years old and she
2 was replaced by SR6. You think that particular nun came
3 from [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED], and you also say that there was hardly any
5 staff other than the nuns around Termonbacca at that
6 time, although you do recall some civilian workers and
7 you name them in that.

8 Now can I ask do you recall your mother visiting you
9 in Termonbacca at all?

10 **A. I do.**

11 Q. Can you say --

12 CHAIRMAN: Could you move the microphone a little bit
13 nearer? You are speaking away from it slightly.

14 **A. Hello.**

15 CHAIRMAN: Yes. So we are --

16 **A. Okay.**

17 CHAIRMAN: -- picking you up better. Thank you. Or just
18 turn it round so it's more comfortable for you. Yes.

19 **A. Okay.**

20 MS SMITH: You do remember her calling. What do you
21 remember about her visits to Termonbacca?

22 **A. When I first went into Termonbacca, she wasn't around**
23 **for a long time. I think she went to England. Then she**
24 **came back to Derry and I do remember her coming up. My**
25 **memories are the visits would be in the summer. I was**

1 very young, small child. I was really, really close to
2 her. I never understood why I was taken from her. Then
3 she started coming up and then after a while -- do
4 I name the nun or do I give her just a number here?

5 Q. If you have -- if you can name her by using the
6 reference number that has been given to her, that would
7 be helpful, but if you do name her, then obviously her
8 name will not be used outside this chamber.

9 A. SR14 came and she basically transformed the whole regime
10 in Termonbacca. She started -- she started giving us
11 pocket money. She started making us, you know -- giving
12 us the opportunity to visit my mother. So I then
13 remember me leaving and going and visiting her.

14 Q. Visiting her.

15 A. What number is she so I won't refer to her?

16 Q. If you bear with me, I'll tell you shortly. Her number
17 will come up in a short while --

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. -- when we go through your statement, HIA69, in any
20 event, but certainly you and your brother were split
21 from your sisters and your younger brother when you went
22 into the home. Is that correct?

23 A. When I went in there, I -- I was on my own. You know,
24 I don't know where my brother -- older brother went.
25 I do know now, because over the years we've talked about

1 it. My sister and my younger brother was in the
2 nursery, but I didn't know that. You know, I did not
3 know that for -- until years later when they suddenly
4 appeared up into the main group where I was.

5 Q. You talk about this in paragraph 26 and 27 of your
6 witness statement, which is at page SND-2195, and you
7 say that your brother and you were separated and he was
8 about 9 years old. He became too much for the nuns to
9 handle and you say he was moved out and went to Rubane
10 in Kircubbin.

11 **A. That's knowledge I have now after the fact.**

12 Q. Yes.

13 **A. You know, we've talked about it.**

14 Q. You do say that originally it was only boys in
15 Termonbacca and your sister would have been separated in
16 the nursery unit, but that when she -- the nun you
17 describe, who is there as SR14 in that paragraph,
18 arrived, more girls started coming into Termonbacca and
19 your sister was moved up to be with you --

20 **A. That's correct.**

21 Q. -- at that time, and there were more family groupings
22 then in the home at that time. Is that right?

23 **A. That's correct.**

24 Q. You don't remember how long, but I was suggesting to you
25 you might have been with your sister for about six

1 months before they were -- they were fostered and then
2 you were subsequently fostered. Do you recollect that?

3 **A. The -- I said in this statement that they were born when**
4 **I was in care. So I still think I was in care from the**
5 **age of █. I think your record -- I don't know what it**
6 **is or where it's come from, but I have memory of my**
7 **brother being born and then not coming into contact with**
8 **him until years later, and then my sister, my youngest**
9 **sister being born, and then again she appeared in my**
10 **life when they moved up out of the nursery, and then**
11 **very shortly thereafter moved out. They were fostered**
12 **-- my younger brother and sister were fostered together.**
13 **My other sister was then fostered and she disappeared**
14 **off. So I was there again on my own, you know.**

15 Q. Now you did form friendships with other boys in
16 Termonbacca. Isn't that correct?

17 **A. That's correct.**

18 Q. You talk about this at paragraph 10 and again at
19 paragraph 19 and you describe a particular boy in
20 paragraph 19 as your best friend in the home just in the
21 last sentence of that and you were friendly with him and
22 sadly he's no longer with us. Isn't that correct?

23 **A. That's correct.**

24 Q. You also said to me when I asked you earlier this
25 morning that you do remember a boy in the home called

1 SND136.

2 **A. That's correct. He would have been a friend of mine.**
3 **He is the same age. He was my cohort when I was there.**

4 Q. I am going to come to you and ask you in due course
5 about some of the things he has said about the home and
6 ask you whether you agree or disagree with them, but do
7 you agree he was certainly there at the same time as
8 you?

9 **A. That's correct.**

10 Q. Just in relation to -- I am just asking you about some
11 general questions at this point, HIA69. You talk in
12 paragraph 7 and paragraph 3 about the education that you
13 received. Paragraph 7 you say that you went to [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] Primary School. From Primary 5 onwards you went
15 to [REDACTED] Primary School. You recall one of the
16 teachers from [REDACTED] coming to the home to help out
17 with homework and provide extra lessons for the boys and
18 the boys --

19 **A. That's correct. I can remember one name. There was**
20 **actually three or four of them. They used to come up**
21 **and help out with homework and it was really good,**
22 **very -- you know, it was like ...**

23 Q. And you thought that you might have been the [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]

25 **A. That's my understanding, yes.**

1 Q. As a result you then went to a [REDACTED]

3 **A. That's correct.**

4 Q. Paragraph 23 you do talk about the clothing and you said
5 that:

6 "Everyone in town would know we were home boys
7 because we were all dressed the same. We wore shorts
8 until we went to secondary school and we got our shoes
9 from a shop on the Strand Road called Houston Shoes."

10 You say there was no individuality at that stage in
11 Termonbacca and until SR14 came that didn't change. Is
12 that correct?

13 **A. That is correct.**

14 Q. Can I just ask you about food? You actually describe it
15 in paragraph 20. You felt that the food that you were
16 given and provided was good, that you describe it, in
17 fact, I think as the best of the best and you have no
18 complaints to make about the food that you were given.
19 Isn't that correct?

20 **A. No. It was absolutely the way I described. It was the
21 best of the best.**

22 Q. You also talk about being asked to do chores in the home
23 and you say that they differed dependent -- depending on
24 the age of the child. Do you remember what you were
25 asked to do at all?

1 A. Well, I said in that statement I was excused a lot of
2 them because I was an altar server and I read at mass.
3 My memory is I could read. There wasn't too many
4 people. So, you know, I could be serving and reading at
5 mass every morning and sometimes twice on a Sunday but
6 there was chores to do. Everybody had chores to do and
7 one -- I don't know if I mentioned it somewhere. There
8 was a lot of "picking the pieces" when the nuns weren't
9 around and the older boys were there or whoever. Now
10 when you are a child, they are older. They are in
11 charge. There was carpet tiles very like what's in this
12 court room and they would make you pick the pieces, pick
13 bits of fluff or whatever. There mightn't be anything
14 there, but you were made to get down on your hands and
15 knees and pick it. I think it was just to try and keep
16 your -- keep you busy so that you are not waiting
17 around. It was -- Termonbacca I have distinct memories
18 of waiting around for a long -- long periods of time for
19 whatever, you know, waiting to go to mass, waiting for
20 the bus to go off. Everything was regimented.

21 Q. Yes, you do say that in paragraph 6 of your statement.
22 You describe life in Termonbacca as being regimented.
23 If we just go to page SND-2189, please, you say you got
24 fed, you went out to school, you came back to the home
25 and:

1 "Life revolved around the Roman Catholic religion.
2 The nuns got up very early every morning to pray. We
3 went to mass every morning. A priest came from St.
4 Columb's College to say mass. The priest changed and
5 there was no one priest allocated to Termonbacca. When
6 you reached a certain age you became altar servers."

7 You say you also read at mass, because you were one
8 of the few that could read. You would have done, as you
9 say, one or two masses on Saturday and Sunday.

10 You also talk about the routine at paragraph 23,
11 where you talk about what happened after school, and you
12 say that after school you came back to the home, did
13 your homework, got it checked by older boys. That's on
14 page SND-2194, please. Dinner was around 5.00 pm and
15 anyone who wet the bed was sent to bed earlier.

16 "There were also athletic clubs in town that we
17 joined and used to go to that a couple of nights
18 a week."

19 You remember there being a soccer club in the
20 Creggan, going there, and a choir in the home. We will
21 come back to the choir in a moment, but certainly that's
22 your recollection of the daily routine there would have
23 been in Termonbacca during your time there.

24 **A. That's correct.**

25 Q. Can you recall how special occasions might have been

1 celebrated in the home, Christmas, birthdays,
2 Hallowe'en?

3 **A. Special occasions were called feast days and it was --**
4 **you know, like there's no nun exists, I am going to make**
5 **up an example. Sister James. Now on the feast day of**
6 **St. James that would be a special occasion. At the meal**
7 **time in the evening, 5 o'clock, there would be buns or**
8 **cakes or whatever.**

9 Q. What about Christmas? Have you any recollection of
10 Christmas, for example?

11 **A. I do actually, but I don't know if it's relevant. You**
12 **know, I have mentioned Du Pont and I've mentioned St.**
13 **Vincent de Paul, and they were really, really -- they**
14 **took an interest in Termonbacca. I think -- I don't**
15 **know how they did it, but the workers at Du Pont I think**
16 **were given names and then groups of them -- I don't**
17 **know -- individuals or groups would go off and buy**
18 **presents and then we would get these presents. I don't**
19 **have any particularly good memories of getting good**
20 **presents. I don't know why. Maybe I am just**
21 **ungrateful. I don't know.**

22 Q. But you do know that presents were provided and they
23 were provided --

24 **A. I actually went down to St. Columb's. We had a mass at**
25 **Christmas where we were encouraged to bring presents in**

1 **and the presents we were bringing in were coming back to**
2 **the home boys.**

3 Q. So St. Columb's were providing presents for the boys in
4 the home --

5 **A. Where I went to school.**

6 Q. -- and you were one who had to bring something in?

7 **A. That was very strange, going and asking the nun, "Can**
8 **I~have a present to take to the mass?" that was going to**
9 **be coming back to Termonbacca.**

10 Q. Well, do you -- I mean, pocket money. You said when
11 SR14 came, she introduced --

12 **A. She did.**

13 Q. -- a scheme of pocket money. You have talked at
14 paragraph 21 about St. Vincent de Paul. They organised
15 bus trips and day trips -- isn't that correct --

16 **A. That's correct.**

17 Q. -- and films in the home. You remember James Bond films
18 being shown.

19 **A. That's correct.**

20 Q. You say people used to visit and the nuns loved showing
21 off the fruits of their labour, all these well-behaved
22 boys all dressed in same sitting down to a good hearty
23 breakfast or evening meal.

24 **A. That's correct.**

25 Q. What were you trying to convey by that, HIA69?

1 A. Appearances mattered to the -- to the nuns. People
2 would come, you know, whether it be drawn from the
3 church, whether it be local personalities, whether it be
4 people from America or whatever. Every now and then
5 visitors would come, and we'd be put on standby that
6 they'd be coming. Hence three or four or five hours
7 waiting around for these people to come. Then they'd be
8 paraded -- they'd be brought in and we'd be shown off.

9 I actually can remember sister -- what's her number
10 -- SR14 saying to us that we were sitting around --
11 I~can remember waiting hours and hours waiting for a new
12 nun to come. She was coming -- I think she came over
13 from Scotland. I remember her remarking afterwards that
14 she thought it was one of the saddest things she ever
15 saw coming into a group of children and we were all
16 sitting around with not a toy and no individuality. She
17 very quickly changed that around, I can tell you, but we
18 were shown off. I don't know if it was in order to
19 raise money or whatever. I don't know. I am not
20 judging them for that, but that was my -- my memory of
21 it, and I really hated it. I hated it. You know,
22 I~hated being a home boy. I hated, you know, dressed up
23 and, you know, presented for whatever reason, and they
24 used to be delighted in it, you know.

25 Q. Well, can I now bring you, HIA69, to some of the

1 specific allegations that you make about your time in
2 Termonbacca?

3 **A. Sure.**

4 Q. You say in paragraph 4 at SND-2189 -- you describe
5 a regime of the older boys and ex-residents being in
6 charge of you in the home --

7 **A. That is correct.**

8 Q. -- and say they were in charge when the nuns were away
9 praying. You recall a particular boy who you name there
10 as an ex-resident being in charge of a group. The older
11 you got, the more freedom you got. When you became
12 a senior, it was almost expected that you kept the
13 junior boys in their place and the seniors were in
14 control. You became a senior effectively when you went
15 to secondary school, and:

16 "Seniors used to give us jobs to do to keep us
17 occupied", as you've explained, "picking up the pieces",
18 which meant picking fluff and things off the carpet.

19 "In Termonbacca you knew your place and your place
20 was governed by what age or how weak you were."

21 You say there was a hierarchy and you learned this
22 through the experience of being beaten by ex-residents
23 and seniors. You say you knew to keep your mouth shut
24 and not to draw attention to yourself, and if you did
25 draw attention, you would get beaten by the ex-residents

1 and seniors. You give examples of what they did to you
2 by pulling your hair, kicking you in the face. You say
3 this was a regular occurrence. You say there was no
4 love in the place and it was a regime of fear. You were
5 beaten by seniors, ex-residents and a particular nun who
6 you name, and you also witnessed other boys being beaten
7 by the seniors and by the nuns.

8 Now you make other complaints about this particular
9 nun, and if we could move on to paragraph 8, [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED], you felt that her
11 level of cruelty towards you hit the ceiling, as you
12 describe it. You say that she picked on you, but that
13 she also gave other boys a hard time and you name those
14 in that paragraph. You say that one of them has since
15 passed away. You say that she constantly told you how
16 much she hated you and how much of an abomination you
17 were to her and to everyone around you.

18 You then talk about an incident in paragraph 9 about
19 a holiday when you were in Donegal after [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]. You say that there were two girls who
21 called at the school and told this nun that they were
22 there to see you and she didn't allow you to go to the
23 beach as a punishment. She punched you with her fists
24 all over your head and called you a "dirty article", and
25 that one of the civilian workers in the home who you

1 name in that paragraph came with you to -- she had come
2 with you to Donegal, and she had to pull this particular
3 nun off you.

4 You relate then in the following paragraph about
5 being on holiday and with your friend and you were
6 messing around as you described, and she -- as a result
7 of the two of you messing around, she wouldn't let you
8 go to the beach. You answered her back and another
9 person took you and dumped you into a stream to resolve
10 the situation. You were so angry you threw stones from
11 the steam at everyone, including this particular nun,
12 until you were stopped. You also describe -- first of
13 all, from talking to you this particular nun you felt
14 and it is clear from what you have been saying here you
15 and she did not have a good relationship, to put it in
16 its most neutral terms. Would that be fair?

17 **A. That would be very fair, yes.**

18 Q. You and she just could not get on, but she exhibited, as
19 you have described, violence towards you.

20 **A. I couldn't get on with her, because she just hated the**
21 **ground I walked on. She beat me at every opportunity.**
22 **She put me down. She denigrated me in front of**
23 **everybody. She actually invited everybody else, whether**
24 **younger or older than me, to look at me as if I was --**
25 **you know, that I wasn't worth, you know, the air that**

1 I was breathing, and she -- I ran away from the place
2 three times.

3 On one occasion she actually throttled me and left
4 marks on my neck and I ran away to my mother, and my
5 mother took me to a doctor and then she took me across
6 the border, and I was away for a full week in
7 [REDACTED]. Eventually -- I think there was
8 a notice put in the paper about me being missing.
9 Police were looking for me. She was confronted at that,
10 because my mother made sure she was confronted.

11 Q. Yes. I'm just going -- I'm going to come to that
12 incident.

13 A. I was a child. You know, she -- she picked on me. She
14 beat me. You said about ...

15 Q. Just I mean in paragraph 15, if we can just look at that
16 briefly, you say in the mornings you were beaten by her
17 because you wet the bed --

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. -- during the night. You say when you came back, you
20 had to go -- do a walk of shame with the wet sheets in
21 front of everyone and you got beaten again.

22 A. Yes. If you wet the bed, you were one of the
23 wet-the-beds. Now I got up earlier than everyone else,
24 because I was going over to serve mass for them. So
25 everybody else who was wetting the bed -- mass in the

1 morning was for the nuns, not for the general -- not for
2 the residents. So I would be up, showered and then over
3 to say mass and then I'd come back. So I would then
4 have to go and get the sheets. Now everybody else who
5 had wet the bed had their beds changed and bathed. Now
6 I came back, and because of serving mass, then I was
7 sort of paraded on my own, you know.

8 Q. You say in the following paragraph that she used her
9 fists and you say that she used the flex of a kettle to
10 beat you.

11 A. She did. Flex of a kettle. I think that was -- that
12 was -- I think that was more -- the flex of a kettle was
13 always talked about as one of the ultimate sanctions.
14 I think it was more of a sanction prior to me going in
15 there. I think it was used then. I'd heard a lot of
16 stories about it. On one occasion she did lift the
17 kettle -- I think she was exasperated or whatever -- and
18 she got me.

19 Now in Termonbacca in the new unit there was a big
20 major kitchen where the food was cooked and brought up
21 to the two units, but in the unit there was a small they
22 called it kitchenette. It would be a big kitchen, and
23 just opposite the kitchenette there's an office which
24 would be a day station or the office for the nun. Now
25 she normally would take me into her office and beat me

1 there. You know, she'd want words. I would be getting
2 away from her and run off out and she would follow me up
3 and beat me as I was going up the passageway to get away
4 from her.

5 On one occasion she took me into the kitchen which
6 was directly opposite, and the kettle was there and the
7 flex was there, and she lifted the flex and she whopped
8 the back of my legs, you know, until I run off. I think
9 she was able to get sort of one or two strikes of it
10 before I was able to get away from her.

11 Q. Then you go on in that paragraph then to describe the
12 occasion where you say she had her fingers round your
13 throat and you actually thought she was going to kill
14 you at that time.

15 A. I am not exaggerating there. I really did think I was
16 going to die, you knew. I run away. I was dropped off
17 at school and I didn't go into school. I run off across
18 to where my mother lived in the [REDACTED]. She took one
19 look at the marks, you know. I was bruised. She took
20 me to a doctor and I can remember my mother saying that
21 she was going to take me to a Protestant doctor because
22 a Protestant doctor might actually do something about
23 it. She took me to a doctor in Bond Street and she made
24 him take a note. She then made arrangements and we went
25 across the border to get away. Now I know you are going

1 to come to some written record of her actually being
2 confronted about this --

3 Q. Yes, I am.

4 A. -- and she said she might have overreacted. That
5 happened.

6 Q. Certainly you ran away and you say that you stayed in
7 a caravan in [REDACTED] for a week or so. Then you
8 think your mother ran out of money. So she came back
9 across the border and took you to your granny's home.
10 It was your granny contacted the police. You were taken
11 back to the home and some ex-resident showed you there
12 was a notice in the newspaper about a missing boy.

13 We do -- we have had some evidence from your sister
14 who has spoken to the Inquiry earlier this week. She
15 recollects the first she knew about it was the fact that
16 somebody mentioned something about the newspaper entry
17 about you being missing from the home.

18 Now I am going to come back to, as you say, what the
19 documents show about this particular incident, but if
20 I can just then take you to paragraph 11 of your witness
21 statement where you talk about what you describe as
22 an awful lot of sexual abuse in Termonbacca. You
23 describe it as being endemic. You say:

24 "It was just expected and that's the way it was.
25 The older boys and particularly the ex-residents viewed

1 it almost as a perk and they preyed on the weak ones.
2 The opportunity to abuse was there and they took it.
3 They would come into your room and do whatever they
4 wanted with you. You daren't say anything about it.
5 They ruled in fear",

6 and you say you don't know whether the nuns knew
7 about the sexual abuse.

8 You go on then to describe what happened to you
9 during your time there. During your time in Termonbacca
10 you yourself were sexually abused. You shared a room
11 with two older boys and you say the juniors went to bed
12 earlier. So you were in the room alone. You recall
13 a senior boy came nearly every night for at least
14 a year. You were about 8 or 9 at this time and he may
15 have been between 14 and 16. You describe what he did
16 to you, but you said that you didn't want to give his
17 name. I understand that you have given that name
18 subsequently when you were interviewed by police about
19 that. Is that correct, HIA69?

20 **A. That's correct.**

21 Q. You say that you had showers or baths every night around
22 7.30 and that sexual abuse would occur at this time.

23 You say:

24 "The daily routine consisted of coming in from
25 school, having dinner, getting bathed and then bed. The

1 bath and communal shower rooms were very public, as the
2 doors were always open."

3 You say you learned to be in and out of the showers
4 as quickly as you could. There were certain senior boys
5 who were always around when the showering was going on.
6 For example, if you were coming in two or three at a
7 time to the bath, these boys would make the other two
8 get dressed and out so you would end up there alone.

9 You then describe an ex-resident who you name, and
10 you will see he has been given the designation SND23:

11 "... always tried to touch me, especially when I was
12 in the shower. I pushed him off every time and threw
13 punches at him."

14 You say that on one occasion he tried to bugger you.

15 "I pushed him off and ran and hid under a bench in
16 the shower room and screamed. He then left."

17 You say your friends and you always tried to stay
18 together round the home as there were safety in numbers.

19 **A. That's correct.**

20 Q. You say:

21 "Older residents as well as ex-residents oversaw the
22 dorms. The ex-residents would hang around until about
23 9 o'clock and they did anything they wanted. It was
24 horrendous."

25 You say the method that you developed to cope with

1 this was not only wetting the bed, and you say you wet
2 it almost every night, but you did explain to me in
3 addition to that you soiled your pants. Isn't that
4 correct?

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

6 Q. The reason that you did that was you felt this would
7 keep them away from you.

8 **A. That's correct.**

9 Q. You describe it as a physical defence mechanism. You
10 also then -- if we can just move to paragraph 23, you
11 describe this person again as SND23 and you say that he
12 was one of the main abusers. He was an ex-resident. ■

■ [REDACTED] ■
■ [REDACTED]
■ [REDACTED]. You describe what he
16 tried to do to you on many occasions, and you have
17 described on one occasion he tried it on [REDACTED]
■ [REDACTED] and you resisted and as a result he punched you on
19 the nose, that it bled. You say that the nun who you
20 have described and who is named there as SR14 arrived in
21 and saw that something had happened and you don't think
22 that he was then around the home much after that. You
23 think everyone feared this particular ex-resident the
24 most. You say he was particularly nasty, and you don't
25 know if he is still alive, but you know today that, in

1 fact, he is, and I have shown you a statement that he
2 has provided to the Inquiry about what he says about the
3 allegations that you have made against him.

4 If I could just ask that we go to that statement,
5 please. It is SND-15883. If we go -- in fact, if we
6 just start at SND-15884, and paragraph 9 there if we
7 could highlight. Thank you. This is where this
8 particular person describes his experiences as
9 a resident from [REDACTED]. He says he doesn't regard
10 his upbringing as negative as he didn't know any
11 different, but he has had issues since, but he says that
12 he progressed through the different age groups within
13 the home:

14 "... until aged about 13 or 14 I was given
15 responsibilities as a senior resident in the home."

16 It required him to act in a supervisory capacity and
17 contribute to the daily running of the home. He
18 describes it as the equivalent of prefect status. He
19 says:

20 "The home was run with a relatively strict
21 day-to-day routine on a schedule that was very much
22 fixed and dictated by the nuns."

23 I take that you would agree with that description of
24 life in the home --

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- and that's consistent with what you say about the
2 older boys becoming supervisors. He goes on in
3 paragraph 10 to say:

4 "I can say that I was aware of sexual contacts
5 between boys in the home while I was a resident. This
6 would have been mainly in the form of mutual
7 masturbation and would have occurred between boys of the
8 same age. I would have considered this behaviour to
9 have been consensual at the time. I was involved in
10 some of this kind of behaviour with boys of a similar
11 age to myself in the home while I was a resident."

12 He said:

13 "This kind of contact would have occurred
14 infrequently."

15 It would have started when he was about 12 and
16 finished when he was about 16. Didn't involve
17 penetrative sex, as he said, and it would have mainly
18 taken the form of mutual masturbation. He says he had
19 no sexual contact of any kind with any resident after he
20 left the home.

21 He then goes on in the following paragraph to say
22 that he is aware of some sexual incidents involving
23 resident boys and ex-residents or adults:

24 "I consider that these incidents were isolated
25 rather than endemic."

1 In particular he recalls one person who is named
2 there as SND63, who he says has since deceased, who was
3 an ex-resident who would have come up to visit on
4 a weekly basis. He says that that particular person was
5 involved in what he considered to be the sexual abuse of
6 boys in the home.

7 Now can I just pause there to ask you, HIA69 --
8 I have shown you this without the designation and you
9 know the name of the person we are speaking about. Do
10 you remember that person, that ex-resident coming to the
11 home?

12 **A. Yes. I think it was more than once a week. When**
13 **I first went there, one of the earliest memories were --**
14 **I didn't know he was an ex-resident. He was a man. He**
15 **was in charge of us. The name, remember that name, yes.**
16 **I remember him. I don't have any bad memories of him**
17 **now.**

18 Q. No.

19 **A. He never abused me or, you know, he never ...**

20 Q. But you remember him as being there.

21 **A. I remember -- I know the name, that he was around, that**
22 **he was in charge, you know.**

23 Q. Now he goes on to talk about the abuse that he suffered
24 at the hands of that particular person, and over the
25 page at the end of that paragraph he says that his

1 feeling is that any sexual abuse was confined to
2 isolated incidents rather than being endemic to the
3 home, which is different obviously to what you've
4 described.

5 He then goes on at paragraph -- to describe his
6 involvement in the home from January 1975, and he said
7 he left in 1975, but did he come back. He would have
8 helped to run the home's choir and would have acted as
9 a [REDACTED] in the home. He says in paragraph 14
10 that:

11 "Many ex-residents found it difficult to break
12 completely with the home as it had been the only home
13 that many of us had ever really known."

14 He then talks about a nun who he believes -- SR7,
15 a different one to the one you believed -- instigated
16 some kind of policy to discourage ex-residents from
17 continuing to be involved, because it was considered to
18 be detrimental to their prospects of adapting to life
19 outside the home, and that policy was implemented after
20 he left, but he continued to be informally involved, if
21 we look at paragraph 17, via the gardens where he helped
22 out and the choir from the summer of '79 until March and
23 April '80. He said that as a result of what he
24 describes as a false allegation made by someone one of
25 the nuns confronted him about those allegations in March

1 or April of 1980 and advised him to stay away from the
2 home and he didn't return thereafter.

3 He then goes on in his statement to deal with the
4 allegations that you make against him, and at
5 paragraph 19 he remembers you. He remembers you as
6 an intelligent person [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] He says you were both residents from '71 to '75.
9 You would have been [REDACTED] during that period and he
10 would have been approximately 13 and 17. He says there
11 was never any sexual --

12 **A. Sorry.**

13 Q. Sorry.

14 **A. He remembers me being there in 1971.**

15 Q. Yes.

16 **A. Is that ...?**

17 Q. Yes, yes.

18 **A. I have distinct memory of going in there when I was [REDACTED]**

19 Q. By that you are saying that the records that we have
20 managed to obtain are probably incorrect.

21 **A. You showed me them this morning, you know. I don't**
22 **think my solicitor saw them either, but I don't even**
23 **know why I am making the point. I am just saying I have**
24 **a memory of being in there --**

25 Q. When you were [REDACTED]?

1 **A. █, yes.**

2 **Q.** In any event what he says about the allegations you made
3 against him is there was never any sexual contact
4 between you when you were both residents or indeed after
5 he had left the home and he denies the allegations that
6 you make. He goes on to -- in paragraph 20 where you
7 said that you tried -- he tried to touch you in the
8 shower and he threw punches at you, and he says that
9 those allegations are completely false. He has no
10 recollection of ever having had any physical altercation
11 with you at any time. After he left the home, he would
12 not have been around the shower area when the resident
13 boys were using them.

14 Is there anything you want to say about that, HIA69?

15 **A. He never touched me. I wouldn't let him, never let him.**
16 **He did try. He tried all the time. He was well-known.**
17 **You kept away from him. He was always trying to get his**
18 **hands on you and trying to touch you. He would come.**
19 **I don't know if I said earlier he would offer you**
20 **torches, toys, money. No, no, no. I was abused by one**
21 **person when I was younger. I described it, and after**
22 **that I was determined that nobody was going abuse me.**
23 **He didn't get a chance, you know.**

24 I -- I -- my statement talks about the time he came
25 in. I was in the shower and I was out getting dried,

1 and I turned round and he was there. He put his hands
2 on me and I screamed and put myself underneath this
3 little bench and lodged myself in there, so he didn't do
4 anything. He run off, you know. He was around. He was
5 around all the time. [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] So he was in and around that
7 place. The nights of -- when he was there to do [REDACTED]
8 practice everybody knew the routine. Me and two
9 particular friends of mine the same age, we knew we
10 weren't letting each other out of sight when we got in
11 there, you know, but -- so you got in and out. It was
12 the quickest shower in the world really. So he didn't
13 abuse me. I didn't give him a chance. He tried.

14 Q. He also says there was no physical altercation. He
15 denies that this incident ever happened.

16 A. He broke -- busted my nose. That was a major talking
17 point. You know, he did it in front of everybody or
18 everybody became aware of it. You know, I've got a very
19 clear memory of him.

20 Q. He says that the ex-residents wouldn't have hung around
21 the dorms. They would have met in the dining room and
22 wouldn't have been overseeing any of the dorms or
23 anything like that. It wouldn't have been allowed in
24 his recollection. He agrees -- says that the nun you
25 describe as SR14 only arrived about three weeks before

1 he left the home.

2 He goes on then to make issues -- take issue with
3 you about the timings of that, but he does say that he
4 was -- he continued to return to the home up until this
5 incident in 1980. He then says that he denies also at
6 paragraph 24 your suggestion that he was one of the main
7 abusers while he was an ex-resident. He denies he ever
8 attempted to feel you up in the [REDACTED] or any other
9 location and denies punching you in the nose. He says
10 it was only after these allegations were made against
11 him that he broke off his contact with the home.

12 He then also says in paragraph 27, when he's dealing
13 with allegations made by the person against him, that he
14 can recall this particular person telling him that you
15 had made the person -- and you know who I am talking
16 about, HIA69 --

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. -- the designations are somewhat confusing, but you do
19 know the boy that I am talking about -- what SND23 is
20 essentially saying is that the person who made
21 allegations about him also told him that he had been
22 abused by you, and he believes that is why you have made
23 an allegation against him. That's SND35. Sorry. Not
24 35. SND35 is the person who made the allegations.

25 Now if -- that essentially is what that person has

1 to say about the allegations that you make against him,
2 and that's a statement that he has provided, and he is
3 essentially saying you have made these allegations
4 because someone alleged you abused them and he
5 encouraged that person to report it both to the nun and
6 he says he himself told the other boy's social worker
7 and that's the only reason why you have named him.

8 Do you want to make any comment about that, HIA69?

9 **A. Absolutely not, no.**

10 Q. Now one of the things we have talked about this morning
11 is that there was a large number of documents relating
12 to you and your family provided to the Inquiry by Social
13 Services. It is clear from that documentation that
14 there was a case report of social workers on all the
15 children in the family.

16 Now if -- I am not going to pull up the entire
17 documentation, but I am going to refer the Inquiry Panel
18 to numbers and they are slightly out of sequence. So if
19 you bear with me. These can be found -- the case report
20 can be found at SND-2225, then SND-2256, and then if we
21 go back to SND-2226 and SND-2227. We then need to jump
22 to SND2257. This is, Panel Members, so you can get the
23 chronology of this case report, and then it goes from
24 SND-2228 straight through SND-2251. There is another
25 page at SND-2255 and then another bundle of material

1 from SND-2258 to SND-2264.

2 We looked at those documents this morning, HIA69,
3 and my point in giving these numbers is simply to show
4 that throughout your and your family's time in
5 Termonbacca you had been placed there by the Welfare
6 Authority and there's clear documentation to show that
7 they were involved with your care during that time and
8 the care of your brothers and sisters, and that they
9 have recorded their involvement with you, and aside from
10 that in addition to that there are also internal case
11 reviews and memorandums and we looked at some of that.
12 I am going to refer to a couple of those now, if I may.

13 **A. Can I just say that the first sight I got of those was**
14 **this morning. There was an awful lot of them. My**
15 **solicitor hasn't seen them. I -- I don't know what**
16 **dates they were. I wasn't -- my evidence in my**
17 **statement was that I was taken off my mother under**
18 **a court order, placed in care and I never saw a social**
19 **worker until I run away after I was throttled.**

20 Now the notes you showed me, they might have been
21 taking notes or it might have been conversations
22 following telephone calls or whatever, but I wasn't
23 party to them. There was no -- I didn't meet with
24 anybody or any -- to me, I was abandoned basically.
25 I did not see a social worker until the people

1 I mentioned turned up. Now to me my clear understanding
2 is that was a direct result of me running away.

3 Q. That's certainly -- you believe that Social Services
4 only started to take an interest in you after you ran
5 away. Isn't that correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. You would accept, though, that there's clearly records
8 which show that they were involved prior to that?

9 A. Well, no, I won't accept that. I can't accept that.
10 You know, I would need more time to go through those
11 notes. For instance, could you tell me what they were
12 date -- I know you are going to take me through some of
13 them.

14 Q. Yes. If we can just -- we can look at some of these
15 pages now, and I appreciate you haven't had time to
16 consider them fully, and we just discussed them briefly
17 this morning. I entirely accept that, HIA69, but if we
18 can just look at SND-2225, you will see here that it is
19 a document compiled by Londonderry Development
20 Commission County Borough Welfare Committee. It relates
21 to your entire family and it gives the address. You
22 will see the first date on that is 13th November 1973.
23 There are other documents which came. I think we looked
24 at those briefly too.

25 A. Am I there? I can only see "HIA352".

1 Q. Yes. That would be your sister who came to the Inquiry
2 a few days --

3 **A. But where am I?**

4 Q. If we can just scroll down, this relates in 1973 to
5 them. I accept that. This is relating to the entire
6 family and you are not named in those early pages. I am
7 just indicating that they were -- there was social work
8 involvement from '73 with the family.

9 **A. That doesn't show any social work -- you know, I am not
10 named. That's my point.**

11 CHAIRMAN: The point Miss Smith is making to you is the
12 Social Services' records have two aspects to it. One is
13 that other members of your family were being contacted
14 by Social Services and that's what this particular
15 document refers to, and then I understand from what has
16 been said so far there may be documents we will be
17 hearing about in a moment or two which refer to you
18 specifically. I take the point you are making about
19 this document, but what Ms Smith is saying is that that
20 relates to other members of your family.

21 **A. Okay.**

22 MS SMITH: Equally another document, if we just look at it
23 briefly, is from the National Society for the Prevention
24 of Cruelty to Children, described as Ulster Group C
25 Branch at SND-2252. You will see there that, in fact,

1 your designation is at the top of that, where it says
2 about the children, and you will see -- I mean, there's
3 a designation for your brother and also for your sister
4 and the other two children in the family are named also
5 under that black band, and it talks -- this is largely
6 to do with your brother, but if we can just scroll down
7 through it, again it is signed by a particular person
8 who would have been involved at that stage for the NSPCC
9 in London. It's referring to the children, but my point
10 is -- you quite rightly say this is again referring to
11 your brother rather than you. What I am saying is that
12 as we go through the documents, the case report on the
13 family then refers to you on occasions. If we can just
14 even look at SND-2257, this is in 1977 and you'll see
15 there that there is discussion about you and about your
16 whereabouts and being arranged for you to be returned to
17 custody -- to the home.

18 **A. That's after I run away.**

19 Q. Yes.

20 **A. So social work started appearing when I run away.**

21 Q. Well, there are other documentations --

22 **A. Okay.**

23 Q. -- relating to the rest of the family, but you are
24 saying your -- I can't at this point in time put my hand
25 on documents that show -- relating to you earlier than

1 that, but I will when we come to look at a few of these
2 documents, but if we look at -- there's a document here
3 which we have looked at this morning, and this is
4 SND-2223. It is described as an "internal case review".
5 We discussed what might -- who may have compiled this.
6 There is no evidence to suggest who it was compiled by
7 from the document itself, but it is dated April 1978,
8 and the other document which we will refer to shortly
9 shows that this is the time when you ran away from
10 Termonbacca or shortly after it. Isn't that correct?

11 **A. Correct.**

12 Q. Do you recollect? The incident you refer to about the
13 particular nun strangling you that led to you running
14 away.

15 **A. So there is a whole flurry of documentation all of a
16 sudden that you have shown me after I run away.**

17 Q. Which seems to suggest, as you have done, that that
18 triggered, as it were, social work involvement.

19 **A. That's correct. I didn't see a social worker from the
20 time I was put in Termonbacca until I run away and until
21 my mother, you know, went about bringing the abuse that
22 I had suffered to the attention of the civil
23 authorities.**

24 Q. Can I just pause there before we go on to discuss some
25 of these documents again? There was a social worker

1 resident in Termonbacca you believe and you describe
2 him. You give a name in your witness statement, but his
3 first name was SND332. Isn't that correct?

4 **A. He came about -- I have distinct memories of him coming**
5 **about after I run away. The document you just showed**
6 **prior to that --**

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 **A. -- if you go back to it --**

9 Q. Yes. It was --

10 **A. -- it is -- basically the first time I have seen it is**
11 **today, but it is a case note saying -- the top of it was**
12 **-- I just read. It was about my --**

13 Q. 2257, please. If that could just be put up.

14 **A. About my uncle and aunt agreeing to bring me back and**
15 **then him making a record, the social worker who appeared**
16 **on the scene.**

17 Q. Yes. His name is given as SND332.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. He's the social worker in Termonbacca. So he must have
20 been in Termonbacca at that time.

21 **A. "SND332 explained that no-one had pressed him about the**
22 **circumstances of his escape."**

23 **So that's following when I run away.**

24 Q. Uh-huh. Yes. If we can just go to -- just at this
25 point we will go to SND-2231, please. Now that's in

1 1977. Now you gave evidence you ran away on more than
2 one occasion. Is that right?

3 **A. Three times I have memories of running away.**

4 Q. This is now March '78. So this is almost a year later
5 and this entry is made. So we know from that
6 documentation that SND332 was a resident social worker
7 in 1977, in May. That would appear from my reading of
8 this -- and you can comment on this, HIA69 -- that that
9 was another occasion on which you ran away.

10 **A. That's correct.**

11 Q. So SND332 was there at that time, but the incident that
12 you think triggered social work involvement with you
13 would have been in March 1978.

14 **A. That's correct.**

15 Q. So he was -- it wasn't as a result of the incident in
16 March '78 that Social Services came to be involved is
17 what I'm suggesting.

18 **A. The one you showed me was, what, '77 and he talked about
19 me running away then.**

20 Q. Yes.

21 **A. Now leave me with my memory. I've got a distinct memory
22 that social workers started coming around after I ran
23 away, after my mother took action, you know. I was
24 taken into care. I didn't see a social worker until
25 I ran away after being throttled.**

1 Q. Well, we talk --

2 **A. My mother took me to a doctor. She took me across the**
3 **border. We came back. Social workers started appearing**
4 **on the scene, you know.**

5 Q. If we just look at this entry -- it is 15th March 1978
6 -- it says:

7 "SND332 contacted re **HIA 69** running away last Friday.
8 Called at Mother's. HIA69 there but very unhappy at the
9 idea of going back to Termonbacca. He has been getting
10 on badly with Sister ..."

11 I think that is actually an incorrect -- no, maybe
12 it isn't -- sorry. That's the correct designation:

13 "... culminating in an incident where he alleges she
14 caught him by the throat. However, he eventually agreed
15 to go accompanied by [your mother]. We talked to
16 Sister, who said that she understood that HIA69 was
17 unhappy, but that she felt he was quite insolent to her
18 and she had lost her temper with him. Mother agreed we
19 should try to find a placement for him in the family."

20 Then there's notes thereafter about trying to place
21 you with aunts and uncles. If we scroll down the
22 page to 4th --

23 CHAIRMAN: Just a bit more slowly, please.

24 MS SMITH: Sorry. Beg your pardon, Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

1 MS SMITH: If we just scroll down to the entry of 3rd April
2 '78, it says there -- these entries are, I should say,
3 signed by **SND 484**, who is your social worker, and you
4 have good memories and you recollect her. Isn't that
5 correct?

6 **A. That's correct.**

7 Q. She says she:

8 "... talked to this nun about HIA69. Feels she
9 still cannot make any kind of relationship with him and
10 that he is still defying her authority, although not
11 overtly."

12 If we can move on over the page to 18th April 1978,
13 there is a phone call from the same nun re HIA69:

14 "Cannot cope with him. Wants him removed."

15 Then 21st April:

16 "Talked to HIA69 and SND332. HIA69 says he
17 definitely wants to leave Termonbacca",

18 and then on 24th April '78 there is another entry
19 where a different nun phoned:

20 "Says she has talked to HIA69 and has agreed to have
21 him transferred to her group",

22 and that happened. Isn't that correct?

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

24 Q. Now if we just go back then to the document that

25 I was -- the internal case review of SND-2223, this is

1 a document we were looking at this morning. As I have
2 indicated, there is handwriting at the top to say it is
3 compiled in April 1978. So it is being compiled at the
4 same time as the Social Services are recording the
5 incident where you say you were throttled by the Sister
6 and the actions that were taken as a result of that, and
7 in April 1978 someone in Termonbacca is compiling
8 an internal case review, and if we scroll down to
9 paragraph 2 -- well, it says that you're fighting
10 between you and your older sister.

11 **A. I don't have an older sister.**

12 Q. You only have a younger sister.

13 **A. [REDACTED] younger sisters.**

14 Q. Paragraph 2:

15 "Appears to be a very disturbed lad. Loathes any
16 form of correction."

17 Paragraph 3 it says:

18 "The relationship with residential staff.

19 Cannot bear to be corrected. In conflict most of
20 the time with staff (resident)."

21 With other children you are not liked very much.
22 You are very aggressive unless they fall in with your
23 wishes.

24 It then goes on to talk about your educational
25 progress being excellent.

1 If we can scroll down to the end of that where it
2 says "Other remarks", it says:

3 "At the moment HIA69 is causing great concern. He
4 is most insulting to members of staff when corrected.
5 Quite nasty with younger members of the group unless
6 they do as he wants them. Appears to be only happy if
7 allowed the attitude of doing as he pleases and coming
8 and going when he likes."

9 Then it talks about what is being suggested.
10 Recommendations are either to return you to your mother,
11 find a suitable couple who would take you for the
12 week-ends and short holidays, or find a foster home in
13 the area where could you still visit your mother.

14 Now I appreciate, HIA69, the first time you saw this
15 document was morning and we did have a discussion about
16 who may have written that, and what is your view about
17 that?

18 **A. Well, if you go back up to the top, it is April 1978.**
19 **My statement -- my evidence is that she throttled me,**
20 **and earlier on I saw there was a case note 17 from March**
21 **where the social worker said about the incident where**
22 **I run away and being throttled. So presumably this is**
23 **the nun who -- who basically throttled me making case**
24 **notes, and she says I've got an older sister and then,**
25 **you know, that I'm a disturbed lad but I'm getting on**

1 well. I don't really know what to say really. I think
2 it says more about her than me I think. It says more
3 about the situation there. I think what it says is and
4 what happened is I'm moving out of there by
5 a combination of me saying, "I am not taking this any
6 more" and doing -- you know, my actions was running away
7 and looking for help, and then saying they've got --
8 this sounds to me like they've got pressure. They've
9 got heat on them from whoever, from Social Services.

10 Q. So you feel that this wasn't an accurate account of your
11 behaviour at that time?

12 A. I don't know. 1978. What is she saying?

13 Q. That you appear to be very disturbed. You loathe any
14 form of correction.

15 A. Correction. Throttling me? Taking a flex to me?

16 Q. You can't bear to be corrected and you are in conflict
17 most of the time with the staff.

18 A. Well, if it is corrected the way she and I'm saying she
19 used to correct us, that would be fairly reasonable
20 I would say.

21 Q. Then if we might move on to another document, which is
22 SND-2213, and this is a document that is dated
23 November 1979, and again it relates to you, and it is
24 compiled by the Western Health & Social Services Board.
25 You will see there that there are a series of visits

1 with you since the last review in April '79, May '79 --
2 well, two in May, one in June and then one in October
3 '79, and just -- we can go to the last page, but it is
4 signed by your social worker, which is **SND 484**
5 again. It is on 6th November 1979. She records at that
6 time, if we go back up, please, to "April", just there,
7 just at paragraph 11, you are saying that you didn't:

8 "Said he did not want to be fostered."

9 In May it is recorded that SR1 is having problems
10 with you regarding the younger children and particularly
11 one of the little girls.

12 You are worried in June about the lack of contact
13 with your mother.

14 Then in July you go to **██████████** to be -- with
15 holiday projects.

16 **A. Can I just say see number 8? It says:**

17 "Date of admission",

18 which is '73. I think it is '71. The first review
19 is '77.

20 **Q. Yes.**

21 **A. That fits in with what I'm saying. I was put in there**
22 **and I didn't see a social worker until I brought about**
23 **change by running away and by the actions of my mother,**
24 **and, you know, I don't -- you're not giving me any**
25 **written notes from '71, '72, '73 right up to '76, '77.**

1 Q. I accept that entirely, HIA69 --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- but certainly this is the documentation we have
4 received in relation to you and it seems to bear out
5 what you are telling the Inquiry, which is that the
6 social work involvement with you personally as opposed
7 to the entire family really only kicked in, as it were,
8 in 1977.

9 **A. Okay.**

10 Q. Now if -- this -- these problems that are described in
11 1979 by the social worker -- she is recording them --
12 eventually led to you being placed with foster parents.

13 **A. That's correct.**

14 Q. There are documentations which I don't feel it's
15 necessary to go into, but they show there were problems
16 there. You describe them in your witness statement as
17 a lovely family, but would it be fair to say that you
18 just didn't feel you could settle there and as a result
19 you didn't really react terribly well to the discipline
20 they tried to impose on you?

21 **A. I think yes, that's very fair. I think they're lovely
22 people, really, really decent people. I probably was
23 pretty damaged by this stage of me actually being put
24 with them, angry with the world because of the
25 experiences, probably too much too soon to be actually**

1 **expecting me to fit in with a normal family routine, but**
2 **they were really nice people, decent people. Stayed**
3 **with them for years and then after I went -- I was moved**
4 **into another children's home. Now one of the main**
5 **reasons that I couldn't settle there was that I just**
6 **wanted to be with my mother, you know.**

7 Q. I think the documents do show that, that there was --
8 you and your mother appear to have had a very close
9 relationship --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and you really wanted to be with her despite her
12 problems. Is that correct?

13 **A. That's correct. I was taken off her and I just wanted**
14 **to be with her.**

15 Q. You say you were moved into another children's home and
16 you describe that home in paragraph 28. You describe
17 it -- you have no complaints to make about your
18 treatment there and you describe it as a professionally
19 managed home.

20 **A. That's correct.**

21 Q. Now if I can just ask you about -- remember that I asked
22 you about SND136?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. SND136, SND136. I am not quite sure how his name is
25 pronounced. I told you this morning he had provided

1 a witness statement to the Inquiry. He describes what
2 he experienced during his time in Termonbacca. Can
3 I just, first of all, confirm that I went through that
4 statement fully with you?

5 **A. That's correct.**

6 Q. You actually accept a lot of what he says in that --
7 isn't that correct -- that you remember some of the
8 things that he also describes in there about playing
9 soldiers outside, the hobby room, the toys, games,
10 football pitch, the two dogs, Roger and Rover --

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. -- and you actually described him to me as someone --
13 an amazing fella.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. He -- he talks -- he never saw -- he actually at
16 paragraph 14 of his statement, if we can just look at
17 this briefly -- it is SND-115... -- sorry -- SND-15580.

18 If we can just enlarge that page, and you see if we
19 scroll down this, he talks about never being made to
20 stand in line naked for a bath or shower. His memory is
21 wearing swimming pants when you went for a shower.

22 That's your recollection also -- is that correct -- that
23 you didn't have to go naked to stand in line to go to
24 the shower?

25 **A. There is no line. I don't know where the line came out**

1 of, no, but again SND136 wasn't a wet-the-bed. We were
2 a select group, you know. We were treated -- you had to
3 get down -- there was two showers. I've got vague
4 memories of what it was like in the Nissan huts before
5 we moved down to the new unit, but in the new unit there
6 was two showers. The shower was downstairs, you know.
7 So if you wet the bed, you were downstairs and you were
8 in the shower and out, you know.

9 Q. But he does at paragraph 14 also recall an incident
10 involving the same person you complain about coming into
11 the shower when he was in it and he describes what he
12 was asked to do by that person in that paragraph. He
13 describes how the incident was reported to a nun and
14 that she said that he had done the right thing reporting
15 it, but he feels the incident, looking back, could have
16 been handled differently. He says in paragraph 16 that
17 he didn't have any issue with bedwetting himself.

18 A. No.

19 Q. He recalls children having to strip their beds and bring
20 the sheets to the laundry, but he says he never saw
21 a child humiliated or being made to stand with sheets on
22 their head or any treatment like that. He then goes on
23 at paragraph -- sorry. You say as he didn't wet the bed
24 -- is there any comment you want to make about that?

25 A. No, no. That's his memory, you know.

1 Q. He says that there was chastisement in the home at
2 paragraph 17, but that it was -- there was a threat of
3 physical punishment. It was not something he received
4 often. He does remember on one occasion being sent to
5 peel spuds as a punishment, and he also remembers
6 a particular nun who made him write lines, and he would
7 say that corporal punishment was more regular in both
8 primary and secondary school, where he was slapped and
9 caned.

10 What do you want to say about that, HIA69?

11 **A. That's his memory. Again he was a remarkable person,**
12 **really charismatic. Your life was better for having him**
13 **in it. He didn't get into trouble, you know. That is**
14 **a testament to him, you know. It's just his force of**
15 **personality. The whole -- this isn't -- you haven't**
16 **taken me through the bits of statement where I talk**
17 **about almost idyllic childhood in Termonbacca under**
18 **Sister -- I forget the number now.**

19 Q. I am going to come back to that.

20 **A. So that's his memory, you know, at that.**

21 Q. Yes, and he talks in paragraph 28 and 29 of what he
22 remembers about two particular nuns, as being loving,
23 caring and compassionate, and one of them more so than
24 the other, and you won't appreciate the names
25 necessarily from that designation, but he then also

1 talks about one of those nuns moving from Termonbacca
2 and that -- feeling that was a very unsettled feeling.

3 You have something you wanted to say about that.
4 You do remember this particular nun leaving Termonbacca.
5 Isn't that right?

6 **A. She was -- she had been there for a long time, a really**
7 **lovely woman as well, really wise. She had been there**
8 **for a long, long time and then ...**

9 Q. This was the particular nun whose group you moved into.
10 Isn't that correct?

11 **A. That's correct. She came and said, "I am going to take**
12 **you into my group away from ..." the nun that I -- the**
13 **nun that had major difficulties with me, and then when**
14 **she left, it was a shock, you know. Shockwaves all**
15 **around. People really felt that. She touched a lot of**
16 **people's lives in a lot of very positive ways.**
17 **I remember her leaving. It was -- I am not surprised he**
18 **can remember her leaving.**

19 Q. He talks about another nun as being authoritarian and
20 not being so kind. He also says that the lay staff were
21 good and caring people and he has no complaints about
22 them.

23 I take it from -- you have no complaints about them
24 either. Is that correct?

25 **A. No. They -- I don't actually, no. I don't think so,**

1 **no, no.**

2 Q. You were just coming on there to talk about the one nun
3 who you say was, as you describe her, a breath of fresh
4 air. You talk about her in your statement at
5 paragraph 18.

6 Sorry. If we can just before that deal with
7 paragraph 17. It is page SND-2192. In paragraph 17
8 there you say that you recall talking to a female social
9 worker. You say she was a lovely woman. You never told
10 her about the abuse you had suffered, only the physical
11 abuse, and you do remember SND332 you give the name
12 **HIA 237**, but you see it was SND332 --

13 **A. That's correct.**

14 Q. -- being appointed, and you say he lived in the home for
15 a while. You thought, as you have explained, that he
16 was appointed as a direct result of you telling your
17 mother about the abuse in Termonbacca. You recall -- at
18 that time you recall older boys and residents coming up
19 to you and complaining that you had squealed, as you
20 describe it.

21 **A. Yes. There was a lot of things happened, a lot of**
22 **changes happened after I -- I -- you know, I told about**
23 **the abuse. The ex-residents, the hangers-ons, they no**
24 **longer were made welcome. They didn't come up any more.**
25 **You know, they just were barred from coming. Life**

1 became a lot better without them around, to tell you the
2 truth. They used to just persecute you and just
3 continue, you know, to -- the regime. They sort of
4 expected that they were coming in and they would put you
5 down. You know, I described earlier on some of the
6 abuse and what was said to me. You know, I was
7 denigrated for wetting the bed, for soiling myself, for
8 running away, you know, all this sort of ... After
9 I told sister -- I forget the number -- and one of
10 them -- I don't know -- I can't recall -- he came up and
11 said, "You f***ing squealed", you know. At that stage
12 they weren't in a position to actually do anything to
13 you, you know. So ...

14 Q. You say that after you did tell this the physical
15 cruelty from that particular nun towards you stopped,
16 but she continued to verbally abuse you. Is that
17 correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. You then talk about the nun who you describe as the
20 complete opposite of this nun. Now you have said that
21 you were put into this particular nun's group, but you
22 accept that it was a different nun's group that you were
23 put into.

24 A. Yes. I do. I do accept it, yes.

25 Q. You say that one nun was like the devil, but this other

1 nun was a saint. She was a breath of fresh air. You
2 say:

3 "Until she arrived we didn't play any games and we
4 had to wear shorts in all weathers."

5 She made sure you had all individual clothes so that
6 "we looked different". She gave you pocket money. She
7 made you leave the home and visit your relatives, and
8 you have described how you were allowed to go and see
9 your mother, and for the first time she encouraged sport
10 and games. On a Saturday as a treat she brought you up
11 tea and toast on the landings besides the dorms. She --
12 as you describe in paragraph 19, the ex-residents
13 stopped coming. You think they were told they weren't
14 allowed in any more. As the staff changed, life in the
15 home also changed. You say up until then it was
16 horrendous. You just had to get on with it. You relied
17 on your resilience and kept yourself safe as best you
18 could, as you have described it. You know some people
19 didn't survive and you have described your best friend
20 and another former resident who sadly took their own
21 lives. You basically talk about this nun with warmth
22 and affection. Isn't that correct?

23 **A. Yes. You know, the sea change -- it was just an**
24 **absolutely dramatic difference when she arrived.**
25 **I~don't know if she had been trained or whatever, but**

1 she talked openly about -- you know, about human
2 development. She talked about, you know, the importance
3 of keeping in contact with your family. So
4 I particularly liked her, because she brought about me
5 going to see my mother, which I wanted, you know, on
6 a regular basis. You know, we stopped wearing the same
7 clothes and everything there, you know. It was dramatic
8 differences this woman made, you know. She was human --

9 Q. Uh-huh.

10 A. -- you know.

11 Q. Now you are aware there have been allegations made
12 against you yourself, HIA69. We can deal with those
13 now. If we can just look at SND-2250, please, this was
14 in relation to an allegation that was made against you
15 in 1980, and you were interviewed by police. Again
16 I showed you these documents earlier. This was part of
17 the case report that was being kept by the Western
18 Health & Social Services Board in relation to you. This
19 entry is on 21st August 1980. This is -- we talked
20 earlier about the particular boy who -- I think I am
21 going to have to use the name -- his first name anyway.
22 The boy SND35, who is the person against whom you made
23 an accusation, said -- he claimed that you had abused
24 him. You were interviewed by police about that in 1980
25 and it says in this particular paragraph the social

1 worker has recorded that she sat in on the interview, at
2 the end of which you:

3 "... made a statement admitting to participating in
4 child's play", as you put it, "on one or two occasions
5 with SND35, another boy in his group",

6 but you refused to make any allegations against
7 any of the staff or an adult named SND23, who is the
8 person you have complained to the Inquiry about, who is
9 an old boy of the home and a regular visitor. You were
10 extremely shaken after the interview and you feared that
11 it might jeopardise your placement. That was with the
12 foster family at that time.

13 "I was reassured by police that your statement was
14 for their record and would be valueless in any possible
15 prosecution."

16 She talked to someone afterwards and related the
17 substance of the interview and they were extremely
18 understanding about it. That's your foster family. So
19 they were aware that this had occurred.

20 Then if we -- just for the sake of completeness if
21 we look at SND-14879, this is -- again if we could just
22 highlight the bottom of the first paragraph there,
23 please. This is the police record of that interview.
24 It says you agreed to make a written statement admitting
25 there had been some child's play between this other boy

1 and you which consisted of ... and he describes there
2 what it consisted of, and you voluntarily admitted that
3 happened two or three times, but you were obviously too
4 embarrassed to elaborate on the details. That's one of
5 the allegations that has been made against you. Without
6 asking you to comment at this stage, if I can just
7 briefly go through the other two allegations.

8 Perhaps if I just pause there, because is there
9 anything you want to say about that allegation at this
10 point or would you prefer to leave it until --

11 **A. Again this is the first I have seen -- I've got a memory**
12 **of when I went into the foster home being taken to see**
13 **the police. Now I was told at the time that it was**
14 **a scoping exercise after Kincora and they were checking**
15 **to see if there was anything going on. Foster father**
16 **said to me, you know, "They're probably wanting to**
17 **spread the -- spread, you know, the investigation".**
18 **I don't remember --**

19 Q. You don't remember this in 1980.

20 **A. No.**

21 Q. You do talk in your witness statement to the Inquiry in
22 paragraph 34 about being contacted by police in 1985 --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- in relation to the Kincora scoping exercise, as it's
25 described, and you can't remember what you said to the

1 police in 1985, but you certainly don't remember this,
2 1980.

3 **A. You're saying there I agreed to give a written**
4 **statement. Where's that?**

5 Q. I can't put my hand on it and I don't believe we
6 actually have that. I mean, maybe you never did it, but
7 certainly two notes of your social worker and the police
8 are -- are there, but you have no recollection of that.
9 Is that correct?

10 **A. Genuinely no recollection. I remember going and talking**
11 **to the police when I was with the foster family.**

12 Q. But that -- you don't remember any of the details of it.

13 **A. No.**

14 Q. Then if we could just look at -- you are aware -- and
15 one of the reasons that you have been given your own
16 legal representation is because after you had spoken to
17 the Inquiry, someone else came and made an allegation to
18 the Inquiry about you, and that person gave a written --
19 you were interviewed by police about that allegation in
20 1987 and also about an allegation relating to a young
21 girl at that time.

22 If we could just look at SND-14952, this is actually
23 a statement that you did give to the police at the time
24 and it is dated 8th July 1987. If we can just scroll
25 down there, it says you have heard the allegations made

1 against you by SND142, who is the young girl, and by
2 HIA92, and you totally denied the allegations that were
3 made against you at that time and, in fact, that
4 resulted -- if we just look at SND-14935, you will not
5 have seen this document, but I am just pulling it up to
6 confirm that the Director of Public Prosecutions, who
7 got the investigation -- investigation file from the
8 police on 18th September 1987, gave a direction
9 indicating that:

10 "The evidence is insufficient to sustain any
11 proceedings. I direct no prosecution."

12 You are aware that HIA92, who is the boy who made
13 that complaint at you -- about you in 1987, has spoken
14 to the Inquiry and, in fact, has given evidence, and you
15 are aware of what he said in his witness statement,
16 first of all, which is found at SND-2530. At
17 paragraph 1 -- and if that could just be enlarged. I am
18 not going to read this out, because this has been before
19 the Inquiry.

20 CHAIRMAN: Just give me the page reference, please.

21 MS SMITH: SND-2530, Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

23 MS SMITH: It has been brought up in front of the Inquiry
24 earlier this week, but you have had the opportunity to
25 read that certainly before today, and you have given a

1 response to that, which I will come to in a moment, but
2 I also indicated to you what he had said to the Inquiry
3 when he gave his oral evidence earlier this week from
4 the transcript. If you wish, I can read that out.

5 Certainly the transcript is there, but you accept what
6 he said in oral evidence was that, reading from the
7 paragraph to him, I asked him about what exactly he
8 remembered about happened -- what happened, and he said:

9 "What I basically remember is we were put to our bed
10 through memory now. What I remember then was basically
11 being held down. I don't know whether I passed out or
12 not, because whenever I did come round the -- I was
13 lying upside down, whatever. They must have set us into
14 the bed or whatever, put me in."

15 He says:

16 "[His brother's] head was up here and I was at the
17 bottom and I remember being under the quilt and
18 I remember biting, and it was our ...", and he names
19 his brother, "that I actually bit, but I don't know how
20 I got into the bed in that position."

21 On further questioning he said:

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

1 He said that his brother -- he goes on -- I said:

2 "You go on to say what your brother has told you."

3 He said:

4 "What [his brother] has said -- what he has said,
5 I actually -- he -- he has turned out and said he seen
6 me being held and basically screaming."

7 That was the height of what he told the Inquiry in
8 his -- in his oral testimony.

9 If we could just look then at your response that you
10 provided to the Inquiry about those allegations, which
11 is found at SND-15892. This is the statement that you
12 provided recently to the Inquiry, and you say in that
13 you completely and utterly deny the allegations made
14 against you, and you describe how you had yourself been
15 abused in that first paragraph. You go on to say you
16 have no recollection of him at all, and he used to be
17 friendly with your younger brother, and I have explained
18 to you that from his testimony to the Inquiry he has
19 said that he only met your younger brother when he was
20 moved to -- to a different children's home, that he
21 was -- he didn't know him during his time in
22 Termonbacca, and he didn't -- what he said was that he
23 knew someone who came into Termonbacca with the same
24 surname as yourself and he said that triggered him to
25 report the matter. He said that -- you go on to say

1 that the allegations made against him you believe are
2 the product of a troubled mind and you say -- you go on
3 to say that you were aware of and were indeed the victim
4 of abuse, but you are not aware of children being raped
5 or sodomised during your time in care, and the level of
6 depravity which he describes is simply not consistent
7 with your own experiences. You talk about the
8 inconsistencies in his evidence.

9 Can I just ask you now, **HIA 69**, what you want to
10 say about all of those allegations, first of all, but
11 particularly about the allegations in relation to this
12 particular person?

13 **A. Very strange. You know, '87. I've got the transcript.**
14 **I was asked about allegations he made then, which were**
15 **very different from the allegations he's making now.**
16 **He's making very, very serious allegations now and again**
17 **that's my response. I completely deny it. I don't know**
18 **what it's about. I know he's -- you know, I -- that's**
19 **all I'm going to say basically. Completely deny it.**

20 **Q.** Thank you, HIA69. There is one other allegation that
21 was made against you and this was in 1991, and you talk
22 about this in your statement at paragraph 35 when you
23 were interviewed by the **██████████** Police. You
24 thought it was when you were living in **██████████** between
25 '87 and '89, but the documents we have suggest that it

1 was 1991.

2 If we could look at SND-14918, which is a record of
3 your interview with police at that time, if we could
4 just enlarge that page, though we have looked at some
5 other allegations, this was in relation to a third
6 person who would have been resident in Termonbacca at
7 the same time as you. During interview you said that --
8 you denied those allegations.

9 "A. They are totally untrue.

10 Q. Why do you think he would have made these
11 allegations against you?

12 A. I don't honestly know.

13 Q. You are denying these allegations?

14 A. Yes, totally."

15 Then you are asked:

16 "Q. Were you aware of any sexual abuse going on at
17 Termonbacca during your time there?

18 A. Definitely not.

19 Q. Were you sexually abused when you were in care?

20 A. No, definitely not. He is alleging that I did
21 these acts when I was 6 years old. That is impossible.
22 I would have known what these allegations meant when
23 I was a child."

24 Now again there was never a prosecution arising out
25 of those allegations either. Is there anything you want

1 to say to the Inquiry about that?

2 A. This was 1991?

3 Q. You were interviewed in 1991 about an incident that had
4 happened some time previously during your time resident
5 in Termonbacca, but the [REDACTED] Police were
6 interviewing --

7 A. This person is now dead.

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. He -- I don't know what -- I think he made -- it wasn't
10 just about me. It was a whole series of allegations.

11 Q. That's absolutely correct.

12 A. The police were saying to me -- now it isn't there --
13 basically they had the notion that I actually worked
14 there, and he in his allegations said that I was, you
15 know, I think 8 or 9 or 10 years older than him and in
16 actual fact I wasn't. I was two years older than him.
17 So I was saying to the police we had the conversation.
18 He says -- so basically I was [REDACTED] when he was saying this.
19 So I denied it. The bit about -- we went through it
20 before we came in here -- where:

21 "Were you sexually abused when you were in care?",
22 and I says:

23 "No",

24 I said to you -- this is my own personal
25 development and my own journey -- in 1991 I wasn't

1 name. One of the points made by the person who has made
2 a statement to the Inquiry about your allegations is
3 that if you had told this nun, that she would have done
4 something about it and followed it up with Social
5 Services or whatever. There is no record of that having
6 been done, and he contrasts that with the fact that
7 whenever Sister -- a different nun became aware of the
8 allegations involving him in 1980, that she did follow
9 that up by going to Social Services and then on to the
10 police about the matter.

11 Is there anything you want to say about that?

12 **A. I'm bit lost here. Who are you talking about now?**

13 Q. Sorry. I know it is difficult with the designations.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. SR14 is the nun who you were very fond of.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You say you actually told her about the abuse that was
18 perpetrated on you by -- it is there -- HIA144, who is
19 the person [REDACTED].

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. The names are in your own statement if you have a look
22 at that, but SR23 --sorry -- SND23 is the person whose
23 statement I read out to you when he denied the
24 allegations and said that he was, you know, an
25 ex-resident, but he wouldn't have been around the

1 showers and that. That's the person we are talking
2 about there. He has said also in that statement -- and
3 we can refer to the page if need be -- that -- he's
4 essentially questioning whether or not you actually told
5 the nun about this abuse, because he says that if you
6 had done so, she would have done something about it,
7 because when another nun became aware of abuse relating
8 to him, she did do something about it. I think that is
9 essentially the point that I'm asking you to comment on.

10 **A. That -- that's -- I am really confused. You are asking**
11 **me to comment on his comment on --**

12 Q. Yes. I apologise. It is confusing, but certainly your
13 evidence --

14 **A. I am not trying to be awkward or anything. I really --**
15 **maybe it is starting to get on.**

16 CHAIRMAN: I don't think we need ask -- I don't think we
17 need ask you to comment on what somebody else thinks.

18 MS SMITH: You certainly say you told this particular nun.

19 **A. I do. I remember her taking me down to see the doctor**
20 **and it was really, really embarrassing going into the**
21 **doctor. I remember where it was. I remember we came**
22 **out and waited outside the doctor's surgery and it was**
23 **bucketing rain, and a woman secretary in an office**
24 **opposite came over and gave us an umbrella. So I have**
25 **really distinct memories of being taken to a doctor**

1 after and she was trying to explain to me what it was
2 about and the doctor basically saying, "Look, I am going
3 to look at your -- look at you", and then the doctor
4 saying, "Look, there is nothing wrong. You are okay",
5 you know, and I don't know what the conversation was
6 between her and him. So that's why I -- you know, I --
7 you know, that happened after I told her about the --
8 now what happened after that I don't know.

9 Q. Just --

10 A. There's no paperwork?

11 Q. No.

12 A. There's no notes?

13 Q. Not that we have found.

14 A. No.

15 Q. Just also, HIA69, to be clear that the other person that
16 you name in this paragraph, whose designation is there,
17 HIA-144, has as yet not made a statement to the Inquiry,
18 but we understand that he may well be doing so some time
19 shortly. So I can't say what his comments about your
20 allegation are to you today, but you certainly don't
21 complain that you were actually abused by him, just that
22 he tried to abuse you.

23 A. No. I gave that statement. That was just generally to
24 give the gist of what was going on. Are these people
25 who -- I think he was an ex-resident. I don't know.

1 I get the impression he was. He worked there, that he
2 was able and free to walk around the place. I have
3 memories of him coming in. He is more a buffoon, more
4 -- I would certainly -- you know, I wouldn't be
5 frightened of him at that stage.

6 I think after I had been abused initially I think
7 a made a decision I wasn't going to be any more, and
8 this fella kept coming in and trying it on and trying it
9 on, and I gave that statement because I thought there
10 might be some sort of record of it, because the bed
11 collapsed and broke. That was a major incident, you
12 know. I gave it on the understanding there might have
13 been some sort of case note or somehow, you know, that
14 this person --

15 Q. Some record of it?

16 A. Yes. That's the reason why I gave it, you know, but
17 that was just generally to give an impression of what
18 was around. These people, you know, they had the
19 opportunity. They came around, and that's why I give
20 that impression, you know, or that's why I give that
21 statement about him.

22 Q. Well, can I ask you, as you sit here today, HIA69, how
23 you feel about those who cared for you as a child?

24 A. Like I said in the statement, there was a nun. You
25 know, she was a substitute mother to me. I have really,

1 really good, positive feelings for her. She was
2 a remarkable woman. The nun that, you know, I gave the
3 statement about, I think she actually admitted it in
4 those statements, you know, that she overreacted. She
5 hated me for some reason. I was a child. She really,
6 really made my life a misery for some reason. I don't
7 know why.

8 You know, I've got really good, fond memories of my
9 time in Termonbacca, you know. It's like almost -- in
10 later years I would say to people, you know, it was
11 better than actually being in a family, because, you
12 know, you had a lot of good friends around. There was
13 a lot of -- there was a lot of positives. There was --
14 that particular nun I was talking about really took
15 an interest in you and tried to promote everybody. You
16 know, I have got really bittersweet memories, I have got
17 very bad memories and I've got really good memories as
18 well.

19 Q. You do talk about your life after care from
20 paragraphs 29 through to 35 and you talk in
21 paragraph 30 -- you describe it as lightness and dark in
22 Termonbacca.

23 "There was one nun who was like the devil and there
24 was the other sister who was the kindest woman. She
25 treated us as individuals and encouraged us to start

1 visiting our families and she gave me a hug one time."

2 **A. Yes. She gave me a hug.**

3 Q. You talk then about how your life developed afterwards.

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]. You had personal
6 difficulties, though, but you now have a good
7 relationship with your sisters and brothers. Isn't that
8 correct?

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

10 Q. Can I just finally ask you have we -- are you content,
11 HIA69, that we have covered everything you wanted the
12 Inquiry to hear about your time in care or is there
13 anything you feel we have left out, because now is your
14 opportunity to tell them anything else that you want to
15 say?

16 **A. I think you have covered everything, but just to say
17 when I got the opportunity to leave that place, I left
18 it. I moved and I got away from it, you know, and never
19 went back. You know, it was -- I don't think a lot of
20 people -- you know, that other person gave a statement
21 saying he could never pull away from it. I did.
22 I pulled away. I moved on as quick as I could. That's
23 about all I want to say really.**

24 Q. Finally then, one question that we are asking everyone
25 who comes to speak to the Inquiry is you are aware this

1 Inquiry has to make recommendations to the Northern
2 Ireland Executive about what should happen, whether by
3 way of an apology, or redress, or some sort of memorial,
4 and they're interested in knowing what your views are
5 about that, HIA69.

6 A. I don't have any views really, you know. I've got --
7 well, I do. I think earlier on I kept coming back and
8 saying it, you know. Memory of my mother. I think she
9 directly or indirectly brought about change, because
10 I went to her, you know. I think that's my view.
11 I don't think -- I think -- you know, I work in the
12 [REDACTED]. I don't think -- I don't think it would
13 happen now. I think the systems are very good now.

14 I was put into Termonbacca I think when I was 6, but
15 that's -- you know, and you showed me today -- for the
16 first time I saw those records. The first review was
17 '77, you know. I was taken off my mother and put into
18 care and the first time that anybody from civil society
19 or anybody in authority reviewed that situation was --
20 according to their own records was '77. I don't think
21 that would happen now, you know. So ... That's all I
22 have to say really.

23 Q. Thank you very much, HIA69. If you just stay there, the
24 Chairman and Panel Members may have some questions for
25 you.

1 Questions from THE PANEL

2 MS DOHERTY: Thanks, HIA69. Can I just go back to the
3 throttling incident and say do you think any of the
4 other staff were aware it happened?

5 A. No, I don't. I have said in my statement actually there
6 was a few occasions -- there was one woman, a civilian
7 staff, who came and was there for a while, and Sister --
8 that nun actually was beating me and this person came
9 and pulled her off me, and she never came back again.
10 She just left. You know, I can't remember her name.
11 She just appeared.

12 I think the staffing structure in Termonbacca,
13 I might be wrong, but I get the impression they relied
14 a lot on voluntary and well-intentioned people,
15 religious people or people who wanted to do something.
16 So there was a high turnover of people coming and
17 helping out, and on that particular occasion I think
18 that lady came along to help, and she pulled her off,
19 and then she just left, got her coat and never came
20 back.

21 The time when she throttled me I honestly can't
22 remember who was around, whether there was other
23 residents or staff around. I can -- you know, but
24 I decided that -- I was -- you know, I was in bed and
25 first opportunity I got was the next morning when I was

1 dropped to school, and I didn't go into school. I went
2 off to my mother, you know.

3 Q. Okay. That's great, and in terms of the older boys and
4 the impact of the older boys, do you think again were
5 the nuns aware of that or the other staff aware of that?

6 A. I think they relied on them for -- you know, it was
7 probably very cheap labour or whatever -- to keep the
8 younger ones in -- in line. I think it was probably
9 a system whereby they didn't have any staff or training
10 and over the years they used -- there was definitely
11 a demarcation, the seniors and the juniors, and the
12 seniors were expected to keep the juniors in line and
13 they did that.

14 Q. Thank you very much.

15 A. They -- that was expected.

16 Q. Thank you.

17 MR LANE: You mentioned that the clothing picked you out
18 while you were at junior school. You could tell who
19 were the home boys and so on, but further on you say
20 that there was no stigma attached to being at
21 Termonbacca. Was that when you were at secondary school
22 that it was different?

23 A. It was after that particular nun came. She changed. We
24 started then dressing individually, you know. At school
25 -- primary school I don't think we had a uniform.

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