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| <p>1 Wednesday, 12th February 2014<br/>2 (10.30 am)<br/>3 DISCUSSION RE DOCUMENTS<br/>4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Yes,<br/>5 Mr Montague.<br/>6 MR MONTAGUE: Good morning, Chairman. Before we start the<br/>7 evidence this morning may I refer you back to the issue<br/>8 that I raised with the Inquiry on Monday concerning<br/>9 material that is contained in the Inquiry documents and<br/>10 which we say is relevant to some of the testimony that<br/>11 has been given by witnesses and which we anticipate will<br/>12 be given by witnesses in the future.<br/>13 The material consists of contemporaneous documents<br/>14 and also other material from extraneous sources, and in<br/>15 our submission that is material which is relevant to the<br/>16 accounts that have been given to the Inquiry and which<br/>17 will be given.<br/>18 The Sisters of Nazareth are anxious not to cause any<br/>19 further stress or to compound the anxieties of witnesses<br/>20 who are coming here to give evidence, and they also<br/>21 recognise the sensitivities of the issues that are being<br/>22 considered by the Inquiry, and also acknowledge the<br/>23 effects of the passage of time on memory.<br/>24 Nevertheless we seek clarity from the Inquiry<br/>25 counsel as to how it is proposed to manage this</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p> | <p>1 obviously we have the opportunity to draw to the Panel's<br/>2 attention and the Panel has an opportunity to read<br/>3 privately the detail of that material, because it is not<br/>4 necessarily in any one's interests, as Mr Montague has<br/>5 identified, that a witness spend time in the witness box<br/>6 going through the detail of that material, which<br/>7 obviously can be distressing for them, but it is not the<br/>8 case that the Inquiry is not aware of that material and<br/>9 that the Panel will be shown that material so that<br/>10 a full picture of the witness and their history in care<br/>11 is available as opposed to only one view. The Inquiry<br/>12 legal team is certainly aware that there is more than<br/>13 one summary of what may have occurred for someone as<br/>14 they grew up in care, and those documents are something<br/>15 that we bring to the Inquiry Panel's attention. We<br/>16 don't take the view that it is necessary to go through<br/>17 those in minute detail with a witness giving evidence.<br/>18 CHAIRMAN: Is there anything you want to say further in the<br/>19 light of what Mr Aiken has said in?<br/>20 MR MONTAGUE: No, Chairman. I am reassured by that. There<br/>21 is a recognition that there are documents that do show<br/>22 inconsistencies in accounts that have been given to the<br/>23 Inquiry, and bearing in mind that the Inquiry will be<br/>24 fully aware of those documents, I have nothing further<br/>25 to submit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p> |

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| <p>1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Well, I think in the light<br/>2 of what has been said this morning it is appropriate<br/>3 that I take this opportunity to put on record the view<br/>4 of the Inquiry about these matters, because I appreciate<br/>5 that not all of our procedures may be obvious to members<br/>6 of the public, let alone to core participants and their<br/>7 advisers, and it is appropriate, therefore, that I say<br/>8 something about this specific matter at this stage,<br/>9 because this is still a relatively early point in the<br/>10 work of the Inquiry, and the point which Mr Montague has<br/>11 made and the response of Mr Aiken have wider<br/>12 ramifications insofar as they apply equally to other<br/>13 modules which the Inquiry will turn to later in its<br/>14 programme.</p> <p>15 Every Inquiry has to investigate the matters within<br/>16 its terms of reference in a way that is fair to all of<br/>17 those involved with the Inquiry and not just to one<br/>18 individual or indeed to a group of individuals who want<br/>19 their point of view brought before the public. It is<br/>20 just as important that those individuals or<br/>21 organisations whose conduct is being examined are<br/>22 treated fairly as well.</p> <p>23 Fairness requires the Inquiry to carry out<br/>24 a balanced assessment over all of the relevant facts,<br/>25 and to do that the Inquiry has to have regard to many</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>   | <p>1 conclusion as to their significance. In doing so, it<br/>2 will have regard to its collective experience and to any<br/>3 submissions that the Inquiry requests from the core<br/>4 participants.</p> <p>5 I think it is appropriate to indicate at this stage<br/>6 that the view of the Inquiry at present is that the<br/>7 appropriate time for such submissions will be at the end<br/>8 of each module, when the Inquiry will invite any core<br/>9 participants who wish to do so to present their<br/>10 submissions beforehand in written form. At the end of<br/>11 the module the core participants will also be invited to<br/>12 supplement those written submissions with short,<br/>13 time-limited oral submissions. In due course I will fix<br/>14 the time limits for the oral submissions for this<br/>15 module, and the length of time both in this module and<br/>16 indeed in other modules allowed for such oral<br/>17 submissions may vary, depending on the particular core<br/>18 participant and the range and significance of the issues<br/>19 that that particular core participant has to address,<br/>20 because it may well be the case that one particular core<br/>21 participant has a very much more prominent part to<br/>22 address in the events of a particular module than<br/>23 others. So for that reason the time allowed may differ.</p> <p>24 But so far as this module is concerned at present<br/>25 I am minded to allow no more than one hour for oral</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p> |
| <p>1 different considerations, some of which have just been<br/>2 mentioned by Mr Montague a few moments ago, and I don't<br/>3 propose to refer to them all, but, for example, how<br/>4 reliable is a person's recollection of events, some of<br/>5 which may have happened years or even many decades<br/>6 before? How likely were the events that they describe?<br/>7 Are there contemporary records or relevant aspects of<br/>8 their lives before or since the events that may confirm<br/>9 or contradict their recollection or which may put their<br/>10 recollection in a different light? Are there any<br/>11 discrepancies, inconsistencies or contradictions in<br/>12 their accounts or when their accounts are compared with<br/>13 the accounts of others?</p> <p>14 This process must be carried out thoroughly and it<br/>15 requires the Inquiry to examine a very wide range of<br/>16 material, some of which, as Mr Aiken has just<br/>17 acknowledged, may be distressing. The Inquiry is fully<br/>18 aware of the need to have such material presented in<br/>19 a manner that is as sensitive as possible while still<br/>20 being fair to all concerned. The process does not<br/>21 require time to be spent in a minute, line by<br/>22 line examination of every document with every witness,<br/>23 because the Inquiry Panel, as Mr Aiken again has<br/>24 confirmed this morning, has access to all the relevant<br/>25 documents and can and will examine them and form its own</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p> | <p>1 submissions by each core participant. So at a later<br/>2 stage, Mr Montague in particular, but all core<br/>3 participants, we can return to this matter and I can<br/>4 then fix when the written submissions are to be in<br/>5 beforehand so that both my colleagues and myself and the<br/>6 Inquiry legal team will have had the opportunity to<br/>7 consider them and reflect upon them before the oral<br/>8 submissions.</p> <p>9 MR MONTAGUE: Yes. Thank you.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN: As I say, each core participant will have<br/>11 an opportunity to supplement their written submissions,<br/>12 but since there will be written submissions, in my view<br/>13 at least there is no need for lengthy oral submissions,<br/>14 which is why they will be time-limited.</p> <p>15 MR MONTAGUE: I respectfully agree and I am grateful for the<br/>16 clarification. Thank you, Chairman.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN: Well, I hope that's of assistance both to the<br/>18 core participants and their advisers and provides I hope<br/>19 a degree of reassurance to any witnesses who are<br/>20 concerned with these matters.</p> <p>21 Now, Mr Aiken?</p> <p>22 MR AIKEN: Before I deal with the next witness, there are<br/>23 legal representatives who are in attendance today in<br/>24 respect of an individual against whom an allegation is<br/>25 going to be made and he is known as SND106. I will have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>   |

1 to identify him slightly further for the purposes of the  
 2 evidence, but obviously his identity and anything from  
 3 which he might be identified should not be published no  
 4 matter what is said during the currency of the evidence,  
 5 but I will invite the appearance to be given.  
 6 MR TONER: Chairman, my name is Toner. I appear on behalf  
 7 of SND106, and I appear this morning with Mr McAteer and  
 8 Mr Doherty.  
 9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr Toner.  
 10 Mr Aiken.  
 11 MR AIKEN: The witness can be brought in.  
 12 MSHIA 49 (HIA49) (called)  
 13 MR AIKEN: Now, Members of the Panel, this is HIA 49  
 14 who is going to give evidence this morning. <sup>HIA 49</sup>,  
 15 before I begin asking you any questions, the Chairman is  
 16 going to ask you whether to take the oath or affirm and  
 17 you can then do that in whichever way you chose.  
 18 CHAIRMAN: Now you have the opportunity to take either the  
 19 religious oath or to make an affirmation. The legal  
 20 effect is the same whichever you choose. It is very  
 21 much a matter for you to choose. Which would you prefer  
 22 to do?  
 23 **A. I'll take the bible.**  
 24 Q. Very well.  
 25 MSHIA 49 (sworn)

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1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Please sit down.  
 2 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY  
 3 MR AIKEN: Now, <sup>HIA 49</sup>, you relax as best you can and, as  
 4 I explained to you before you came in, the Inquiry  
 5 appreciates how difficult it is for individuals to come  
 6 and explain what occurred for them, and if at any point  
 7 you need some time, whether that's to take a break, or  
 8 you've got some water that's in front of you --  
 9 **A. Yes.**  
 10 Q. -- to take a drink, then the Inquiry Panel won't have  
 11 any difficulty in accommodating you to take whatever  
 12 time you need. Okay?  
 13 **A. Yes.**  
 14 Q. The first thing that I'm going to address with you,  
 15 which we spoke about earlier, you're aware that the  
 16 Inquiry has given all witnesses who are coming forward  
 17 who are explaining about what occurred for them  
 18 anonymity.  
 19 **A. Yes.**  
 20 Q. So you've been given a designation in this case. You  
 21 are "HIA49", and that's a designation that appears on  
 22 the screen on any document in which your name is  
 23 contained --  
 24 **A. Yes.**  
 25 Q. -- but you have a choice if you wish whenever your story

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1 is being reported. The media can either continue to  
 2 respect your anonymity and not identify you by name but  
 3 simply describe your account, or if you are happy for  
 4 your identity to be known, then that's something you are  
 5 able to confirm for the Panel and then a different  
 6 approach can be taken when your story is being reported.  
 7 So can you indicate to the Panel whether you would  
 8 want to remain anonymous or whether you're happy for  
 9 your name to be associated with your story?  
 10 **A. No, I don't mind. I don't mind, because I have already**  
 11 **been in the papers. I am not just doing this for**  
 12 **myself. I'm doing it for other -- other victims here**  
 13 **who haven't come forward, hoping to help them too. So**  
 14 **I don't mind who knows. I just don't think I could be**  
 15 **hurt any more than I have been hurt, you know.**  
 16 Q. So you're happy for the reporting of your evidence to  
 17 include reference to who you are?  
 18 **A. Yes, I don't mind. Thank you.**  
 19 Q. Now while I'm taking you through your evidence I'm going  
 20 to call you <sup>"HIA 49"</sup>. I know that is the name that you  
 21 prefer to go by --  
 22 **A. Yes.**  
 23 Q. -- so I'll address you as <sup>"HIA 49"</sup>.  
 24 What I want to do first, <sup>HIA 49</sup> is to bring up on the  
 25 screen at SND-4475 a copy of the witness statement that

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1 you provided to the Inquiry, and you will have a hard  
 2 copy version I trust with you --  
 3 **A. Yes.**  
 4 Q. -- from which you can see what's underneath the  
 5 redactions, underneath the black marks that we see on  
 6 the screen. You have a copy that let's you see the full  
 7 statement and what's underneath the black marks.  
 8 So if you just look at page SND-4475 and just  
 9 confirm that looks the same as the first page of the  
 10 hard copy statement that you have.  
 11 **A. Yes.**  
 12 Q. Then if we can go to SND-4487, and again if would you --  
 13 if we just scroll down to the bottom -- thank you -- if  
 14 you would just look at the last page of your statement,  
 15 and it is of 19th September 2013, and just check that  
 16 the last page that's in your hard copy also matches  
 17 what's on the screen apart from the redaction.  
 18 **A. Yes.**  
 19 Q. And you can confirm for the Inquiry you've signed that  
 20 statement?  
 21 **A. Yes.**  
 22 Q. And that you adopt the statement as your evidence before  
 23 the Inquiry today?  
 24 **A. Yes.**  
 25 Q. Then you're aware that you've provided a second

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1 statement to the Inquiry in relation to a specific issue  
 2 which we will come to during the course of your  
 3 evidence. So if I can just bring that statement up.  
 4 That's at SND-13922. Again you can see it in redacted  
 5 form on the screen, but if you can just check that it  
 6 matches your hard copy version.  
 7 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 8 Q. Then if we move to SND-13924, can you just confirm that  
 9 the last page of your second statement that you have in  
 10 hard copy matches what's on the screen?  
 11 **A. Yes.**  
 12 Q. And can you confirm that you are holding a signed copy  
 13 of your statement?  
 14 **A. This one.**  
 15 Q. You have a signed -- you can see your signature on the  
 16 copy that you have?  
 17 **A. Oh, yes, yes, yes.**  
 18 Q. And that's dated 22nd January of this year?  
 19 **A. Yes.**  
 20 Q. And can you confirm that you adopt the contents of this  
 21 second statement also as your evidence before the  
 22 Inquiry?  
 23 **A. Yes.**  
 24 Q. Now,<sup>HIA 49</sup>, there are a series of issues that you address  
 25 in your first statement, if we can go back to SND-4475,

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1 and I'm going to go through those with you thematically,  
 2 but before I do that, I'm going to try and quickly go  
 3 through your chronology that appears from what you have  
 4 had to say and what the Inquiry sees from the documents  
 5 that are available in terms of your journey through  
 6 care.  
 7 **A. Yes.**  
 8 Q. So I'm going to briefly deal with that with you now, and  
 9 you mention in paragraph 2 of your statement that you  
 10 were placed in Nazareth House, Bishop Street on  
 11 1st-June 1964 and at that point you were 7 and a half.  
 12 So you were born in October 1956, originally from  
 13 [REDACTED], and you have two sisters and one brother.  
 14 **A. Yes.**  
 15 Q. As I said, your statement begins with Bishop Street, but  
 16 I was discussing with you earlier, and if we can just  
 17 bring up, please, SND-4505, and if you can just maximise  
 18 the size of that for the Panel. This is a document that  
 19 you have seen of similar type that was prepared by the  
 20 congregation summarising the allegations that have been  
 21 made by<sup>HIA 49</sup> against the Order and then setting out what  
 22 details the Order can find from its records as to their  
 23 involvement with<sup>HIA 49</sup> The first you can see at the top  
 24 of the page is indicating that time was spent in  
 25 Nazareth House, Ormeau Road, and that was in

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1 August 1957. So at that point<sup>HIA 49</sup> was less than 1, and  
 2 that the time spent there was on the recommendation of  
 3 a priest from [REDACTED]. Do you have any recollection,  
 4 <sup>HIA 49</sup>of your time in Belfast?  
 5 **A. I have one.**  
 6 Q. Take your time.  
 7 **A. I have one memory of a nun carrying me up the stairs  
 8 late at night in her arms and she was making my dad come  
 9 -- come up the stairs behind her and I remember just  
 10 being put in a cot and I think she closed the door.  
 11 I can't remember anything else. It was just -- I must  
 12 have been taken there in the middle of the night, you  
 13 know, that ...**  
 14 Q. It seems from the material that your mother and father  
 15 had a difficult relationship and your mother left and  
 16 your dad was then struggling to bring up the children --  
 17 **A. Yes.**  
 18 Q. -- and that's how you ended up being brought by him on  
 19 the recommendation it seems of a priest to the Sisters  
 20 of Nazareth.  
 21 **A. Well, I'm just happy that it is confirmed in my head,  
 22 because nobody had ever told me exactly anything before,  
 23 and I can remember [REDACTED] with my daddy when  
 24 I was 7 and a half to Belfast and then on to Derry. So  
 25 that has confirmed to me about the early stage of my**

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1 **childhood.**  
 2 Q. And from the same record the Inquiry is able to see then  
 3 that you left the Ormeau Road Nazareth property in March  
 4 of 1958 and moved to Portadown, again to the Nazareth  
 5 House that operated in Portadown at the time.  
 6 **A. Yes.**  
 7 Q. You stayed there until July 1958, when the record  
 8 suggests that you left.  
 9 **A. Yes.**  
 10 Q. Before we get to the 1st June entry, which we see then  
 11 further down the page, of 1964, it seems that there was  
 12 some involvement with Coneywarren in 1961. If we could  
 13 just look at SND-4561, please, and if we could just  
 14 maximise the side of that record. We can see this is  
 15 a case card for Coneywarren Children's Home in  
 16 November 1961. So it appears that you left Bishop  
 17 Street -- sorry -- you left Portadown in 1958 and for it  
 18 seems three years were not in a children's home, so  
 19 perhaps living with your father, and then in  
 20 November 1961 you are admitted to Coneywarren on 29th  
 21 November, and you can see, if we scroll further down the  
 22 page, the reason that's given for the admission was  
 23 "homelessness". If we just go further down, the  
 24 remarks:  
 25 "Parents and family arrived from [REDACTED] and are

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| <p>1 homeless."</p> <p>2 So that's you going into Coneywarren for a period</p> <p>3 when you were 5. Do you have any recollection of that</p> <p>4 time?</p> <p>5 <b>A. No, but I know we did live in [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] --</b></p> <p>6 <b>Q. Which would be near [REDACTED].</b></p> <p>7 <b>A. -- when we were younger, because the eldest -- the two</b></p> <p>8 <b>eldest ones were born in Ireland and the two youngest</b></p> <p>9 <b>were born in HIA 49, you know. So I know they did move</b></p> <p>10 <b>about a bit with my daddy finding it very hard to get</b></p> <p>11 <b>employment, you know.</b></p> <p>12 <b>Q. And the Inquiry will have a witness statement, just so</b></p> <p>13 <b>you are aware of it -- and I am not going to say about</b></p> <p>14 <b>the connection to it, save that it is HIA-411 -- that</b></p> <p>15 <b>will assist with some of the background.</b></p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>17 <b>Q. Now it is not entirely clear from the record when -- how</b></p> <p>18 <b>long you were in Coneywarren, but you have mentioned in</b></p> <p>19 <b>your statement that you remember Nazareth House, Bishop</b></p> <p>20 <b>Street and 1st June 1964, by which point you are 7.</b></p> <p>21 If we can just look at the record SND-4490, please,</p> <p>22 and if we can maximise the text, you will see the</p> <p>23 document has your -- this is taken from one of the</p> <p>24 admission record books that was kept by Nazareth House,</p> <p>25 Bishop Street, and you will see a designation "HIA49",</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 17</p> | <p>1 At SND-4515, and if we can just have just the very</p> <p>2 top part of the page only showing, please -- just stop</p> <p>3 -- slightly up a little further -- that's fine -- you</p> <p>4 can see that this is a record from the Welfare</p> <p>5 Authority. Again you're identified by the designation,</p> <p>6 but you've been -- you've been known to this department</p> <p>7 since 1965. So after your first spell in Bishop Street</p> <p>8 it seems you come on the radar of the Welfare Authority</p> <p>9 --</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>11 <b>Q. -- your family, and it indicates some of the</b></p> <p>12 <b>difficulties that were experienced in the family. In</b></p> <p>13 <b>December of 1966 a Parental Rights Order was made in</b></p> <p>14 <b>favour of the Londonderry County Borough, which is</b></p> <p>15 <b>effectively the city of Derry, Welfare Authority.</b></p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes. I was always told by my father that my mother came</b></p> <p>17 <b>back from [REDACTED] and she wanted -- she had found a home</b></p> <p>18 <b>and she wanted to take her family, take her children,</b></p> <p>19 <b>but it was my father she didn't want, not the children,</b></p> <p>20 <b>and Miss Black, a welfare officer, at Pump Street in</b></p> <p>21 <b>Derry where the Social Services was talked my father</b></p> <p>22 <b>into getting a court order that we couldn't -- we</b></p> <p>23 <b>couldn't leave the north of Ireland until we were</b></p> <p>24 <b>a certain age, you know.</b></p> <p>25 <b>Q. Well, you'll see that in that record it records that it</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 19</p> |
| <p>1 which is -- underneath which you would find your name,</p> <p>2 HIA 49 and the date of admission is 1st June 1964.</p> <p>3 You will also see down in the bottom right-hand</p> <p>4 corner of the document that the record seems to suggest</p> <p>5 that you spend a year and a few months in Bishop Street</p> <p>6 before being taken -- it says:</p> <p>7 "Taken by parents on 12th October 1965."</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes. I remember my mother and father got a wee flat in</b></p> <p>9 <b>[REDACTED], and my mummy to come back again</b></p> <p>10 <b>and my daddy started giving her a try. As an adult</b></p> <p>11 <b>I just think it's possible she may have had post-natal</b></p> <p>12 <b>depression or something --</b></p> <p>13 <b>Q. So --</b></p> <p>14 <b>A. -- but it didn't last long in [REDACTED], because</b></p> <p>15 <b>I ended up back in Nazareth House again.</b></p> <p>16 <b>Q. The record you will see in June 1964 suggests that you</b></p> <p>17 <b>were recommended to the sisters by a priest again. So</b></p> <p>18 <b>this is a voluntary placement that appears to be taking</b></p> <p>19 <b>place.</b></p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>21 <b>Q. The reason for that is given in the next sentence</b></p> <p>22 <b>underneath the identity of the priest who recommended</b></p> <p>23 <b>the placement. You spend effectively sixteen months in</b></p> <p>24 <b>Bishop Street and then you go back, as you've said, to</b></p> <p>25 <b>live with your father.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 18</p>  | <p>1 was on 23rd May 1966 that you were received into care</p> <p>2 and the Parental Rights Order we can see at SND-4518.</p> <p>3 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>4 <b>Q. Just maximise the size of the page, please. Now if we</b></p> <p>5 <b>go back to SND-4515, we can see that the Welfare</b></p> <p>6 <b>Authority indicates in the bottom paragraph that</b></p> <p>7 <b>an effort was made to find a permanent foster home for</b></p> <p>8 <b>you, but -- and you were what they termed boarded out or</b></p> <p>9 <b>fostered during the summers of 1967 to '69 and you were</b></p> <p>10 <b>according to this record in Bishop Street until the end</b></p> <p>11 <b>of 1969.</b></p> <p>12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>13 <b>Q. So do you recall going back -- you have had a spell in</b></p> <p>14 <b>Bishop Street. You've then gone out to live with</b></p> <p>15 <b>your -- you mentioned in [REDACTED]. Do you then</b></p> <p>16 <b>recall going back into Bishop Street?</b></p> <p>17 <b>A. Yes, I do and I was heartbroken.</b></p> <p>18 <b>Q. And you stayed there until October of 1969.</b></p> <p>19 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>20 <b>Q. Now, as you know from the discussion we have had, HIA 49</b></p> <p>21 <b>many like individuals coming forward to tell their</b></p> <p>22 <b>story, there is material in a lot of the documents --</b></p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>24 <b>Q. -- that are difficult and I don't intend to go into</b></p> <p>25 <b>those documents in any great detail with you, save to</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 20</p>  |

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| <p>1 record that in October of 1969 the suggestion is that at<br/>2 that point Nazareth House, Bishop Street, weren't<br/>3 prepared to keep you living with them any longer and<br/>4 a different placement was found for you in Dhu Varren in<br/>5 Portrush.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>7 Q. You have mentioned Dhu Varren in your statement and<br/>8 we'll come on to talk about it when we're looking at<br/>9 some of the issues that you identify --</p> <p>10 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>11 Q. -- but you remember being in Dhu Varren?</p> <p>12 <b>A. Oh, I do surely, but I'm just looking at that just after</b><br/>13 <b>"HIA49" and it says:</b><br/>14 <b>"... behaviour became so bad that Nazareth House</b><br/>15 <b>refused to keep her any longer",</b><br/>16 <b>but they haven't given any detail of why my</b><br/>17 <b>behaviour became so bad, you know, and it was because</b><br/>18 <b>I was going to an outside school. I was then a first</b><br/>19 <b>year and teachers began to try and take me under their</b><br/>20 <b>wing, sort of thing, because they knew there was</b><br/>21 <b>something wrong. I was pushing everybody away, you</b><br/>22 <b>know. This was at St. Cecilia's school.</b><br/>23 <b>I was writing letters. I was copying the senior</b><br/>24 <b>girls. I was writing letters saying, "Sorry.</b><br/>25 <b>cannot do any chores". I was copying what they wrote,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p> | <p>1 can see the entry,<sup>HIA 49</sup> that relates again. The<br/>2 designation is there, and the committee noted that you,<br/>3 who were under the financial responsibility of<br/>4 Londonderry County Borough Welfare Committee, had been<br/>5 boarded out in this county on 10th September 1969. So<br/>6 it appears there would have been a period living in Dhu<br/>7 Varren and then a foster type placement.</p> <p>8 <b>A. No. That's not true. I wasn't fostered at all. In the</b><br/>9 <b>Nazareth House -- while I was at the Nazareth House</b><br/>10 <b>I went to five different towns during the summer. So</b><br/>11 <b>I must have been there for five summers. My first</b><br/>12 <b>summer was in [REDACTED] with a family called [REDACTED] on</b><br/>13 <b>a farm, and the second was [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED],</b><br/>14 <b>who was a carrot man there. You know what I mean? Then</b><br/>15 <b>I went to a wee pig farm, which I was very, very happy</b><br/>16 <b>there in [REDACTED], and then I went to [REDACTED],</b><br/>17 <b>[REDACTED]. You know, I remember every one of them. I even</b><br/>18 <b>remember the number of the door in [REDACTED], the</b><br/>19 <b>[REDACTED], and my [REDACTED]. She was</b><br/>20 <b>placed with the [REDACTED], but I just feel that going</b><br/>21 <b>back there, you know, to the thing with the Nazareth</b><br/>22 <b>House there there's not much explanation about me there.</b><br/>23 <b>You sort of moved on or are you going to go back to the</b><br/>24 <b>Nazareth House?</b></p> <p>25 Q. You want to go back and look at the record again?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p> |
| <p>1 <b>but they were signing their mammy's or daddy's names,</b><br/>2 <b>but I was signing SR9's name.</b><br/>3 <b>The point there is that the teachers must have</b><br/>4 <b>contacted the nuns and then I believe that they were</b><br/>5 <b>more frightened in case I was telling stories of the</b><br/>6 <b>abuse I was receiving in the Nazareth House, because</b><br/>7 <b>I was then placed in the outside world to be in school</b><br/>8 <b>and my behavioural problems -- because I'll be honest</b><br/>9 <b>with you. I loved school. I loved even the primary</b><br/>10 <b>school in the Nazareth House and I really put my head</b><br/>11 <b>down. It was the only time I could have time out from</b><br/>12 <b>thinking about the things that were happening me, you</b><br/>13 <b>know.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Well, you left Bishop Street. You were aged 13, and the<br/>15 records show, as this document does, you moving to Dhu<br/>16 Varren --</p> <p>17 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>18 Q. -- and we'll come back to talk about Dhu Varren.</p> <p>19 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. You certainly appear, if we look at SND-4567, to --<br/>21 while involved with Dhu Varren, you appear to be boarded<br/>22 out at a time. This is a record from the Country<br/>23 Londonderry Welfare Committee. We can see it is of 24th<br/>24 February 1970.</p> <p>25 If we just scroll down to the next page, please, you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>       | <p>1 <b>A. Yes. Just that wee part of the Nazareth House there,</b><br/>2 <b>because there was something --</b></p> <p>3 Q. We can go back to the --</p> <p>4 <b>A. -- I was just staring at and I saw it.</b></p> <p>5 Q. -- record if you want to see it again.</p> <p>6 <b>A. But I was never boarded out, not unless they are</b><br/>7 <b>classifying me staying with my sister in [REDACTED] in</b><br/>8 <b>[REDACTED] that ...</b></p> <p>9 Q. It is SND-4515. If we could go back to that, please.<br/>10 I'm going to come to the time you stayed with your<br/>11 sister, but this is suggesting a foster place.</p> <p>12 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>13 Q. This is the record you wanted to look at again.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Where was that wee place? It said something there about</b><br/>15 <b>...</b></p> <p>16 Q. The bottom paragraph talks about Nazareth House refusing<br/>17 to keep you any longer.</p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes, and then there was no room. '67 to '69. Uh-huh.</b><br/>19 <b>Yes. Well, the year of 1967 to '69, this is the -- they</b><br/>20 <b>were unable -- was it the end -- there was a part there</b><br/>21 <b>where they were unable to find a permanent foster --</b><br/>22 <b>foster home for me. The [REDACTED] did want to foster me</b><br/>23 <b>and I wish to God today that I had been even adopted,</b><br/>24 <b>but the point was this was two parents ripping the</b><br/>25 <b>throat out of each other, because they were angry with</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p>  |

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1 each other, and the children were being used as weapons,  
 2 you know, which the young children do nowadays still.  
 3 They continue to do this, you know. They blackmail you  
 4 with your children. "Right. You can't see your child",  
 5 you know. I know for a fact both my parents loved me,  
 6 but no-one took into consideration how the children  
 7 felt, but I was just trying to make a point there there  
 8 was one stage where I went out to [REDACTED] to a lovely  
 9 family, and this was the [REDACTED], which I adored.  
 10 [REDACTED]  
 11 [REDACTED]  
 12 [REDACTED]  
 13 [REDACTED]  
 14 [REDACTED]  
 15 [REDACTED]. So I was rushed back to the Nazareth House and  
 16 I had to stay. So I was out. They did find me a place  
 17 to stay, but it wasn't due to me. [REDACTED]  
 18 [REDACTED] I wish I could find out  
 19 who the family was. I'm sure the Nazareth House would  
 20 have that on record where I was rushed back early to the  
 21 place, and I was in the senior dormitory.  
 22 Q. So you are explaining that you did go in and out of  
 23 Nazareth House?  
 24 A. Yes, and they did send me to the -- I stayed in [REDACTED]  
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1 as well --  
 2 Q. Yes.  
 3 A. -- for about four weeks in the [REDACTED].  
 4 I stayed with a family there. [REDACTED]  
 5 [REDACTED], [REDACTED].  
 6 Q. Well, the records say what they say and the Inquiry can  
 7 look at those records --  
 8 A. Uh-huh.  
 9 Q. -- and will have to do that. Then in August of 1970 you  
 10 are described as boarded out or fostered out or going to  
 11 live with [REDACTED]. If we look at SND-4516 and we  
 12 just take the first paragraph, please. In fact, if we  
 13 just go back out, back out to the main document, please,  
 14 and in the second paragraph it talks about you going  
 15 live with [REDACTED] -- you see if we just take the  
 16 second paragraph, please -- and that was [REDACTED]  
 17 [REDACTED]. Is that right?  
 18 A. That's correct.  
 19 Q. And [REDACTED] lived in [REDACTED].  
 20 A. Was that after coming out of Portrush did you say?  
 21 Q. That seems to have been in connection with Dhu Varren.  
 22 Do you remember going to live with your sister for  
 23 a period?  
 24 A. I ran away from Portrush. What happened was I was given  
 25 a lift by a man in a caravan site, which I explained to

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1 the task force, and this man, he says -- he says he was  
 2 going to Derry. I remember his name. I remember  
 3 exactly where his caravan was pitched. He gave me  
 4 a pound -- a pound note and 20 cigarettes, because he  
 5 seen me fagging away when I met him. This man was --  
 6 I stole his driving licence. This man was a UDR man and  
 7 when I explained -- I was telling the police about how  
 8 I'd moved on for my statement for the HIA, you know, to  
 9 him, and they showed me the only interest whatsoever  
 10 they had about my abuse -- and this man had raped me --  
 11 and the only interest the police had was what did I do  
 12 with the UDR man's driving licence. Do you understand?  
 13 So they made me feel that -- I tried to -- and this  
 14 is why I've tried to be very strong for the past three  
 15 and a half years, and make sure that this organisation,  
 16 SAVIA, is not a political organisation. There's nothing  
 17 political about it. We're all victims. We are --  
 18 whatever people done political in their past has nothing  
 19 whatsoever to do with this, but I told them about this  
 20 man coming to the school while I was living with my  
 21 sister, and he was like kerb crawling outside the school  
 22 and I was getting into his car. I was being groomed,  
 23 and he would buy me twenty Number 6. At one stage he  
 24 took me up to the reservoir and I was in the car with  
 25 him, and he was taking his trousers off, and I was

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1 running towards the reservoir, which -- I could have  
 2 drowned.  
 3 Then this same man, who was a UDR man -- and I'm  
 4 specifically saying this, because I'm just trying to  
 5 show the PSNI were not interested in the abuse and rape  
 6 of priests on my body; they were more interested in,  
 7 "What did she do with this UDR man's licence?" -- this  
 8 man asked me had I any friends and I had to bring  
 9 friends with me, and I can name the girls. I brought  
 10 two school friends with me. He says, "Have you any  
 11 friends?" and I said, "Yes. I have got such and such  
 12 and such and such", and he took us away to Limavaday at  
 13 night-time, you know. This was what was going on.  
 14 I was so vulnerable. I was just a built-in babysitter  
 15 for [REDACTED].  
 16 Q. Well, the records suggest that the period living with  
 17 [REDACTED] didn't work out and you --  
 18 A. No, I didn't work out, because -- no, I just want to  
 19 speak up for myself -- I'm sorry -- for the simple  
 20 reason that they were politically involved. I opened  
 21 the door accidentally. I thought it was two Jehovah's  
 22 Witnesses. It wasn't two Jehovah's Witnesses. It was  
 23 two Intelligence Officers. They pushed past me and  
 24 pushed open my sister's husband's door and there was the  
 25 duplicating machine. There was things in the house that

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1 shouldn't have been there, and, in fact, I shouldn't  
 2 have been in there either. Again I blame the Welfare  
 3 for that.  
 4 Her brother was also grooming me -- her husband's  
 5 brother was also grooming me when he came up to babysit.  
 6 This is how I was left all my life. I was, you know,  
 7 from one to another, thrown in to be groomed all the  
 8 time, because the State did not keep me safe.  
 9 Q. So you had been living with [REDACTED] and then you  
 10 went to live in January of 1971, by which time you are  
 11 14, with the Our Mother of Mercy Home in Newry, which  
 12 was operated by the Sisters of Mercy.  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Do you remember that --  
 15 A. I remember going there.  
 16 Q. -- placement?  
 17 A. I liked it.  
 18 Q. You liked it?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. It's described in that same report -- we'll not go to it  
 21 now -- in SND-4516 as being a family group type home  
 22 supervised by trained staff. You mentioned to me  
 23 earlier that you did abscond from there and went back to  
 24 --  
 25 A. Newry. I just kept -- I just kept searching for this

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1 family that I loved and I never stopped loving, even my  
 2 mother and father, and even till today I was never angry  
 3 with anybody. I just loved them and I wanted to be  
 4 loved.  
 5 Q. And eventually your difficulty resulted in a Place of  
 6 Safety Order being made where --  
 7 A. Yes, because I had a girl bullying me in a school in  
 8 Newry, and I said to her that -- I don't care who hears  
 9 me, but this is what happened. She was bullying me so  
 10 much and I said to her, "I'll get the IRA on you". Do  
 11 you understand? Then two Special Branch came into the  
 12 school to ask me questions and ask me how did I know  
 13 about the IRA and such and such, and I think it was  
 14 their recommendation that I was sent to Middletown, you  
 15 know.  
 16 Q. Well, if we look at SND-4517, we can see the Place of  
 17 Safety Order that is being made by the Justice of the  
 18 Peace, and a Training School Order is then made in April  
 19 of 1971. That's at SND-4518. You go then to live with  
 20 the Sisters of St. Louis in St. Joseph's Training School  
 21 in Middletown.  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. There are various documents that the Inquiry Panel can  
 24 read about assessments that were made about how you were  
 25 finding things while you were there.

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1 A. I loved the place. I loved it. I felt so safe.  
 2 Q. You felt safe while you were there?  
 3 A. My body was safe. I was safe in my bed at night.  
 4 Q. And the Inquiry will have the chance to see that in 1972  
 5 efforts were made for you to go out on licence to live  
 6 with your family, and eventually you went to live with  
 7 your mum in [REDACTED] --  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. -- in 1972.  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. The Inquiry will be able -- the Panel will be able to  
 12 look at the documents that relate to that period, and  
 13 unfortunately there was difficulty in [REDACTED] and --  
 14 A. Yes, because Social Services once again slipped up, and  
 15 they did not go to [REDACTED] They brought -- in fact,  
 16 St. Louis nuns, I loved them. When I went there with  
 17 the Welfare, I was in tears, because nobody told me from  
 18 one place to another no matter where I went, no matter  
 19 which children's home -- I was picked up; it was always  
 20 Miss Black and a guy; it was always a Volkswagen  
 21 I remember -- but nobody ever told me where I was going.  
 22 I was just ready and marched off to the front corridor  
 23 and out the door and put in a car and I had to sit in  
 24 this car. I thought I was going miles and miles.  
 25 I didn't know where I was going, you know.

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1 The point is I blame the Social Services for this,  
 2 because nobody checked my mother out. My mother was  
 3 an alcoholic. They took -- they invited my mother to  
 4 come and stay in Middletown, which was very gracious and  
 5 kind of Middletown, especially the St. Louis nuns, and  
 6 I was able to share a wee room to get to know her,  
 7 because I hadn't known her for years, and we got on  
 8 well, but each night we were going down to the village  
 9 in Middletown and my mammy was getting her wee half  
 10 bottle of whisky, you know, but because you were so  
 11 happy to have a mammy -- and I loved her and I still do  
 12 today -- and you wouldn't have dreamt of telling on your  
 13 mammy that your mammy's drinking, and I just loved her.  
 14 I just loved being able to have a mammy and hug a mammy,  
 15 and I went to -- anyway mammy went back and she promised  
 16 me that, "I'll take you out". I said, "Mammy, please".  
 17 I just wanted to be -- have a mammy, to have a home  
 18 again, because I was very happy in [REDACTED] with her.  
 19 My parents -- fair play to them -- they never --  
 20 they never disturbed their child -- children mentally,  
 21 because I always thought my mammy and daddy was the  
 22 happiest mammy and daddy in the world, because they  
 23 never argued. I never heard them argue. If they  
 24 argued, they done it somewhere else; maybe when we were  
 25 in school, you know. So that was good care towards us.

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1 But the --  
 2 Q. But the --  
 3 A. -- the next thing I knew -- can I just say the next  
 4 thing I knew that I was going on a plane. A nun came  
 5 and said to me, "You're leaving tomorrow and you're  
 6 going to live with your mammy". That was it. One of  
 7 the nuns was very kind. She took me to a house which  
 8 St. Louis nuns owned in Belfast and I stayed there  
 9 overnight, and then I got on the flight to [REDACTED]  
 10 [REDACTED] Airport.  
 11 Now I was only a child. I had never been in  
 12 an aeroplane before. I wasn't accompanied. I was by  
 13 myself on this aeroplane and -- but the Welfare didn't  
 14 check my mother out at the other side. My mother was  
 15 living in a house. There was a barber's downstairs. So  
 16 that was loads of men coming in and out. My mother was  
 17 living with a guy. He was a black guy. He was from  
 18 some part of America -- . He was from  
 19 City, and there was an African -- the cooker was on the  
 20 landing and there was an African guy living across the  
 21 way and there was a family up the stairs.  
 22 My mother rented a room. She had one double bed.  
 23 I had to sleep in between him and her. I had to sleep  
 24 in the bed. So three in a bed. Now if that is not  
 25 child abuse, what is? Do you understand?  
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1 So I do blame the State for putting me -- and I hate  
 2 to talk about the situation it was, but my mother was  
 3 out drinking all the time. I was a loner. I was so  
 4 alone in the world.  
 5 Q. The Inquiry will be able to see, HIA 49 what the [REDACTED]  
 6 [REDACTED] Social Services had to say about that in the  
 7 records.  
 8 A. The [REDACTED] Social Services I never seen.  
 9 Q. We can look at the record then. It's at SND-4534. You  
 10 will see towards the bottom they indicate no personal  
 11 criticism of your mum or her home, but in all the  
 12 circumstances she can't be expected to have the  
 13 specialised skill or recourse to give you the support  
 14 that you needed. That's what the [REDACTED] Social Services  
 15 are writing.  
 16 A. That's what they thought, but they didn't go out -- they  
 17 didn't go out and check her room to find out where  
 18 a girl of that age was going to sleep. Now I couldn't  
 19 imagine any social worker sending a child out to sleep  
 20 in a bed along with a guy and, in fact, I was brought up  
 21 -- when I got to [REDACTED] Airport -- the nuns  
 22 always told us Africans live in Africa, Englishmen live  
 23 in England, Irishmen live in Ireland and so on and so  
 24 forth. So when I got to the [REDACTED] Airport,  
 25 I was sitting and there was people sitting around with  
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1 turbans. I was that naive I thought they just came off  
 2 a plane from India. I didn't realise that they were  
 3 going to live in the same area that I was in, and when  
 4 my mother sent me to the shop and I went in the shop and  
 5 the man was standing with a turban on, I was just so  
 6 confused. I couldn't understand. Do you know what  
 7 I mean?  
 8 The thing downstairs, it was a Pakistani barber's.  
 9 So there was all these Muslims coming in and out and  
 10 coming in. You know, it may be amusing -- I don't know  
 11 -- but to me it was terrifying to see where I came from.  
 12 Q. This is at the time you are 16 and then you come back  
 13 and you explain --  
 14 A. I wasn't 16. I was 15 when I was in England. I know  
 15 that because I got married. I was 16, and this is where  
 16 you are making my records wrong, making me look older  
 17 or whatever, or badder or anything else. I don't know.  
 18 I was told all my life that I was a bad child. I asked  
 19 SR2 -- when I met her, I said, "Sister, was I a bad  
 20 child? Was I that bad that ...?" --  
 21 Q. HIA 49 do you want to take a moment just to -- do you  
 22 want to --  
 23 A. Nazareth House destroyed me. It destroyed me. It did.  
 24 I always wish that they had finished me off. I really  
 25 wish they had murdered me, because I wouldn't have had  
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1 to go through the life that I went through, and I'm only  
 2 up here today because I never want another little girl  
 3 or boy to go through what I went through.  
 4 Q. Do you want to take a break, HIA 49 and get a cup of tea?  
 5 CHAIRMAN: For as long as is necessary. We are just going  
 6 take a break, HIA 49 --  
 7 A. Yes, please.  
 8 Q. -- to give you a chance to settle down. Ten minutes,  
 9 ladies and gentlemen.  
 10 A. The whole system didn't look after me. They didn't, and  
 11 if they would admit it, if the Nazareth House would say  
 12 what they done to me -- you know, I am not saying every  
 13 nun is bad and every priest is bad, because I have met  
 14 some really good ones, but just admit to us victims and  
 15 stop putting us through this. Stop putting us through  
 16 this, because you are killing us. You are really,  
 17 really killing us, and I wouldn't think twice about  
 18 leaving here today and hanging myself, because I know  
 19 that what I'm telling is the truth and how we did  
 20 suffer. We did suffer. Believe me, we suffered. Why  
 21 can't they admit it? They need to -- they need to -- on  
 22 the radio I heard them say sorry. Sorry. That's not  
 23 good enough.  
 24 CHAIRMAN: You go with -- Miss Gibson here will take you  
 25 out.  
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1 **A. Destroyed my life once and for all, Nazareth. They need**  
 2 **someone to go out and hang themselves and that's what**  
 3 **I will do.**  
 4 **(12 noon)**  
 5 **(Short break)**  
 6 **(12.10 pm)**  
 7 MR AIKEN: Now,<sup>HIA 49</sup>, you've had a chance to have a cup of  
 8 coffee. What I am going to do, as we've effectively  
 9 come to the end of the chronology of your time in care,  
 10 I'm going to look at the some of the issues that you've  
 11 raised about Bishop Street, and what we've discussed is  
 12 I'm going to try to read the relevant portions of the  
 13 statement and then I will ask you at the end of that if  
 14 there's anything else you want to add to what you have  
 15 had to say. Again if you have any difficulty at all,  
 16 the Panel won't have any difficulty in giving another  
 17 break, or you have got water there, and we'll try to get  
 18 through this as best we can.  
 19 Now Bishop Street -- if we can go back to SND-4475  
 20 -- we have earlier identified that you were going in in  
 21 June of '64, when you were 7 and a half. There we are.  
 22 We are back up and running. Now at that stage if I can  
 23 just ask you: the dormitories -- it was a dormitory you  
 24 were living in rather than a small room?  
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. And the nursery was on the second floor and you were on  
 2 the first floor. Is that right?  
 3 **A. The nursery -- the school -- all the children's**  
 4 **department was the ground floor and the nursery was on**  
 5 **the first floor and we were on the very top floor in the**  
 6 **dormitories.**  
 7 Q. You were in the top floor. You talk if we can go to  
 8 4476 -- the first issue that I'm going to just look at  
 9 the statement and work through is that of the cleaning  
 10 regime, and you explain -- you can see this on the  
 11 screen or you can look at the hard copy that you have.  
 12 You talk about:  
 13 "My duty was to clean the toilets near the chapel  
 14 and it was my duty the whole time I was in Nazareth  
 15 House. There were four or five toilets. I had to carry  
 16 a metal bucket full of scalding hot water, a cloth and  
 17 a scrubbing brush. I had to scrub the tiles and the  
 18 walls. On many occasions when a toilet was blocked and  
 19 I was in class, I was sent for. If a toilet was  
 20 blocked, I had to put my hand -- bare hand down the  
 21 toilet and carry the excrement into the next toilet in  
 22 order to clear the toilet."  
 23 You mention two particular nuns that you recall.  
 24 That's SR9 -- and the Panel will find in the designation  
 25 list the identity of that nun on page 23 -- and you

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1 mention SR59. You will be able to see the names,<sup>HIA 49</sup>  
 2 on your copy of the statement, and SR59, her identity is  
 3 on page 24 of the designation list. These are the two  
 4 nuns that you principally remember in all of the issues  
 5 that we are going to work through, and in particular  
 6 SR59.  
 7 The Inquiry -- if we just skip briefly to SND-6927,  
 8 please, and then we'll shortly be going back to the --  
 9 just hold it there. We've got a problem with the ...  
 10 CHAIRMAN: If you just stick to the text of the witness  
 11 statement, Mr Aiken.  
 12 MR AIKEN: SND-6297 for the record is the list of nuns that  
 13 will show the two nuns employed working with --  
 14 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We can just be referred to these. We don't  
 15 need to spend time on it.  
 16 MR AIKEN: So if we go back then, please, to SND-4467, you  
 17 mention that when the toilets were cleaned to SR9's  
 18 satisfaction, she gave you a big bucket of scalding hot  
 19 water with Jeyes Fluid in it to wash the floor. You had  
 20 to get on your knees and clean the floor with a big  
 21 floor cloth. SR59 always then sent you back to clean  
 22 the toilets and you felt that was for badness. You knew  
 23 you'd cleaned the toilets well enough and properly. You  
 24 describe how on one occasion SR9 on one day was in a bad  
 25 temper. She came into the toilet and there was still

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1 excrement on some of the white of the walls of the  
 2 tiles, and she made you use your nails to scrape the  
 3 excrement off the tiles. You describe her having  
 4 a bucket. She emptied the boiling hot water on to the  
 5 floor where you were kneeling and that scalded your  
 6 knees, and then she smacked you round the face because  
 7 you were screaming as a response, and you say that that  
 8 happened whenever you were 8, so shortly after you were  
 9 living in Bishop Street. You say you didn't get any  
 10 medical attention, but what SR9 did do then was then  
 11 throw a bucket of cold water over you.  
 12 Is there anything else you want to say to the  
 13 Inquiry about the cleaning you were made do?  
 14 **A. Yes. When it says there she deliberately sent me back**  
 15 **to the toilets, that was usually on -- I did clean the**  
 16 **toilets every morning before I went into class, but**  
 17 **where it says I deliberately -- she deliberately sent me**  
 18 **back again to clean the toilets, that was normally on**  
 19 **a Saturday, when I knew the toilets were -- that**  
 20 **I'd done the -- my utmost best for an 8-year-old trying**  
 21 **to wring out a big floor cloth with tiny hands, you**  
 22 **know, but the reason that says that I said it was -- she**  
 23 **deliberately sent me back was to keep me last for**  
 24 **confessions.**  
 25 Q. Right. That's an issue --

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| <p>1 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 2 Q. -- that we'll come on to. So that's the cleaning issue.<br/>                 3 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 4 Q. Then you describe for the Inquiry the issue of<br/>                 5 bedwetting.<br/>                 6 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 7 Q. If we can go to SND-4477. This is paragraphs 12 through<br/>                 8 to 19. You say that in the morning the nun would pull<br/>                 9 your blanket back and check if your bed was wet. If you<br/>                 10 did wet the bed, the nuns and other girls called us "the<br/>                 11 wet-the-beds". You describe wearing a particular<br/>                 12 nightdress with sleeves and it was always stuck to you,<br/>                 13 because you were soaking wet after having wet the bed.<br/>                 14 You would -- you describe that you had to put your wet<br/>                 15 pants or sheets over your head.<br/>                 16 As you know, the congregation don't accept those<br/>                 17 descriptions, but that's what you recall as having<br/>                 18 happened in respect of wetting the bed. You talk about<br/>                 19 having to strip the bed and put sheets in the bath for<br/>                 20 staff to wash:<br/>                 21 "... and when we got up, we were only allowed to<br/>                 22 wash our face. We never got toothpaste. Only the<br/>                 23 seniors had toothpaste. I always remember the white<br/>                 24 soap, and those of us who wet the bed were made to stand<br/>                 25 at breakfast time and didn't get any tea as punishment",<br/>                 Page 41</p>                     | <p>1 because they used a wooden scrubbing brush, and it was<br/>                 2 like something you'd scrub the floor with. It used to<br/>                 3 sting you so badly and you used to scream, and the more<br/>                 4 you screamed, the more you would get hit by those who<br/>                 5 were washing you. The senior girls hit you with<br/>                 6 a wooden scrubbing brush on the elbows, shoulders, back<br/>                 7 and head and it was painful. The worst part was when<br/>                 8 SR59 or SR9, those two nuns, smacked you on the face,<br/>                 9 the backside or the legs, leaving red hand prints.<br/>                 10 Then you say:<br/>                 11 "During the summer we used to bring two big iron<br/>                 12 tubs on to two wooden benches and one was to wash and<br/>                 13 one was to rinse."<br/>                 14 So is it the case that there was only bathing on<br/>                 15 a Saturday?<br/>                 16 <b>A. Yes. I think some of the seniors may have got bathed in<br/>                 17 the middle of the week, you know, on a Wednesday night<br/>                 18 or something like that, but we just had a bath on<br/>                 19 a Saturday night.</b><br/>                 20 Q. So the point you're making in the bedwetting section and<br/>                 21 the bathing section, when we put it together, is you<br/>                 22 would wet the bed. There would have been a smell. You<br/>                 23 weren't bathed and --<br/>                 24 <b>A. No. You could smell the urine off -- off your own body,<br/>                 25 you know, because you weren't allowed to wear your</b><br/>                 Page 43</p>                            |
| <p>1 and other girls then laughed at you.<br/>                 2 After school you had tea and the rules were that the<br/>                 3 wet-the-beds weren't allowed anything to drink, only<br/>                 4 their meal, and homework and choir practice some nights.<br/>                 5 You say that -- at the top of SND-4478, paragraph 18<br/>                 6 -- SR59 used to say to you sometimes, "Oh, so you were<br/>                 7 out on your boat last night".<br/>                 8 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 9 Q. You felt she was being sarcastic about the bed having<br/>                 10 been wet.<br/>                 11 <b>A. (Nods.)</b><br/>                 12 Q. She also said to you that the reason you had to sleep<br/>                 13 beside the door in the dorm was because you were smelly<br/>                 14 and no-one wanted to sleep beside you.<br/>                 15 You do later then talk about -- you talked a little<br/>                 16 about only being able to wash your face. You then talk<br/>                 17 about bathing at SND-4481. If we just skip through to<br/>                 18 that and paragraph 42, you say again:<br/>                 19 "SR59", the same sister, "was usually on duty for<br/>                 20 bath nights on a Saturday night. All those who wet the<br/>                 21 bed got into the bath first and lined up and used the<br/>                 22 same water, and there was Jeyes Fluid in the water, and<br/>                 23 the bath smelled the same as the toilets. One senior<br/>                 24 would wash us and another one dried us."<br/>                 25 You say you still have problems with baths today,<br/>                 Page 42</p> | <p>1 <b>underwear in bed, just a bri-nylon nightdress down to<br/>                 2 your ankles. So it would be sticking to you anyway when<br/>                 3 you got out of the bed. You also had a big mackintosh,<br/>                 4 a big like a brown sheet, like a rubber sheet, under<br/>                 5 your sheet.</b><br/>                 6 Q. It was Saturday then that the bathing took place --<br/>                 7 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 8 Q. -- and not each day after you had wet the bed?<br/>                 9 <b>A. No, I never had a bath every day.</b><br/>                 10 Q. Now you do say something about the food as well,<sup>HIA 49</sup><br/>                 11 in SND-4481, paragraph 6. You describe pork fat or<br/>                 12 belly and like a fatty jelly and throwing it under<br/>                 13 someone else's table in order to get rid of it. You<br/>                 14 describe sometimes putting it in the pocket of your<br/>                 15 pinny.<br/>                 16 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 17 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about the food?<br/>                 18 We can move on then to talk -- you talk a lot in<br/>                 19 your statement, which the Panel has had the opportunity<br/>                 20 to read, of the interaction you had with SR59, and the<br/>                 21 Inquiry will be able to look at pages -- and we don't<br/>                 22 need to turn this up -- 6297 to 6302 to see the years<br/>                 23 that SR59 was in the home at the same time as<sup>HIA 49</sup><br/>                 24 At 4482 and paragraph 47 on you describe this<br/>                 25 particular nun. Would it be fair to say,<sup>HIA 49</sup>, this is<br/>                 Page 44</p> |

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| <p>1 the nun whom you had most difficulty with when you were<br/>2 in Bishop Street?<br/>3 <b>A. (Nods.)</b><br/>4 Q. "One day SR59 came over and I still hadn't finished the<br/>5 meat" that we were talking about. "She held my nose and<br/>6 force fed me, grabbed my throat to make sure that<br/>7 I swallowed it. A few times I was sick on the floor.<br/>8 Once she got a big tablespoon to pick up the vomit and<br/>9 succeeded in making me eat it.<br/>10 I have suffered from bulimia all my life, because<br/>11 SR59 kept saying to me that I had a mortal sin in my<br/>12 soul. I didn't know what a mortal sin was. I thought<br/>13 it was a big black spot inside my stomach and it was<br/>14 getting bigger. So I thought if I didn't eat food, it<br/>15 won't grow inside me. It started when I was ten years<br/>16 old."<br/>17 Then you describe how SR59 used to come round at<br/>18 11.00 pm at night. She would wake up the wet-the-beds<br/>19 to go to the toilet. On one occasion you already wet<br/>20 the bed and she grabbed you and made you strip the bed<br/>21 and raced you down to the bathroom and put the sheets in<br/>22 the bath, smacked your face and used her knuckles on the<br/>23 back of your head, grabbed you by the scruff of the neck<br/>24 and took you to the back stairs, told you to stand there<br/>25 and then she turned the lights off. You then say she</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>  | <p>1 Q. I can -- we -- I'm going to stop you there, because<br/>2 we've got the paragraph that I read out about that and<br/>3 I don't want that to upset you anymore.<br/>4 <b>A. Oh, sorry.</b><br/>5 Q. You're okay?<br/>6 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>7 Q. What I'm going to do now is move on to a different<br/>8 subject. You describe that at SND-4483, paragraph 59,<br/>9 and that's an incident of what is perhaps now commonly<br/>10 described as peer abuse or peer sexual abuse, where<br/>11 someone who was in the dormitory with you -- and we are<br/>12 not going to use their identity; the Inquiry has the<br/>13 designation list and can see who you're referring to --<br/>14 but you say that one night you were sitting in the chair<br/>15 beside -- they were sitting in the chair beside their<br/>16 bed. They were whispering to each other. They were<br/>17 older than you. They were maybe about 14 or 15. They<br/>18 called you over and then they touched you in a private<br/>19 area and kissed and threatened to do it to you, and<br/>20 eventually they allowed you to go back to bed, and that<br/>21 happened over a three-month period you have described in<br/>22 the statement, but you didn't feel able to report that<br/>23 to anyone.<br/>24 <b>A. But can I just tell you that the -- it was just after</b><br/>25 <b>summer holidays time and when everybody came back from</b><br/><br/><p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p> </p> |
| <p>1 made you stand there all night in your bare feet and at<br/>2 some stage you feel you must have fallen asleep. You<br/>3 remember it was a winter's night, because the wind was<br/>4 howling, and in the morning you were woken by SR59<br/>5 beating your legs and shouting, and then she made you<br/>6 get washed and dressed and go down to the chapel.<br/>7 You describe then SR59 saying nasty things to you:<br/>8 "It's because your father doesn't want you". She made<br/>9 you feel that the reason why your mother and father<br/>10 broke up was because of you, and you carried that guilt<br/>11 with you through your life.<br/>12 <b>A. (Nods.)</b><br/>13 Q. Is there anything else you want to say to the Inquiry<br/>14 about your experiences at the hands of SR59?<br/>15 <b>A. I don't know what was wrong with her. I just thought</b><br/>16 <b>maybe she took a very bad disliking to me, because when</b><br/>17 <b>I first came in there, I had a wee [REDACTED] accent. So</b><br/>18 <b>I had to deal with the teasing, taunting of that, but</b><br/>19 <b>eventually that didn't become a problem anymore, because</b><br/>20 <b>I was having a problem with -- I thought my mortal sin</b><br/>21 <b>was the biggest mortal sin amongst all of us, because</b><br/>22 <b>I thought the things that were -- because she told me</b><br/>23 <b>I had a big mortal sin inside me, so -- and that one of</b><br/>24 <b>these nights the devil would come and take me away. So</b><br/>25 <b>--</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p> | <p>1 <b>holidays. So whether these girls had learned this when</b><br/>2 <b>they were on their summer holidays about -- about this</b><br/>3 <b>touching or whatever, but it wasn't that they were</b><br/>4 <b>touching me. They were making me touch their private</b><br/>5 <b>parts, yes.</b><br/>6 Q. And you have indicated then in paragraph 60 that the<br/>7 older girls getting the younger ones to touch them was<br/>8 normal --<br/>9 <b>A. (Nods.)</b><br/>10 Q. -- and they blackmailed you and threatened you that they<br/>11 would tell SR59 that it was all your fault.<br/>12 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>13 Q. You have had the difficulties you described with SR59.<br/>14 So that would have caused fear for you presumably.<br/>15 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>16 Q. Now in your statement then, <sup>HIA 49</sup> -- and I know this is<br/>17 difficult for you, and I'm going to carry on in<br/>18 a similar vein; so just allow me to do that, if you will<br/>19 -- you describe two incidents of sexual abuse at the<br/>20 hands of priests who came to the home.<br/>21 The first of those is dealt with in detail at<br/>22 SND-4480 and paragraphs 20 to 34. Sorry. If we can<br/>23 just go back up to paragraph 20, please. Just stop<br/>24 there. This is a person who the Inquiry knows the<br/>25 identity of. At the moment it's not been possible to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>  |

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| <p>1 identify precisely who that is and it is an issue we<br/>                 2 will continue to deal with the diocese over, but SND61<br/>                 3 is the designation that has been given to this<br/>                 4 individual.<br/>                 5 You describe two separate incidents or series of<br/>                 6 incidents. One is in the confession box where he took<br/>                 7 you in. In paragraph 20 you describe him taking you in<br/>                 8 to his side of the confession box and sitting you on his<br/>                 9 knee. Then you describe how you feel SR59 knew what was<br/>                 10 happening to you, and you were always put to the back of<br/>                 11 the queue on a Saturday.<br/>                 12 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 13 Q. Is it the case that this was always a Saturday where<br/>                 14 this occurred?<br/>                 15 <b>A. Oh, yes. Saturday was confessions. It was always</b><br/>                 16 <b>a Saturday.</b><br/>                 17 Q. Always a Saturday.<br/>                 18 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 19 Q. So you felt she knew what was happening, and she put<br/>                 20 your hand into the priest's hand, and you describe him<br/>                 21 in paragraph 23. You have very vivid recollection of<br/>                 22 his eyebrows.<br/>                 23 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 24 Q. Do you want to say anything to the Inquiry about your<br/>                 25 eyebrows that you ...?<br/> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p> </p>  | <p>1 <b>admit the fact that he was a guilty perpetrator, you</b><br/>                 2 <b>know.</b><br/>                 3 Q. Well, it' an issue that the Inquiry will continue to<br/>                 4 take up with the diocese as to see if it is possible to<br/>                 5 identify who you are referring to beyond the information<br/>                 6 that you've presently been able to give that would<br/>                 7 assist in the Inquiry identifying who this is.<br/>                 8 So you're happy we don't deal with that any further?<br/>                 9 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b><br/>                 10 Q. The second issue then that you describe -- I want to<br/>                 11 take you to paragraph 35 and that's at page SND-4480<br/>                 12 I hope. Here you are referring to a different priest,<br/>                 13 this time known to the Inquiry as SND106. The Inquiry<br/>                 14 will see who that is on page 28 of the designation list.<br/>                 15 <sup>HIA 49</sup> I know that you're particularly concerned not<br/>                 16 to identify who this person is, but there's obviously<br/>                 17 an issue over identity that you're aware of, and we're<br/>                 18 going to deal with that by managing it as <b>SND 407</b> --<br/>                 19 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 20 Q. -- and <b>SND 106</b><br/>                 21 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 22 Q. The Inquiry Panel will be able to work out in<br/>                 23 conjunction with me what we're talking about when we do<br/>                 24 that.<br/>                 25 So what you're describing at paragraph 35 is this<br/> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p> </p>  |
| <p>1 <b>A. Well, I don't eyebrows, because I always had --</b><br/>                 2 Q. Just take your time.<br/>                 3 <b>A. -- I always had a phobia, because of seeing hair on this</b><br/>                 4 <b>priest, his private areas and his big eyebrows and all,</b><br/>                 5 <b>and I just thought I would look like a man if I had big</b><br/>                 6 <b>eyebrows. You know, it was sort of mentally disturbing</b><br/>                 7 <b>my sexuality, you know.</b><br/>                 8 Q. Let me just then take you on to the statement,<sup>HIA 49</sup><br/>                 9 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 10 Q. Take your time. You then describe him taking you to the<br/>                 11 sacristy behind the altar. That is the room where the<br/>                 12 priest would robe up effectively.<br/>                 13 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 14 Q. You describe then in the following paragraphs, if we<br/>                 15 scroll down to the next page -- and I am not going to go<br/>                 16 into this in any detail,<sup>HIA 49</sup> because the Panel is able<br/>                 17 to see what you are describing and the nature of the<br/>                 18 abuse you are talking about -- you also made in 2010<br/>                 19 a lengthy statement to the police about this incident or<br/>                 20 these incidents with this priest, and the Inquiry Panel<br/>                 21 will have the opportunity to read that police statement.<br/>                 22 So I am not going to go into this in any great detail<br/>                 23 unless there is anything in particular you want to say<br/>                 24 about it at this point.<br/>                 25 <b>A. No, only that I wish that he would put his hand up and</b><br/> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p> </p> | <p>1 priest, SND106, and you indicate you think his first<br/>                 2 name was that which you've indicated, and you used to<br/>                 3 bounce him up and down -- he used to bounce you up and<br/>                 4 down on his knee, and as he did this he would have<br/>                 5 an erection and rub it up against you. You remember him<br/>                 6 doing this to many children other than you.<br/>                 7 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 8 Q. Now you are aware,<sup>HIA 49</sup> that the person you identified<br/>                 9 to the Inquiry -- and when you initially made your<br/>                 10 statement to police, it wasn't an issue that was raised,<br/>                 11 and then you remembered the identity, and in 2011 you<br/>                 12 discussed it with the police, and the Inquiry has that<br/>                 13 material and will be able to see it. The issue then was<br/>                 14 read by the Inquiry as to the person you're referring to<br/>                 15 with the Diocese of Derry.<br/>                 16 If we can just bring up, please, SND-14197. Just if<br/>                 17 you would maximise that for me, please. Now the person<br/>                 18 that you identified the Inquiry asked the diocese to<br/>                 19 give background on and the diocese did that through the<br/>                 20 statement of The Very Reverend Francis Bradley on 18th<br/>                 21 December 2013. That indicates that at no time was this<br/>                 22 particular individual whose name you identified the<br/>                 23 chaplain in Nazareth House.<br/>                 24 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 25 Q. At paragraph 5, if we just scroll a little further,<br/> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p> </p> |

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| <p>1 the -- until this allegation was made by you and put to<br/>2 the diocese they have no other record of anyone else<br/>3 making a complaint about the particular individual that<br/>4 you identified.</p> <p>5 Now, as you know then, the legal representatives of<br/>6 SND106 raised with the Inquiry whether you had been<br/>7 mistaken as to the identity of the person you were<br/>8 talking about, not getting into whether or not what you<br/>9 say occurred, but simply that the right person hadn't<br/>10 been identified, and the Inquiry then asked you to come<br/>11 back in and speak to us about that, as to whether,<br/>12 because there's more than one priest with the same<br/>13 surname, a mistake had been made --</p> <p>14 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>15 Q. -- and raising with the Inquiry that the person their<br/>16 suggestion is that you were intending to refer to was<br/>17 a person who was the chaplain in Nazareth House at the<br/>18 relevant time.</p> <p>19 You then provided a further witness statement to the<br/>20 Inquiry at SND-13922 of 22nd January, and if we can just<br/>21 maximise that, and I'm just going to read through that,<br/>22 <sup>HIA 49</sup>. You had been advised by the Inquiry that the<br/>23 legal representatives had stated that you'd<br/>24 misidentified the person that you refer to and that<br/>25 perhaps a different priest, who the Inquiry knows as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p> | <p>1 stocky, a good head of dark hair and a round face.<br/>2 That's the person you recall as the one who came into<br/>3 the playground and did this activity.</p> <p>4 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>5 Q. You say that it's on a bench beside a wall in the<br/>6 playground of Nazareth House. Your recollection is that<br/>7 this person was in the home often, used to come into the<br/>8 playground. He would grab a child and bounce the child<br/>9 up and down on his knee, and you recall a specific song<br/>10 he used to sing --</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>12 Q. -- "There was an old woman who swallowed a fly".</p> <p>13 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>14 Q. You describe him doing that to you on a couple of<br/>15 occasions, holding you tight, and the Inquiry then is<br/>16 able to see in paragraph 7 what you describe occurring,<br/>17 and how you wouldn't have understood exactly what was<br/>18 going on at the time --</p> <p>19 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>20 Q. -- but as an adult you understand what was occurring.<br/>21 You then stayed away from him --</p> <p>22 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. -- after the couple of occasions that this happened.<br/>24 You think it was during the summer months --</p> <p>25 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>                  |
| <p>1 SND407 -- and the Panel will know who that is -- that's<br/>2 <b>SND 407</b> rather than <b>SND 106</b> -- was the chaplain at the<br/>3 relevant time during a large portion of that period that<br/>4 you were there, and a reference to a particular nickname<br/>5 that that person had, and you were asked by the Inquiry<br/>6 if you could recall SND407, <b>[REDACTED]</b>, and whether there<br/>7 as a chaplain or otherwise, and you indicate you don't<br/>8 recall him at all while you were in Nazareth House.</p> <p>9 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>10 Q. You're not saying there wasn't such a priest, just you<br/>11 don't recall the name of any chaplain or visiting priest<br/>12 during the time in Nazareth House other than the one<br/>13 whom you've already explained about --</p> <p>14 <b>A. Uh-huh, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. -- in detail and SND106. That's <b>SND 106</b></p> <p>16 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>17 Q. You mention there were many priests who came to say<br/>18 mass, hear confessions, take benedictions or just to<br/>19 visit.</p> <p>20 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>21 Q. In paragraph 35 of your original statement you had set<br/>22 out the details of the abuse, and the Inquiry then asked<br/>23 you in light of the suggestion you had been mistaken<br/>24 could you give some further detail. You then describe<br/>25 the priest that you're talking about: quite small and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>               | <p>1 Q. -- because you had a light dress on, and you think you<br/>2 were only 8 or 9 at the time. You didn't tell anyone<br/>3 about it, because you feared being beaten by the nuns<br/>4 for telling stories by a priest and that they wouldn't<br/>5 believe you in any event.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>7 Q. You recall other children saying there is the particular<br/>8 individual --</p> <p>9 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>10 Q. -- and what he was known as by them, and you confirm<br/>11 that it was to your belief that priest who abused you in<br/>12 the manner that you're describing.</p> <p>13 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Now you're then aware that that individual, SND106, has<br/>15 provided a witness statement to the Inquiry --</p> <p>16 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>17 Q. -- on 28th January. If we just bring that up.<br/>18 SND-14199, please. You will see at paragraph 1 he<br/>19 denies the allegations that you make and says he didn't<br/>20 have any involvement with you, and he draws attention to<br/>21 the fact that there was another priest who had the same<br/>22 surname --</p> <p>23 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>24 Q. -- and he was or had a reason to be in Nazareth House<br/>25 during the period that you're talking about.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p> |

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| <p>1 Now I explained to you beforehand,<sup>HIA 49</sup> the Inquiry</p> <p>2 has also received information that the Panel will see</p> <p>3 from the police which suggests that this other</p> <p>4 individual that's mentioned by SND106 has been the</p> <p>5 subject of other complaints, which that particular</p> <p>6 individual denied --</p> <p>7 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- and which were not proceeded with, but that is</p> <p>9 something that the Inquiry is aware of in considering</p> <p>10 this issue that has arisen.</p> <p>11 Now you are also aware that earlier today I asked</p> <p>12 you to have a look at -- Mrs Turley will take you them</p> <p>13 over -- the photographs we looked at earlier this</p> <p>14 morning. Other than -- you will have a chance to just</p> <p>15 have a look at the photographs, and then Miss Turley</p> <p>16 will show them to the Panel, but -- have you your</p> <p>17 glasses with you,<sup>HIA 49</sup></p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You do. You mentioned that there's a well-known priest</p> <p>20 that you recognise in the photograph.</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. But is there anyone else in the photographs that you</p> <p>23 recognise?</p> <p>24 <b>A. I recognise him but -- and him, but I can't remember his</b></p> <p>25 <b>name.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 57</p>  | <p>1 of coffins in it. Is that right?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Pardon? Oh, aye. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>3 MR AIKEN: Now,<sup>HIA 49</sup> you are aware of the issue that there</p> <p>4 is over this, and to the best of your recollection you</p> <p>5 have set out your position, and you're aware that SND106</p> <p>6 has a different view of it.</p> <p>7 <b>A. Uh-huh. Yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about that at</p> <p>9 this stage?</p> <p>10 <b>A. About the priests? The priests were freely able to come</b></p> <p>11 <b>in and out, you know, through the front door into the</b></p> <p>12 <b>convent. They didn't have to go over to the school</b></p> <p>13 <b>area, the children area, because there was a refectory</b></p> <p>14 <b>there for the children. Then there was double doors</b></p> <p>15 <b>here where the mud crates always were and it just led</b></p> <p>16 <b>out to the garden, you know. I can even picture in my</b></p> <p>17 <b>mind the scene, where exactly the bench was placed, and</b></p> <p>18 <b>he used to get all the children to gather round, gather</b></p> <p>19 <b>round, so that they were all standing round so that</b></p> <p>20 <b>nobody could really see what was happening, but why</b></p> <p>21 <b>I didn't report that as abuse was because I didn't</b></p> <p>22 <b>really consider that as sexual abuse at the time --</b></p> <p>23 Q. Yes.</p> <p>24 <b>A. -- and someone said to me, "No, you can't distinguish</b></p> <p>25 <b>that that's not not sexual abuse".</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 59</p> |
| <p>1 Q. Those are ones to the right of the picture that you are</p> <p>2 looking at the moment?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes. The first two, yes, the second -- the second and</b></p> <p>4 <b>third from the right --</b></p> <p>5 Q. From the right.</p> <p>6 <b>A. -- you know, I do recognise the both of them.</b></p> <p>7 Q. There's another photograph that Miss Turley will then</p> <p>8 show you as to whether you recognise the person in that</p> <p>9 picture.</p> <p>10 <b>A. No, I couldn't, because it's very faded, you know.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Yes. It's not a face you immediately recognise?</p> <p>12 <b>A. Not immediately, no.</b></p> <p>13 Q. Miss Turley, if you just give those to the Panel.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN: What are these for the record?</p> <p>15 MR AIKEN: The photographs have a commentary underneath as</p> <p>16 to who is being shown in the pictures.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN: They have not yet been given an exhibit number?</p> <p>18 MR AIKEN: No, but you will be able to see who is in the</p> <p>19 photographs. (Shown to Panel.)</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN: Can you mark them both with an X, please? Take</p> <p>21 it to her and ask her to mark them with an X.</p> <p>22 MR AIKEN: <sup>HIA 49</sup> we are going to have you mark the</p> <p>23 photograph with an X of those that you recognise.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN: Just so we're clear about this, the picture that</p> <p>25 you can't recognise,<sup>HIA 49</sup> is the one that has a number</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 58</p> | <p>1 Q. Yes. What I want to do,<sup>HIA 49</sup> is just ask you briefly</p> <p>2 about whenever you mentioned that the chaplain was not</p> <p>3 someone you recall or recall being in Nazareth House,</p> <p>4 but when you were talking about the earlier priest who</p> <p>5 was in the sacristy with you --</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. -- and you were explaining that was every Saturday --</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. -- that was occurring over a four-year period, but you</p> <p>10 know from us talking this morning during that four-year</p> <p>11 period there was nine months whenever you were back out</p> <p>12 of Nazareth living with your dad --</p> <p>13 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>14 Q. -- and of the issues -- when did you first feel able to</p> <p>15 talk to someone about what that priest had done to you?</p> <p>16 <b>A. The priest in the sacristy? Well, I never ever told</b></p> <p>17 <b>anybody in my life. In fact, I was able to have</b></p> <p>18 <b>conversation with people where I could immediately know</b></p> <p>19 <b>that they were about to tell me about an abuse they had,</b></p> <p>20 <b>you know.</b></p> <p>21 Q. So it's in recent years that you've been able to --</p> <p>22 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. -- describe what happened?</p> <p>24 <b>A. Only because I found out about SAVIA, Survivors and</b></p> <p>25 <b>Victims of Institutional Abuse, through meeting <span style="background-color: black; color: white;">HIA 43</span></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 60</p>   |

1 **HIA 43**, who has supported me for the past three and  
 2 a half years. I wasn't able to -- I wasn't able to tell  
 3 anybody about -- and it was victims in Belfast. In  
 4 fact, I lived in Derry, but I didn't have any support in  
 5 Derry.

6 Q. You didn't feel able to talk to your dad at the time  
 7 this was happening?

8 **A. Dear no. My father was a very Victorian man, you know,  
 9 that you wouldn't have -- there was no such thing as  
 10 conversation with your father. It was sort of, "Here's  
 11 my daddy coming" and everybody sat up. It was more that  
 12 we respected my daddy, you know.**

13 Q. Yes. Well, is there anything else you want to say about  
 14 these two particular issues or have we covered them by  
 15 looking at the statement and what you have had to say?

16 **A. Only that I just wish they would stop people suffering,  
 17 especially myself too, just stop my suffering.**

18 Q. I'm going to -- I'm going to come on to --

19 **A. I am 58 this year.**

20 Q. I'm going to come on to anything else you -- you talk in  
 21 your statement -- and I am not going to bring up the  
 22 references --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- or go into it in any detail -- but you talk about  
 25 your siblings. Do you have an ongoing relationship with

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1 your siblings now?

2 **A. My children?**

3 Q. Not your children. Your brothers and sisters.

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. You don't?

6 **A. Not whatsoever, because we were all -- when I was in the  
 7 Nazareth House, one day I was asked to stay home, stay  
 8 back by one of the nuns: "Stay back. You're not going  
 9 to school today", and the Welfare officers came, and no  
 10 explanation or anything, and the next minute I was in  
 11 Newry Convent singing "All Kinds of Everything", because  
 12 Dana won the Eurovision Song Contest, for these people,  
 13 and because I was from Derry, they thought that I knew  
 14 all the words of it, you know. That's how I can  
 15 remember the year that I went there, but --**

16 Q. Nowadays you don't have an ongoing relationship with  
 17 your --

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. -- brother and sisters?

20 **A. No, because I was sent there and my sister wasn't told  
 21 about me and she was sent to Belfast to Shepherds not so  
 22 long after that.**

23 Q. Yes, but you have your children and you do have  
 24 a relationship with them?

25 **A. With my son. Uh-huh.**

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1 Q. Just -- and I am only going to deal with this in passing  
 2 -- you have a civil claim that's ongoing against the  
 3 Sisters of Nazareth in respect of your time in care with  
 4 them.

5 **A. I do have, because I feel that they've destroyed -- even  
 6 up until today, 58 years of my life, that I was fighting  
 7 every day. I still continue to fight every day.**

8 Q. Let me stop you.

9 **A. To love --**

10 Q. That's okay,<sup>HIA 49</sup>

11 **A. I feel that every survivor should be -- should be  
 12 compensated. You know we are not shouting about  
 13 memorials at the end of the Peace Bridge, because in the  
 14 whole of Northern Ireland we are falling over memorials,  
 15 you know. We are tripping over them. There's going to  
 16 be no walls left in Ireland for them, you know.**

17 Q. You're touching on the next question I was going to ask,  
 18 which is --

19 **A. Oh, sorry.**

20 Q. You are all right. It is better to be ahead of me than  
 21 behind me.

22 The Northern Ireland Executive the Inquiry has to  
 23 make recommendations to as to whether there should be  
 24 some form of apology or a memorial or some form of  
 25 redress. Have you anything you want to say to the

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1 Inquiry Panel about that?

2 **A. I just want to thank Sir Anthony Hart and the rest of  
 3 the Panel, for I am sure you have heard some tragic  
 4 stories. I want to mainly thank **HIA 43** for  
 5 being the founder and for bringing the 6,000 petitions  
 6 to Stormont to make us, you know --**

7 Q. If I can just -- if I can just -- what I was asking you  
 8 about was the recommendation about an apology or --

9 **A. Oh, the recommendation about an apology.**

10 Q. -- or some other form of redress. Is there anything you  
 11 want to say about that?

12 **A. At this age -- at this age I don't even know what the  
 13 word "sorry" means any more, do you know. I don't  
 14 understand the word "sorry". I don't understand the  
 15 word "justice" either. I don't know what it means, you  
 16 know.**

17 Q.<sup>HIA 49</sup> the last thing I want to ask you is this is your  
 18 opportunity to say what you want to say to the Inquiry  
 19 Panel.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. I appreciate it's been a difficult day for you. Is  
 22 there anything else that you want to say beyond that  
 23 which we've covered already? There's no need to say if  
 24 you're happy we've covered --

25 **A. There's just one thing there that you spoke about which**

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1 you missed out in my bathing area, which I thought was  
 2 -- if you could understand an 8-year-old who had just  
 3 been sexually abused by a priest on a Saturday anally  
 4 and then put into a bath with Jeyes Fluid in it and it's  
 5 stinging my inside, that you're wanting to scream, and  
 6 you had to sit in the bath like this and you had to  
 7 suffer that pain that was worse than any labour pains  
 8 I ever had, because you didn't scream in case you got  
 9 beat, you know, and --  
 10 Q. Just take your time, HIA 49  
 11 A. I would just like you all to picture an 8-year-old  
 12 being put in a bath like that who had just been abused  
 13 and it stinging and this is Jeyes Fluid that you would  
 14 use, you know, in a farmyard, you know.  
 15 Q. HIA 49 I'm not going to ask you any more questions. What  
 16 I always do is the Panel may have something they want to  
 17 ask you or not.  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. So I'll give them the opportunity --  
 20 A. Okay.  
 21 Q. -- to do that now.  
 22 MR LANE: No questions. Thank you.  
 23 CHAIRMAN: Well, thank you very much for coming to speak to  
 24 us today, HIA 49 We appreciate this has been a very  
 25 difficult time for you and we have heard what you have

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1 to say and there are many things you have asked us to  
 2 think about. Thank you very much for coming.  
 3 A. Thanks a million.  
 4 Q. As we say, we know it hasn't been easy for you.  
 5 A. Thanks a million. Thank you.  
 6 MR AIKEN: I'll come and have a word with you very shortly,  
 7 HIA 49 If you want to go with Catherine.  
 8 A. Right. Thank you.  
 9 (Witness withdrew)  
 10 MR AIKEN: Chairman, it is past 1 o'clock and that's the  
 11 evidence for this morning.  
 12 CHAIRMAN: We will try and start as soon after 2 o'clock as  
 13 we conveniently can.  
 14 (1.10 pm)  
 15 (Lunch break)  
 16 (2.00 pm)  
 17 HIA 13 (HIA13) (called)  
 18 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies  
 19 and gentlemen. The witness who -- the first witness to  
 20 give evidence this afternoon is HIA13.  
 21 HIA 13 if you just stand there, the Chairman will  
 22 wish to ask you about taking the oath.  
 23 CHAIRMAN: HIA 13 do you wish to take either a religious oath  
 24 or to make an affirmation --  
 25 A. I will make an affirmation, please.

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1 Q. -- they having the same legal effect? It's entirely a  
 2 matter for you. Very well.  
 3 HIA 13 (HIA13) (affirmed)  
 4 Q. Please sit down.  
 5 A. Thank you.  
 6 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY  
 7 MS SMITH: Now, HIA 13 you are happy that I call you by your  
 8 first name.  
 9 A. I am indeed.  
 10 Q. You are aware that the Inquiry has provided rules with  
 11 regard to identifying people and that your anonymity is  
 12 secure if you wish it to remain so.  
 13 A. Okay. Thank you.  
 14 Q. HIA 13 I can just confirm you are now aged years of  
 15 age.  
 16 A. That's correct.  
 17 Q. During your childhood you were resident between 1959 and  
 18 1968 in Termonbacca in Derry.  
 19 A. That's correct.  
 20 Q. Now if we could see document number SND-1606, please,  
 21 and we'll see, if we just highlight the bottom of that  
 22 page, this is a document that we have received from the  
 23 Sisters of Nazareth. You will see that HIA13, which you  
 24 understand is the designation that we have given to you  
 25 to identify you --

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1 A. Okay.  
 2 Q. -- the register shows that:  
 3 "Mother working in Belfast.  
 4 Recommended by Legion of Mary.  
 5 Left 7th June '68.  
 6 Boarding out with ...",  
 7 and it names the family with which you were boarded  
 8 out.  
 9 If we could move then to SND-1613, and this is  
 10 a document, an inventory, that's taken from what is  
 11 described as the boys' inventory, which again is  
 12 a document which you saw this morning for the first  
 13 time, and you'll see there that there are a number of  
 14 designations like yours identifying people who have come  
 15 to the Inquiry, and it says that you had one suit, one  
 16 shirt, socks and shoes and the date on that is 11th  
 17 October '58.  
 18 A. That's correct. I see it, yes, but can I add there's  
 19 a discrepancy with regard to that?  
 20 Q. Yes, please do.  
 21 A. Because the information I had received via the Sisters  
 22 of Nazareth stated to me on one of the forms I think --  
 23 you may have it -- that I was put into Termonbacca on  
 24 18th February -- of January 1959.  
 25 Q. If we can just look at that document, it's SND-1617, and

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1 I think this is the document that you are talking about.  
 2 This is information that was provided to you --  
 3 **A. That's it. That's correct.**  
 4 Q. -- by the Sisters of Nazareth. It says your date of  
 5 admission, 18th January '59, where you were born, where  
 6 you were baptised, your mother's name, her occupation,  
 7 who you were recommended by. You were received on 18th  
 8 January '59 and you were discharged on 7th June '68. It  
 9 talks about the sacraments you received. Then the other  
 10 entry, which is taken from the observation discharge  
 11 book, and you'll see there that it says you were boarded  
 12 out at the age of 10.  
 13 It says there that -- perhaps I will ask you about  
 14 this now -- that you were -- that you called frequently  
 15 in 1969. There is an entry that says you called  
 16 frequently at the home.  
 17 **A. I totally dispute that. Once I got out of Termonbacca**  
 18 **I didn't want to go back. I think I was back once for**  
 19 **something with my previous wife, but I can't remember,**  
 20 **but I definitely didn't go back on a regular basis.**  
 21 Q. In 1975 it suggests you and two pals called on a Sunday,  
 22 17th October 1975, that you were getting on well -- very  
 23 well and that you were quite happy with the family, and  
 24 you've seen this unredacted version and it actually  
 25 names the family with whom you were boarded. Is there

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1 anything you wish to say about that, **HIA 13**  
 2 **A. Again all I can say is that once I got out those gates**  
 3 **I had no intentions of going back. It's not the kind of**  
 4 **place I wanted to go back and see.**  
 5 Q. Well, can I ask you then to look at SND-1592, please?  
 6 Now this is a copy of the witness statement that you  
 7 have provided to the Inquiry. You see that it is the  
 8 witness statement of HIA13.  
 9 If we could then move to page 1601, you will see  
 10 there that it's dated -- there's a date, 5th September  
 11 2003, and there's a large black rectangle with "HIA13"  
 12 marked on it. Can you confirm **HIA 13** that underneath  
 13 that rectangle is your signature?  
 14 **A. It is indeed. Yes, that's right.**  
 15 Q. This is the statement of evidence that you would like  
 16 the Inquiry to accept?  
 17 **A. Absolutely.**  
 18 Q. Well, can I ask then, **HIA 13** what is your first memory of  
 19 being in Termonbacca?  
 20 **A. My first memory as a child would have been when I was**  
 21 **about . My mother who I call my mother now used to**  
 22 **come down to the nursery and help out, and when any**  
 23 **strange woman came into the nursery to help or whatever,**  
 24 **all the children went running and would say, "Mammy,**  
 25 **mammy", you know, because, you know, if one called**

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1 **"Mammy", everybody called "Mammy". So we all went**  
 2 **running to mammy as such.**  
 3 Q. This lady subsequently is the lady who fostered you?  
 4 **A. That's correct. That's the lady who I call my mother.**  
 5 Q. We'll come to that --  
 6 **A. Okay.**  
 7 Q. -- some more details about that. Is it correct even  
 8 when you were in the nursery, she used to take you out  
 9 for a while or was that -- did that --  
 10 **A. I have been told that from the age of 3 she was allowed**  
 11 **to take me out and prior to that the nuns wouldn't allow**  
 12 **it.**  
 13 Q. Now can I ask about your biological mother? Did she  
 14 ever visit you during your time in the home?  
 15 **A. Not to my knowledge. Apparently at one stage she had**  
 16 **left a pair of boots or something for me, but I don't**  
 17 **recollect and I can't confirm it.**  
 18 Q. Now you, in fact, have a sister. Isn't that correct?  
 19 **A. I do. I have an older sister to the same mother but**  
 20 **a different father.**  
 21 Q. So she is effectively a half-sister?  
 22 **A. It's a half-sister, yes.**  
 23 Q. Had you any idea about her while you lived in  
 24 Termonbacca?  
 25 **A. I had no idea until I started to search for my real**

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1 **mother, which would be twenty plus years ago, and it was**  
 2 **only by chance that the person who found my biological**  
 3 **mother told me that my half-sister was searching for our**  
 4 **mother at the same time.**  
 5 Q. And you then were put in contact with her.  
 6 **A. We were then put in contact with each other, and so like**  
 7 **myself. Now she was -- she was also born in Nazareth**  
 8 **House, Belfast, but she was removed from our mother at**  
 9 **birth without any -- without any qualms. She was just**  
 10 **taken away and adopted somewhere in Belfast.**  
 11 Q. And are you still in contact with her?  
 12 **A. Oh, yes, very much so.**  
 13 Q. And can I ask about your time --  
 14 CHAIRMAN: Is **HIA 13** half-sister an applicant to the  
 15 Inquiry?  
 16 MS SMITH: No.  
 17 **A. No. She's in a different jurisdiction.**  
 18 CHAIRMAN: That doesn't mean they can't apply to us, **HIA 13**  
 19 **A. I know. I know.**  
 20 CHAIRMAN: I take your point.  
 21 **A. She's not in -- I don't think she wants to be involved.**  
 22 MS SMITH: You say in any event she was adopted as a baby  
 23 and didn't spend much time in care.  
 24 **A. Who? My sister?**  
 25 Q. Yes.

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| <p>1 <b>A. My sister was adopted as a child, as an infant just</b><br/> 2 <b>straight after being born, taken away and adopted</b><br/> 3 <b>somewhere in [REDACTED].</b><br/> 4 Q. Now can I take you on to ask you about your time in<br/> 5 Termonbacca? Did you form friendships with other boys?<br/> 6 <b>A. Well, I had quite a few friends, you know. Most of us</b><br/> 7 <b>around the same age. I was very close to HIA22, SND24,</b><br/> 8 <b>HIA125, HIA237. We were all of a good age -- same age.</b><br/> 9 <b>So we all got on fairly well.</b><br/> 10 Q. And what about your education while you were there?<br/> 11 <b>A. I wasn't interested in education. I was -- I wasn't</b><br/> 12 <b>interested in education at all, because, number one, we</b><br/> 13 <b>went to Nazareth House and in Nazareth House the home</b><br/> 14 <b>boys were scorned upon in particular by a particular</b><br/> 15 <b>nun, who did nothing but call us "Scum", called us, you</b><br/> 16 <b>know, not worthy of being on this earth. She just --</b><br/> 17 <b>because we were illegitimate children, she seen us as</b><br/> 18 <b>just dirt, and she was a vile, vile woman.</b><br/> 19 Q. You talk about her at paragraph 6 of your statement --<br/> 20 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/> 21 Q. -- and you name her in that paragraph, and you talk<br/> 22 about an incident involving you at Nazareth House<br/> 23 Primary School and the same nun --<br/> 24 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/> 25 Q. -- and you say that she wasn't -- she didn't normally</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 73</p> | <p>1 <b>run-of-the-mill wee troublemaker. At that time the</b><br/> 2 <b>troubles were at their height and you would have been</b><br/> 3 <b>out throwing the odd stone or bottle or whatever. He</b><br/> 4 <b>seemed to take me under his wing. At that stage</b><br/> 5 <b>I thought, "Right. Let's get something going here,</b><br/> 6 <b>HIA 13</b> So at that stage I just sort of switched on<br/> 7 and started doing a wee bit more work. I am not saying<br/> 8 a massive amount of work, but a wee bit more.<br/> 9 Q. As a result you ended up with some qualifications?<br/> 10 <b>A. Yes, yes. I did my -- I think it was my CSEs. I think</b><br/> 11 <b>that's the one. There were GCEs as well, but I didn't</b><br/> 12 <b>get any.</b><br/> 13 Q. In any event you left school with I think you say five<br/> 14 CSEs?<br/> 15 <b>A. Five CSEs, yes.</b><br/> 16 Q. That was -- you talk about that --<br/> 17 <b>A. Four 4s and a 2. That's what I got.</b><br/> 18 Q. Was there something else that you mentioned this morning<br/> 19 for the first time about September and what happened<br/> 20 then?<br/> 21 <b>A. Every September when we were in the home -- when I was</b><br/> 22 <b>in the home we were kept off school at the start of the</b><br/> 23 <b>school term, because that was spud picking season, and</b><br/> 24 <b>part of Termonbacca had a farm. So we were designated</b><br/> 25 <b>to go and pick spuds and -- all day long, and our reward</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 75</p> |
| <p>1 teach you in the school --<br/> 2 <b>A. Uh-huh. That's correct.</b><br/> 3 Q. -- but one day you said a curse word and she took you to<br/> 4 her desk at the front of the class, put you over, took<br/> 5 your trousers and pants down and caned you.<br/> 6 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/> 7 Q. You say that she hit you hard --<br/> 8 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/> 9 Q. -- and you say that you sat at the back of the class<br/> 10 crying for most of the day following that incident and<br/> 11 you believe you were 6 or 7.<br/> 12 <b>A. That's correct. There wasn't much we could do about</b><br/> 13 <b>that, because if we had went back to Termonbacca and</b><br/> 14 <b>told the other nuns, we probably would have got another</b><br/> 15 <b>hiding. So there wasn't any point. She was -- she was</b><br/> 16 <b>just pure evil.</b><br/> 17 Q. You do say that you weren't interested in school, and<br/> 18 when I was speaking to you earlier --<br/> 19 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/> 20 Q. -- you do talk about -- I think it is at paragraph 24 --<br/> 21 that you didn't pass the 11 Plus, but that when you got<br/> 22 to a certain stage in school, something just switched on<br/> 23 as a result of a teacher that you had.<br/> 24 <b>A. Yes, [REDACTED] a man at St. Joseph's Secondary School.</b><br/> 25 <b>Up until then I just was -- I was just typical</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 74</p>   | <p>1 <b>was a piece of bread and jam.</b><br/> 2 Q. Can I take it, though, that you didn't particularly<br/> 3 object to this if you weren't that interested in school,<br/> 4 <b>HIA 13</b><br/> 5 <b>A. Well, there were bonuses, but you ended up with a very</b><br/> 6 <b>sore back, you know, but still hungry.</b><br/> 7 Q. You've mentioned there food. If we could just look at<br/> 8 paragraph 25 where you do talk about the food that you<br/> 9 received in the home. You say that you got a bowl of<br/> 10 gruel before you went to bed.<br/> 11 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/> 12 Q. It was like watery porridge laced with sugar and you had<br/> 13 cod liver oil poured down your neck by a nun who you<br/> 14 name every night.<br/> 15 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/> 16 Q. Is there anything else that you want to say about the<br/> 17 food in the home?<br/> 18 <b>A. Well, generally the food wasn't great. You know, let's</b><br/> 19 <b>be honest. Most of the food that we would have got,</b><br/> 20 <b>I think it was secondhand from wherever the nuns got it,</b><br/> 21 <b>because I do remember an incident once where a guy from</b><br/> 22 <b>some fruit stall landed up with mountains of melons and</b><br/> 23 <b>every one of them was going off, but we were -- that was</b><br/> 24 <b>our -- they were for us. So for the next couple of days</b><br/> 25 <b>we got melons, which wasn't very nice, and I still don't</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 76</p>   |

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| <p>1 like them.</p> <p>2 Q. Did you get food from the farm, though?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Well, you would have got your potatoes and veg, you</b></p> <p>4 <b>know, but it wouldn't have been a great amount, you</b></p> <p>5 <b>know, because there was 90 boys there at one stage, and</b></p> <p>6 <b>it was snooze, you lose, sleep, you weep, sort of</b></p> <p>7 <b>scenario. If you weren't in, you didn't get. The</b></p> <p>8 <b>bigger boys as usual made the most of that.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Can I ask about clothing in the home? You talk in</p> <p>10 paragraph 23 in the statement that you wore a uniform.</p> <p>11 <b>A. All the home boys wore a uniform. In particular during</b></p> <p>12 <b>the summer we wore like a khaki uniform. It was like</b></p> <p>13 <b>an army green, you know. It would be shorts and I think</b></p> <p>14 <b>it was a wee shirt, but you were put outside in the</b></p> <p>15 <b>morning. The door was locked, and that was that. You</b></p> <p>16 <b>looked after yourself out in the concrete area and the</b></p> <p>17 <b>football pitch. Going to school we all wore exactly the</b></p> <p>18 <b>same so everybody knew who we were. You know, you got</b></p> <p>19 <b>the old saying, "Oh, there comes the home boys".</b></p> <p>20 Q. And in the same paragraph you talk about there were</p> <p>21 a few occasions when you were out and people tried to</p> <p>22 stop and give you sweets and things. What happened</p> <p>23 then?</p> <p>24 <b>A. They were the occasions when we talked to Nazareth House</b></p> <p>25 <b>when we were at primary school, because we used to have</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 77</p> | <p>1 <b>A. I was a constant bed wetter.</b></p> <p>2 Q. You talk in paragraph 11 about the layout in the</p> <p>3 dormitory.</p> <p>4 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>5 Q. You say that the dormitory was split into three lines of</p> <p>6 double beds. There were single beds, but then you got</p> <p>7 bunk beds.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Uh-huh. That's correct.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Line one was for non-bed wetters.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Good boys. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Line two for those who wet the bed every now and then --</p> <p>12 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>13 Q. -- and the third line was for what you call the</p> <p>14 constants, people who --</p> <p>15 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>16 Q. -- wet the bed regularly.</p> <p>17 <b>A. Which was the line I was in unfortunately.</b></p> <p>18 Q. You say that you were frightened to go to the toilet.</p> <p>19 You just couldn't go and you weren't getting out of bed</p> <p>20 to get attacked. If you allow me to come back to that,</p> <p>21 I'll just pass on that for the moment.</p> <p>22 <b>A. Right. You will elaborate on it, yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. At paragraph 14 you say that due to the fact that you</p> <p>24 were a constant bed wetter, there was immense punishment</p> <p>25 that went along with it. What do you recall about that?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 79</p>   |
| <p>1 to walk from Termonbacca to Nazareth House, which is</p> <p>2 approximately two miles, rain, hail or snow, and on some</p> <p>3 occasions a few people would try and stop, but they were</p> <p>4 warned by the bigger boys not to give us anything,</p> <p>5 because if they did, we got the hiding, not the older</p> <p>6 boys for taking the sweets, you know, because when we</p> <p>7 went back then, the bigger boys squealed on us as such.</p> <p>8 Q. <b>HIA 13</b> it's been suggested by some of the other boys that</p> <p>9 there was a bus that took you from Termonbacca.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Eventually there was. There was a bus eventually, but</b></p> <p>11 <b>initially at the start we had to walk it, because the</b></p> <p>12 <b>bus man -- I can't remember. We used to sing him a wee</b></p> <p>13 <b>song, but I can't remember it, but he used to give us</b></p> <p>14 <b>all sweets on the bus. You know, he was always nice.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Can I take you to paragraph 15 where you talk about</p> <p>16 bathing in the home? Sorry. It is maybe not</p> <p>17 paragraph 15. Sorry. It's paragraph ...</p> <p>18 <b>A. 14.</b></p> <p>19 Q. Have I got the wrong number? 14?</p> <p>20 <b>A. 14.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Yes. Sorry. Paragraph 14.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN: 14 and then 15.</p> <p>23 MS SMITH: Yes. Maybe just before going on to talk about</p> <p>24 bathing if I can deal with the issue of bedwetting. You</p> <p>25 were a bed wetter?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 78</p>   | <p>1 <b>A. Well, the punishment was that you were made a laugh of</b></p> <p>2 <b>for a start. "Oh, there's" -- can I say --</b></p> <p>3 <b>"pish-the-bed". You know, that's what the bigger boys</b></p> <p>4 <b>would have said or whatever they decided to call you.</b></p> <p>5 <b>They then marched you out down towards where the baths</b></p> <p>6 <b>were. There was three big metal baths, you know big</b></p> <p>7 <b>deep ones of the old style, and while the older boys</b></p> <p>8 <b>were preparing to get the bath ready for you, you were</b></p> <p>9 <b>left standing with your sheet over your head until such</b></p> <p>10 <b>times as they told you to come forward. Now that's all</b></p> <p>11 <b>you had on you. You would have been stripped at this</b></p> <p>12 <b>stage. You just had your sheet. Your wet pyjamas were</b></p> <p>13 <b>taken off and you were told to stand there with your</b></p> <p>14 <b>sheet on you. Then when it was time to move forward,</b></p> <p>15 <b>you were put into the bath, which had Jeyes Fluid added</b></p> <p>16 <b>to it, because Jeyes Fluid to this day is totally barred</b></p> <p>17 <b>from my nose. I won't have anything to do with it, you</b></p> <p>18 <b>know. It's just an absolutely horrendous smell.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You do talk about on one occasion you were sent out to</p> <p>20 a particular family --</p> <p>21 <b>A. Oh, yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. -- and -- in paragraph 16 -- you were there for a week</p> <p>23 and even outside the home you were continuing to wet the</p> <p>24 bed.</p> <p>25 <b>A. I was still frightened.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 80</p> |

1 Q. You didn't actually tell the mother of the home that you  
 2 were in.  
 3 **A. When I was there for the week, I had wet the bed every**  
 4 **single night, but went to bed that night knowing it was**  
 5 **still wet, so frightened that I didn't want to tell the**  
 6 **people. For a start they would have probably taken me**  
 7 **back to Termonbacca where I would have got a hiding**  
 8 **anyway, but at the end of the week the mother of the**  
 9 **house was up making the beds while we were getting**  
 10 **ourselves ready to go home and discovered that my bed**  
 11 **had been wet, and she was distraught at the fact that**  
 12 **I didn't tell her and she said, "Look, I wish you had**  
 13 **told me, because we could have sorted it out easily. It**  
 14 **would have been no fuss", but the guy that was along**  
 15 **with me, when we went back to the home, told SR2 what**  
 16 **had happened and she called me everything for**  
 17 **embarrassing them -- embarrassing them, and gave me**  
 18 **an awful hammering, just because I'd wet the bed again.**  
 19 Q. And you describe that in the end of paragraph 16, which  
 20 is over the page that is displayed, where you say that  
 21 she slapped you all over your body with her hand, and  
 22 you -- since that incident you haven't gone back to that  
 23 family or had anything to do with them?  
 24 **A. No, I had never any contact again.**  
 25 Q. I think we have covered the issue about bathing and the  
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1 Jeyes Fluid in what you have told us.  
 2 Can I ask you about chores and work in the home?  
 3 You talk about --  
 4 **A. Chores were part of everyday life. When you came home**  
 5 **from school, you always had to have your uniform put**  
 6 **away and have it clean and ready for the next day, and**  
 7 **then you would probably either be cleaning floors,**  
 8 **mopping floors. I always remember a big red floor. We**  
 9 **always had to clean that and polish it, because you**  
 10 **always put rags on your feet, you know, and polished it**  
 11 **with that, but when you were putting the polish down,**  
 12 **you were down on your knees putting it down, you know,**  
 13 **spreading it, and then -- and then obviously during the**  
 14 **summer or at September you were up in the farm picking**  
 15 **-- picking spuds and whatever, but you didn't get away**  
 16 **too lightly.**  
 17 Q. You say that in paragraph 23 that there were floors to  
 18 clean. You describe the big red floors. You said there  
 19 was scrubbing toilets. There was always something to  
 20 do.  
 21 **A. There was always something. You were never left. You**  
 22 **were never left too idle. I think the only time you got**  
 23 **idleness was maybe from 7 o'clock at night where if you**  
 24 **were big enough, you were allowed to watch TV. If not,**  
 25 **you were chased to bed.**  
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1 Q. SR2 you say and some of the other boys supervised the  
 2 chores. Is that correct?  
 3 **A. Generally, yes.**  
 4 Q. And there is -- at paragraph 2... -- sorry --  
 5 paragraph 7 you say that you were known by a number in  
 6 Termonbacca.  
 7 **A. That's correct.**  
 8 Q. And you can't recall exactly, but you think you were 24  
 9 or 25.  
 10 **A. Yes, that's correct.**  
 11 Q. You say that sometimes they would call you by the  
 12 number; sometimes they would call you by your surname,  
 13 but they rarely called you **HIA 13**  
 14 **A. Very rarely. I think the only time I got **HIA 13** was**  
 15 **when I was being collected by my foster parents to go**  
 16 **out.**  
 17 Q. It has been suggested by the congregation, **HIA 13** that  
 18 there was never a policy of naming -- of numbering  
 19 children in their homes, and that what they did do was  
 20 put numbers on to clothing for laundry purposes so that  
 21 when clothes came back from the laundry, they could say,  
 22 "Number 25, here's your shirt". Is it possible that  
 23 that is what remember about numbering?  
 24 **A. Definitely not. Definitely not, because there was about**  
 25 **three or four different **HIA 13** in there, you know. So**  
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1 **they never called me or another **HIA 13** or another **HIA 13** by**  
 2 **their proper names, because it was -- it was easier to**  
 3 **call them a number, a lot easier, because I can assure**  
 4 **you you pretty much remembered your number.**  
 5 Q. In paragraph 22 you talk about the daily routine in the  
 6 home.  
 7 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 8 Q. You say you were getting up about 7.00, going for  
 9 breakfast, which you describe as usually porridge or  
 10 cereal --  
 11 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 12 Q. -- and then you went to school.  
 13 In paragraph 25 you say that in the home there was  
 14 a big room where you could watch TV. You played tag,  
 15 football, Cowboys and Indians or whatever in the big  
 16 concrete yard and all the boys played out there. Is  
 17 that your recollection of what life in the home was  
 18 like?  
 19 **A. It was pretty much the same every day, you know. There**  
 20 **was very, very little changed. In the summer, you know,**  
 21 **you would have been put out there in the morning after**  
 22 **your breakfast -- obviously if you weren't at school you**  
 23 **know -- and that was you for the day, but when you came**  
 24 **back from school, if you were at school, you didn't get**  
 25 **out to play. You just had to do your chores and you**  
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1 **messed about in the big room, you know. If you got**  
 2 **watching TV you were lucky, because the big boys had**  
 3 **control over that as well.**  
 4 Q. Can I ask you about special occasions in the home? You  
 5 describe Christmas time at paragraph 20 in your  
 6 statement. You say that you were invited to parties.  
 7 **A. The home boys were always invited out to Sea Eagle base,**  
 8 **any navy boats that were in, fire station, and on every**  
 9 **occasion we all received presents and they were good.**  
 10 **You know it was good craic going there, because you got**  
 11 **sweets and you'd lemonade and you were -- you know, the**  
 12 **fireman or the sailors or the army or whoever was**  
 13 **treating you, they treated you well, you know, which was**  
 14 **a bonus.**  
 15 Q. What about Hallowe'en in the home?  
 16 **A. I don't remember Hallowe'en. I have no recollection of**  
 17 **Hallowe'en at all.**  
 18 Q. What about your birthday? What would have happened  
 19 then?  
 20 **A. Oh, I did not have a birthday. I didn't have a birthday**  
 21 **in there. I think the only time I remember having**  
 22 **birthday parties is when I went out with my foster**  
 23 **people, you know, if I was out with them at the time of**  
 24 **my birthday, you know, when they were taking me out**  
 25 **weekly. I hadn't a clue when my birthday was.**

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1 Q. Some other boys have said that there was a special  
 2 breakfast treat on birthdays. Do you recollect that?  
 3 **A. I don't recall that. I don't recall.**  
 4 Q. You talk again at paragraph 20 about getting presents  
 5 when you went out for these trips at Christmas and that  
 6 --  
 7 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 8 Q. -- and you also say you got a present on Christmas Day.  
 9 You remember cowboy suits and guns.  
 10 **A. Yes.**  
 11 Q. Can you recall what happened to those presents and what  
 12 you believe happened to them?  
 13 **A. We were never told what happened to those presents we**  
 14 **were given, because as soon as we came back from**  
 15 **wherever we were those presents were removed. We never**  
 16 **saw them again. The only time we ever saw presents**  
 17 **again was on Christmas Day. No idea where the rest --**  
 18 **speculation is they sold them on, because I remember one**  
 19 **person telling me they had been auction every January**  
 20 **and a sale of toys.**  
 21 Q. You will appreciate that the congregation denies that  
 22 they ever sold on any presents or that indeed they took  
 23 the presents that you were given from you.  
 24 **A. Well, I would like to ask them where they went then.**  
 25 **Why did I only have one present? Why did my friend next**

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1 **to me only have one present? Where did all the presents**  
 2 **go that we were given? Now if we were out at five**  
 3 **different parties for the year around Christmas, there's**  
 4 **five presents we didn't get. We didn't get, simple as.**  
 5 **Never seen them again.**  
 6 Q. Music played a large part in the home. Is that correct?  
 7 **A. Music was quite regular, yes. The Seekers. You were**  
 8 **sick listening to The Seekers.**  
 9 Q. Well -- but you, in fact, played in a brass band  
 10 yourself.  
 11 **A. Yes.**  
 12 Q. Is that correct?  
 13 **A. That's correct, yes.**  
 14 Q. You talk about this at paragraph 26 in your statement  
 15 and you say that it had a brass band, that you had your  
 16 own equipment, that was often donated. During the  
 17 summer you would get on the bus, go to different towns  
 18 and play and collect money.  
 19 **A. I remember that. I played -- I played an instrument**  
 20 **called the cornet, but I couldn't play it, because**  
 21 **I couldn't read music, but I was a wee cute boy. So**  
 22 **I was stuck there letting on to play. "Och, look at**  
 23 **that wee cute boy there. Throw him a few quid." They**  
 24 **made a fortune out of us.**  
 25 Q. You also talk about Irish dancing and one occasion in

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1 particular that you remember. What would you like the  
 2 Inquiry to hear about that?  
 3 **A. Do I want to tell them? Myself and one of the guys**  
 4 **along with me, who has now passed away, we were sent**  
 5 **Irish dancing and it was SND 297 class. We**  
 6 **used to go every week. Most of the weeks we dobbed, me**  
 7 **and this other guy, and just took the money for it.**  
 8 **I tried burn the place down when I was -- I think I was**  
 9 **about 9 I tried to burn it down, me and this other**  
 10 **character, because we were just fed up, being bad as**  
 11 **usual.**  
 12 Q. What I was actually asking you about, HIA 13 was about  
 13 a memory involving Bishop Farren coming to the home.  
 14 **A. Oh, when we had to perform like monkeys. Yes, yes.**  
 15 **Bishop Farren would -- there would always be a dignitary**  
 16 **arrive at Christmas. Now it could have been Bishop**  
 17 **Farren. It could have been -- I remember one year**  
 18 **Bishop Farren arrived he arrived with Phil Coulter, and**  
 19 **Phil Coulter taught us all a song, but again I can't**  
 20 **remember, but yes, as part of the performing monkey**  
 21 **scenario myself and this other character had to do a wee**  
 22 **dance for him and I huffed halfway through it and walked**  
 23 **off the stage.**  
 24 Q. And can I ask you about did you ever get any pocket  
 25 money when you were in the home?

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1 **A. I remember we used to get sixpence on a Saturday and**  
 2 **I think we were allowed down town for a couple of hours,**  
 3 **but when we went down town, we would always come home**  
 4 **with more than we had the money for, and on a few**  
 5 **occasions -- Wellworths was open then, and they used to**  
 6 **have a big corner -- it was all metal biscuits -- metal**  
 7 **tins of biscuits, where you bought biscuits by a bag**  
 8 **then. They used to give us the broken ones. "There's**  
 9 **the wee home boys. We'll give them some biscuits." So**  
 10 **we went home with plenty of biscuits as well, but other**  
 11 **things that we shouldn't have had.**  
 12 Q. What about day trips? Did you ever go on any day trips?  
 13 **A. I don't remember day trips too often, simply because day**  
 14 **trips would have happened around the summer and the**  
 15 **weekends, and that's when I was out with my foster**  
 16 **parents then, you know. So I don't really remember that**  
 17 **many, to be quite honest with you.**  
 18 Q. Do you remember any that you yourself went on?  
 19 **A. I've seen photographs of me being at a beach, but**  
 20 **I don't remember them. I really don't.**  
 21 Q. You at paragraph 34 of your statement talk about the  
 22 fact that you received an injury at one point --  
 23 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 24 Q. -- which was an accidental injury involving a snooker  
 25 cue stick.

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1 **A. Yes.**  
 2 Q. It hit you in the eye or you were hit in the eye with  
 3 it.  
 4 **A. Yes.**  
 5 Q. You think you were about 7 or 8 years of age, and you  
 6 went to Altnagelvin, but you say that there's no record  
 7 of this anywhere.  
 8 **A. I have never seen anything. I have asked my doctor**  
 9 **about it and he says he knows nothing about it with**  
 10 **regards to that injury. Now I did go to the hospital,**  
 11 **because the snooker cue went right into the corner of my**  
 12 **eye. It didn't lodge there, you know, but it went in,**  
 13 **because I remember it bleeding, but I do remember going**  
 14 **to the hospital and I've never heard any more about it**  
 15 **since.**  
 16 Q. Your eye wasn't permanently damaged?  
 17 **A. No, because years later I had a -- I had a test -- I had**  
 18 **my eyes properly tested for [REDACTED], and the guy**  
 19 **who was testing my eyes had to look in the back, you**  
 20 **know, whatever they are, and he said -- you know, after**  
 21 **the examination I had told him what happened as a child,**  
 22 **and he says, "You're very lucky, because there's no**  
 23 **scars there". So I wasn't too bad.**  
 24 Q. While you were in Termonbacca at any stage did you ever  
 25 see anyone from Social Services visit the home?

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1 **A. Not to my knowledge, no.**  
 2 Q. Or do you ever remember any visits by senior nuns?  
 3 **A. No.**  
 4 Q. You've talked about who else you do remember visiting.  
 5 You've talked about Bishop Farren coming at Christmas --  
 6 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 7 Q. -- and Phil Coulter coming. Do you recall anybody else  
 8 ever coming?  
 9 **A. There used to be two guys who came to cut our hair. Now**  
 10 **they were from -- I think they were from Creggan.**  
 11 **I remember one guy being a big tall boy and there was**  
 12 **a smaller boy. They used to come on a regular basis and**  
 13 **cut our hair -- probably for free. I don't know.**  
 14 Q. If I can take to you some of the specific allegations  
 15 that you refer to in your statement, **HIA 13**  
 16 **A. Yes.**  
 17 Q. You've talked already about what happened at Nazareth  
 18 House Primary School, and if I can take you then to  
 19 paragraph 8 of your statement, you say that in the  
 20 home -- you start -- after you move from nursery you  
 21 start mixing with the older boys and say there was  
 22 a hierarchy there, and you say that the nuns wanted that  
 23 hierarchy, because it made them easier for them to rule  
 24 and discipline the boys, and you say there were only two  
 25 nuns in charge of approximately 90 children and you

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1 accept that it was probably quite tough for them.  
 2 **A. I am sure it was tough for them, but it didn't give them**  
 3 **the excuse to ignore what was going on in the**  
 4 **background. You know, they are passing off their power**  
 5 **to the older boys to do with us what they wanted,**  
 6 **whether it be sexual or violent. That's just the way it**  
 7 **was. You know, once they went into their wee cubicle in**  
 8 **particular at night, that was it. You didn't see them**  
 9 **to the morning, you know, disregardless of what happened**  
 10 **outside. So the bigger guys had the rule of the roost.**  
 11 Q. You say in paragraph 8 that you got several beatings  
 12 from two nuns whom you name in that statement.  
 13 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 14 Q. They would hit you over the head or slap you in every  
 15 part of your body with their hands when you were just  
 16 carrying on.  
 17 **A. Yes.**  
 18 Q. You then go on -- can I just pause there, because one of  
 19 the nuns you name there has made a statement to the  
 20 Inquiry, and she has denied that she ever struck you,  
 21 although she accepts that there may have been incidents  
 22 when she slapped a child on the hand or bottom and she  
 23 might have on occasion used a ruler. Is there anything  
 24 you want to say about that, **HIA 13**  
 25 **A. Well, the only thing I can say to that nun is thank you**

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1 very much for being a bloody liar, you know, because  
 2 I am the person she hit. I am the person that felt it.  
 3 I am the person that felt the bamboo cane across my feet  
 4 because I wouldn't bloody sleep, you know. So I say  
 5 back to her: you're a liar.  
 6 Q. Well, you do talk about further beatings by this  
 7 particular nun. You mentioned when you came back from  
 8 Walshes --  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. -- and you have also talked at paragraph 17 and 18 about  
 11 being beaten.  
 12 A. Because we were carrying on.  
 13 Q. Yes. I mean, how were you carrying on, HIA 13 What were  
 14 you doing?  
 15 A. What do wee lads do? Fight, play Tig, roll about, you  
 16 know. That was it. We were having a laugh. We were  
 17 being children, but because she thought we were being  
 18 dirty boys, that was her excuse to give us a good  
 19 slapping, and both of us got a good slapping that day,  
 20 simply because we were carrying on. We were being  
 21 children.  
 22 Q. You say in paragraph 18 that the beatings were random.  
 23 You were hit on the back of the head, or if they had  
 24 a stick or bamboo cane, it was across the legs, mostly  
 25 you say when you wore short trousers.

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1 A. Uh-huh.  
 2 Q. You talk about this putting your feet through the bottom  
 3 of the bed and beating the soles of your feet with a  
 4 cane.  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. That was because you weren't asleep at bedtime?  
 7 A. You were given so many minutes to fall asleep. If you  
 8 weren't asleep, that was it. You got a slapping.  
 9 Q. And --  
 10 A. Very free with her hands, this particular nun, very  
 11 free.  
 12 Q. Well, can I just say there's also -- I discussed this  
 13 with you earlier this morning, that this particular nun  
 14 who you describe in a statement to the Inquiry has said  
 15 that she remembers you as a lovely child, that she  
 16 recalled you coming to speak to her after a mass in  
 17 Derry which was held to mark the closure of Termonbacca  
 18 and that was just before she moved to work in [REDACTED]  
 19 [REDACTED]  
 20 A. Uh-huh.  
 21 Q. What do you want to say about that, HIA 13  
 22 A. I wasn't there. There are a number of photographs  
 23 circulating at the minute where there were gatherings.  
 24 I am in none of them. I didn't want to go back to the  
 25 dump, you know. Jesus! I was glad to get out of it.

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1 No, I wasn't there.  
 2 Q. So you didn't attend this mass?  
 3 A. No, I did not. I don't even go to mass now. From  
 4 I left Termonbacca probably I have been to mass at  
 5 a funeral or wedding. That's it.  
 6 Q. She did say that there were a number of people at the  
 7 mass and she didn't have time to speak to you. She  
 8 recalls you being there, though, but you're saying that  
 9 you weren't there.  
 10 A. That's why she didn't speak to me: because I wasn't  
 11 there.  
 12 Q. Did you attend a nun's funeral, SR 5  
 13 funeral, at all?  
 14 A. No, I did not. I think I would be -- if I went, I'd be  
 15 spitting on their graves.  
 16 Q. Well, can I take you to paragraph 9, which is where you  
 17 describe what happened to you at the hands of an older  
 18 boy? You say he was about 7 or 8 years older than you.  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. He would wait until you were near or around the toilet  
 21 area. He would come across, grab you and pull you in.  
 22 There were three cubicles and whichever one was free was  
 23 where he took you. Just whatever he wanted you to do  
 24 you had to do it. You say you were 7 or 8 years old  
 25 when this abuse started.

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. You describe what he made you do to him, and that lasted  
 3 until he was satisfied and then he let you go.  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. You describe how you were glad to get out at weekends  
 6 and summers to get away from him and you didn't have to  
 7 face it then.  
 8 A. Peace and quiet.  
 9 Q. You say this abuse went on at the hands of this  
 10 particular person for three or four years.  
 11 A. That's correct.  
 12 Q. He just did it whenever it suited him, but he's the only  
 13 one you ever remember coming near you.  
 14 A. Yes. He was the only one that ever sexually abused me.  
 15 There were others who would have given me a good  
 16 thumping every now and then, but he is the only one.  
 17 Q. You actually -- in the final paragraph of your  
 18 statement, paragraph 43, you say as you look back on  
 19 this now and have chatted to some of the other boys who  
 20 were in the home, you think that what happened was that  
 21 the abusers selected a group of boys and --  
 22 A. There seems to have been that selection of "He's mine.  
 23 Don't touch him", because when I discussed with some of  
 24 my other friends from Termonbacca about it, they said he  
 25 never came near them. So that led me to believe, you

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| <p>1 <b>know, they must have been picking and choosing who they</b><br/>2 <b>wanted.</b></p> <p>3 Q. You do mention that there was bullying by older boys.<br/>4 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>5 Q. You mention that at paragraph 19, and is there anything<br/>6 else you want to say about the older boys? You have<br/>7 said that they basically ruled the roost.<br/>8 <b>A. Well, the older boys just had the total upper hand. If</b><br/>9 <b>you ever see a photograph of me, I was quite small. So</b><br/>10 <b>I was quite an easy target. Some of the other boys</b><br/>11 <b>would have been taller and braver. I was a wee coward,</b><br/>12 <b>you know. So I was fodder for their ammunition. It was</b><br/>13 <b>just -- just ridiculous, you know. It was ridiculous.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Now you have spoken about going out and you have spoken<br/>15 about the lady you now call your mother. She initially<br/>16 took you out to stay with her family. Isn't that<br/>17 correct?<br/>18 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. And she herself was quite young?<br/>20 <b>A. Yes. She was only [REDACTED] at the time.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Subsequently then she married and you lived with her and<br/>22 her husband?<br/>23 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. And those are the people you refer to as --<br/>25 <b>A. Mother and father, yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 97</p> | <p>1 at paragraph 23 about a particular teacher in Nazareth<br/>2 House who you recall with affection --</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>4 Q. -- and also the maths teacher that you have referred to<br/>5 in paragraph 24.<br/>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Is there anyone else that you feel positively disposed<br/>8 towards or anything positive that you can say about the<br/>9 time that you were in Termonbacca or had you good<br/>10 memories?<br/>11 <b>A. Obviously there were times when things went well, but</b><br/>12 <b>I don't recollect any particular person. We all tended</b><br/>13 <b>to look after each other in our own age group. You</b><br/>14 <b>know, the older boys, as I say, as I repeat again, ruled</b><br/>15 <b>the roost. So we kept ourselves as much to ourselves as</b><br/>16 <b>possible, and -- nobody stands out with regard to giving</b><br/>17 <b>me a helping hand. A helping hand across the mouth</b><br/>18 <b>maybe, yes. That would be about it.</b></p> <p>19 Q. And after you left you remember a particular incident<br/>20 involving the Welfare Authorities when you were living<br/>21 with your mother.<br/>22 <b>A. That's correct, in [REDACTED], yes. What happened there</b><br/>23 <b>was three doors down from us one of our neighbours had</b><br/>24 <b>taken a young guy out of Termonbacca as well. Now she</b><br/>25 <b>had been getting clothing allowance and whatever else,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 99</p>                       |
| <p>1 Q. -- mother and father. You were age 10 I think when you<br/>2 were fostered --</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes, I was 10 when I left there, yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. -- by them.<br/>5 <b>A. I got early release.</b></p> <p>6 Q. She said -- I mean, she has told you that she wished to<br/>7 adopt you --<br/>8 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. -- but that that wasn't permitted. What do you want the<br/>10 Inquiry to know about that?<br/>11 <b>A. She wasn't allowed to adopt because, number one, the</b><br/>12 <b>nuns had said to her that my mother wasn't suitable.</b><br/>13 <b>She was what they called a bad woman, and that she was</b><br/>14 <b>also -- had not signed any papers to say so. My</b><br/>15 <b>biological mother was a Nazareth House girl as well and</b><br/>16 <b>obviously, as you referred to earlier, had a child</b><br/>17 <b>before myself. So that's why she was called a bad</b><br/>18 <b>woman.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You continued to live with your mother and father then.<br/>20 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. And you were looked after well by them?<br/>22 <b>A. Absolutely fantastically. They have made me what I am</b><br/>23 <b>today.</b></p> <p>24 Q. You, in fact, just talking about -- can I just before<br/>25 going on to your life after care did you -- you do talk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 98</p>   | <p>1 <b>and she says to my mother, "Do you not get anything for</b><br/>2 <b>HIA 13 She says "No". So this welfare officer visited</b><br/>3 <b>her regularly. So on the next occasion she said, "Look,</b><br/>4 <b>go up the street. There's a young fellow up the street</b><br/>5 <b>out of Termonbacca. Go and have a chat with his</b><br/>6 <b>mother".</b></p> <p>7 <b>So he came up and in he went and him and my mother</b><br/>8 <b>had a conversation, and he turned round and said to my</b><br/>9 <b>mother, "Do you know, we have nothing on this young</b><br/>10 <b>fellow. We don't even know who he is". He says,</b><br/>11 <b>"I have not heard his name once mentioned in my office</b><br/>12 <b>and as far as we're concerned you could have killed that</b><br/>13 <b>young fellow and nobody would have known". There wasn't</b><br/>14 <b>that. He knew absolutely nothing.</b></p> <p>15 Q. What age were you at this stage?<br/>16 <b>A. I think I would have been about 11 or 12, maybe more.</b></p> <p>17 Q. I think in your statement you refer to --<br/>18 <b>A. I was further on. I was 15. I was 15.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You left school having got your CSEs and you initially<br/>20 followed your father's footsteps and went into the<br/>21 fabrication engineering end of things.<br/>22 <b>A. Correct. Yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. You then worked in a variety of jobs before you ended up<br/>24 joining [REDACTED] in 1988 --<br/>25 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 100</p> |

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1 Q. -- and you've worked there until you retired just last  
 2 year.  
 3 **A. That's correct.**  
 4 Q. You were married and had [REDACTED] children and that marriage  
 5 broke down, and you then had -- you have been with your  
 6 second wife now for some [REDACTED] years.  
 7 **A. That's correct, yes.**  
 8 Q. You talk in paragraph 41 about what happened to a lot of  
 9 the friends that you made in Termonbacca.  
 10 **A. Well, sadly quite a few of them aren't here today to**  
 11 **defend themselves, simply because they couldn't bear,**  
 12 **you know, the scars that were tearing them apart.**  
 13 **SND24, so on, DL 48 you know, quite a few of the**  
 14 **guys, they couldn't -- they just couldn't work it. They**  
 15 **couldn't get through it, and there was no help for them,**  
 16 **because at that time, like everything else, nobody**  
 17 **believed us, and if you spoke about it, you were told to**  
 18 **shut your mouth, you know. So it's as much that we are**  
 19 **here today to defend them as well as ourselves, because**  
 20 **there is nobody to defend them, you know, and we have**  
 21 **to. We have to stand by them, because if they had been**  
 22 **here in our place, they would have stood by us.**  
 23 Q. Can I ask, HIA 13 how you feel today about those who  
 24 cared for you when you were a child?  
 25 **A. I don't feel anything for them, because the way I look**  
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1 at them, I look at them in the light of bullies and  
 2 monsters. I sometimes look at them and think, "Were you  
 3 trained by the Germans in punishment beatings?" I just  
 4 have no -- no liking for them at all. I -- I think if  
 5 you were to bring one in front of me, I'd punch the  
 6 daylights out of them, but again I have to try to  
 7 control myself in that sense too.  
 8 Q. Well, you'll be aware HIA 13 that this Inquiry has to  
 9 make recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive  
 10 --  
 11 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 12 Q. -- about what ought to be done, whether by way of  
 13 apology, or some other memorial or tribute, or redress.  
 14 I would like to know what you would like to see happen.  
 15 **A. Do you mind if I refer to this? Just I wrote a couple**  
 16 **of wee things down. I think the most important thing is**  
 17 **that we have a lasting legacy in the form of either or**  
 18 **both maybe a monument or some sort of a bursary to help**  
 19 **our children and our children's children, because**  
 20 **I didn't get the chance to push myself forward**  
 21 **educationally. I didn't get the chance to be the person**  
 22 **I could have been. So I want to look at my child and my**  
 23 **child's children and say, "Well, look, there's a bit of**  
 24 **help for you. Go and knock at that door and they will**  
 25 **help you with your education or they'll help you with**  
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1 your funding", but also I would love to see some sort of  
 2 a monument in and around both Belfast and Derry just to  
 3 say -- in years to come where my children's children can  
 4 go up and say, "Grandad was in there. My great-grandad  
 5 was part of that. My grandad's friends were part of  
 6 that", you know, something that they'll always remember.  
 7 Redress will become available possibly, but the way  
 8 I look at redress is if it doesn't happen, it doesn't  
 9 happen, but I would love it to happen, because then  
 10 I could help financially some of my family who are  
 11 struggling because you have my lack of maybe education  
 12 and whatever else. I would love that to happen.  
 13 Q. Okay. Is there anything that you feel that we haven't  
 14 covered that you wish to say?  
 15 **A. I just -- I'm just going to refer to one incident -- not**  
 16 **an incident. When I said to you earlier on about the**  
 17 **Jeyes Fluid baths, I spent a week in my 15s, a full**  
 18 **week, in Altnagelvin Hospital covered from head to toe**  
 19 **in eczema, having been plastered in cream twice a day to**  
 20 **help alleviate the eczema.**  
 21 Now I have always blamed the fact that I was bathed  
 22 in Jeyes Fluid for that eczema and obviously the  
 23 stresses and strains that came along with living in  
 24 Termonbacca. So I would -- I want that to be made clear  
 25 and hopefully that that -- you can understand that, you  
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1 know. That was the symptom of the bathing.  
 2 Q. Thank you HIA 13 If you just stay there, please, the  
 3 Panel Members may have some questions for you.  
 4 Questions from THE PANEL  
 5 CHAIRMAN: HIA 13 just two quite separate things I want to  
 6 clear up with you. The first thing is, as you know, we  
 7 have been referring to you by your first name only and  
 8 you have a designation so that your identity doesn't  
 9 become known.  
 10 Do you want that to be -- that anonymity to be  
 11 preserved outside the tribunal chamber or do you not?  
 12 It is a matter for your choice.  
 13 **A. I have thought about this seriously and I've thought**  
 14 **about it quite a bit recently, and the way I am looking**  
 15 **at it is I am hiding no more. I don't want to be hiding**  
 16 **anymore. I don't want anybody to think I'm hiding**  
 17 **behind a screen. So put my name in there, and I want**  
 18 **everybody to know that this is what these people did to**  
 19 **HIA 13**  
 20 Q. You are content therefore --  
 21 **A. Yes.**  
 22 Q. -- that any report should refer to your name and so on?  
 23 **A. I don't care. Go ahead, yes, because I'm sick of being**  
 24 **pushed to the back and hiding. I'm sick of it.**  
 25 Q. The other question I want to ask you is about the potato  
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| <p>1 picking.</p> <p>2 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>3 Q. We understand from the details that you left Termonbacca</p> <p>4 just after your tenth birthday --</p> <p>5 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>6 Q. -- in the middle of the summer.</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. So that would have been before any potato picking in the</p> <p>9 autumn that year when you were 10?</p> <p>10 <b>A. But it would have been previous Septembers. It was</b></p> <p>11 <b>pretty much every year.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Now looking back, can you give us any idea of how often</p> <p>13 you went potato picking in the autumn? Was it just once</p> <p>14 or was it more than once?</p> <p>15 <b>A. If you were kept off, it was probably for the week. You</b></p> <p>16 <b>would have been kept off the first week. Oh, you mean</b></p> <p>17 <b>when I was coming through?</b></p> <p>18 Q. Was it one year, two years, three years?</p> <p>19 <b>A. I would say two years, because I was getting to a stage</b></p> <p>20 <b>where I was going out anyway.</b></p> <p>21 Q. So you think you did it for two years in the autumn?</p> <p>22 <b>A. I would say about 8 or 9, 9 or 10, somewhere round that</b></p> <p>23 <b>age bracket.</b></p> <p>24 Q. You said a moment ago before I interrupted you that if</p> <p>25 you -- if somebody went out potato picking, you might be</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 105</p> | <p>1 <b>earlier on, it was a form of control. That was --</b></p> <p>2 <b>because the nun on her own just couldn't control that</b></p> <p>3 <b>many of us. You know, some were good, some were bad,</b></p> <p>4 <b>some were crazy. Well, most of us were crazy, but that</b></p> <p>5 <b>was their way of keeping things calm, you know.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Were there occasions where the nuns weren't</p> <p>7 present and the older boys were in charge?</p> <p>8 <b>A. Pretty much at night-time, because the nun -- at the end</b></p> <p>9 <b>of each dormitory the nun had a wee -- like a wee</b></p> <p>10 <b>closed-in cubicle where, once she went in there, that</b></p> <p>11 <b>was it. Every so often she would maybe juke out through</b></p> <p>12 <b>the curtain, but in general that's where she stayed for</b></p> <p>13 <b>the night.</b></p> <p>14 Q. And in the bathrooms in the morning with the wet or</p> <p>15 after you had wet, were there nuns around then --</p> <p>16 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>17 Q. -- or was it just -- so it was just the older boys?</p> <p>18 <b>A. No, just senior boys. Just senior boys.</b></p> <p>19 Q. Thanks very much.</p> <p>20 MR LANE: You mentioned your friends at the beginning of</p> <p>21 your evidence you gave. I just wondered whether you</p> <p>22 actually spent most of your free time when you were</p> <p>23 playing outside with a small circle of friends. Did the</p> <p>24 boys group divide up into little groups?</p> <p>25 <b>A. Yes, we generally did. You would have had age bracketed</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 107</p> |
| <p>1 there for a week. Is that right?</p> <p>2 <b>A. You were there for the week, yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. And in the nature of potato picking, once you start, you</p> <p>4 carry on until it's all finished. Isn't that right?</p> <p>5 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Did you get paid for that --</p> <p>7 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- that you are aware of?</p> <p>9 <b>A. No. All we ever got was a piece of bread and jam. That</b></p> <p>10 <b>was it.</b></p> <p>11 Q. And this, of course, was on the Sisters' farm that was</p> <p>12 part of Termonbacca?</p> <p>13 <b>A. It was part of Termonbacca, yes.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Did you ever know of any boys going to work on other</p> <p>15 farms?</p> <p>16 <b>A. I had heard stories of other guys going to other farms,</b></p> <p>17 <b>but that's when they were 15, 16.</b></p> <p>18 Q. Is that something you have picked up afterwards rather</p> <p>19 than --</p> <p>20 <b>A. Afterwards, yes, yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>22 MS DOHERTY: Thanks, <b>HIA 13</b> I was just wondering if you</p> <p>23 think that the nuns were aware of the bullying by the</p> <p>24 older boys. Do you think that they were aware?</p> <p>25 <b>A. I think they were, yes, yes, because, as I stated</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 106</p>  | <p>1 <b>groups.</b></p> <p>2 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>3 <b>A. You know, like most of us who were -- well, I am <b>■</b> now.</b></p> <p>4 <b>If we were 8, the 8-year-olds stuck together, 6, 7,</b></p> <p>5 <b>8-year-olds, then 9, 10, 11-year-olds and then the</b></p> <p>6 <b>olders. You would have always been around your own age</b></p> <p>7 <b>bracket.</b></p> <p>8 Q. You would sit together for meals and things like that,</p> <p>9 would you?</p> <p>10 <b>A. Everybody was together.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Yes.</p> <p>12 <b>A. The bigger boys always went into meals first, because</b></p> <p>13 <b>they were the biggest and the bulkiest. As I said to --</b></p> <p>14 <b>snooze, you lose.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>16 <b>A. You're welcome.</b></p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, <b>HIA 13</b> That's all. Thank</p> <p>18 you for coming to speak to us today.</p> <p>19 <b>A. Can I thank yourself and all those who have made this</b></p> <p>20 <b>possible today? YFMDFM, Martin and -- The First and</b></p> <p>21 <b>Deputy First Minister -- I should use them that way --</b></p> <p>22 <b><b>HIA 151, <b>■</b> HIA 43 <b>■</b></b> and all those who have pushed</b></p> <p>23 <b>to have this here, and it is brilliant that it is. So</b></p> <p>24 <b>thank you very much.</b></p> <p>25 Q. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 108</p>  |

1 (Witness withdrew)  
 2 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, if we might take a short  
 3 break and then we should be ready quite quickly for the  
 4 next witness.  
 5 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well. We will sit again at 3.15.  
 6 (3.08 pm)  
 7 (Short break)  
 8 (3.15 pm)  
 9 WITNESS HIA125 (called)  
 10 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY  
 11 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and gentlemen,  
 12 the witness who is due to give evidence now is HIA125.  
 13 Good afternoon, HIA125.  
 14 **A. Afternoon.**  
 15 Q. HIA125, if I can just ask you to speak into the  
 16 microphone, because we have to get a record of your  
 17 evidence to the Inquiry, and if you need to take a break  
 18 at any time, just let us know and we'll take a short  
 19 break.  
 20 **A. That's okay.**  
 21 Q. Right. Can I just confirm, HIA125, you are now [redacted] years  
 22 of age? Is that right?  
 23 **A. That's correct.**  
 24 Q. And you were resident in Termonbacca --  
 25 CHAIRMAN: Do you want to swear the witness?

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1 MS SMITH: Oh, sorry. I beg your pardon. Sorry.  
 2 Apologies. If you just stand up, HIA125, the Chairman  
 3 has to ...  
 4 CHAIRMAN: It may have been explained to you that you may  
 5 take either a religious oath or make an affirmation.  
 6 They have the same legal effect. It's entirely a matter  
 7 for your choice.  
 8 **A. I will take an affirmation.**  
 9 CHAIRMAN: Very well.  
 10 WITNESS HIA125 (affirmed)  
 11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA125. Please sit down.  
 12 MS SMITH: HIA125, as I was saying, you are [redacted] and as  
 13 a child you lived in Termonbacca from the age of [redacted] until  
 14 the age of [redacted]  
 15 **A. That's correct.**  
 16 Q. We know from documentation that we have received and  
 17 indeed you know from documentation that you also have  
 18 received that you were recommended to Termonbacca by the  
 19 NSPCC.  
 20 **A. That's correct.**  
 21 Q. Can we just look, please, at SND-1643? This is a letter  
 22 that was written to you by the Sisters of Nazareth when  
 23 you wrote seeking information about your time there.  
 24 They tell you that from the records they have discovered  
 25 that you were born in [redacted] It sets out your date of

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1 birth. It says who your mother was and that she was  
 2 a domestic servant and that you were recommended by the  
 3 NSPCC in [redacted] that you were admitted to Termonbacca on  
 4 6th January 1959 and that you left on 17th October 1972.  
 5 That letter said:  
 6 "Observations: Mother living."  
 7 I will come back to that shortly. It is the  
 8 observation book states on the following page if we can  
 9 just scroll on down --  
 10 **A. Before you go on to the next page, that -- whoa! You**  
 11 **are going away up. It says that I was baptised in [redacted]**  
 12 **[redacted] is supposed to be in**  
 13 **[redacted] If you Google it, it doesn't exist. So that**  
 14 **gave me wrong information here. That document is wrong**  
 15 **or that part of the document is wrong.**  
 16 Q. Although it does say that there is something there that  
 17 is not quite clear, so it may be that --  
 18 **A. There is something after this, but it says [redacted]**  
 19 **[redacted] Just a point, that nuns gave me wrong**  
 20 **information, you know.**  
 21 Q. Just on the following page, HIA125, it says you were  
 22 admitted through the NSPCC and gives details about your  
 23 mother there and then about the sacraments that you  
 24 received while you were in the home.  
 25 If we look at SND-1632, you will see that this is

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1 the actual details taken from the register and it looks  
 2 to me that "Where baptised" it actually says -- I would  
 3 read that as [redacted] but perhaps it  
 4 was just written down wrongly.  
 5 **A. It's possible.**  
 6 CHAIRMAN: I doubt it.  
 7 MS SMITH: I have obviously probably misinterpreted anyway,  
 8 but certainly the handwriting is somewhat difficult to  
 9 make out.  
 10 Now, HIA125, can I just, first of all, confirm that  
 11 when you came to speak to the Inquiry, you brought  
 12 a collection of photographs and documents with you?  
 13 **A. Yes.**  
 14 Q. For the benefit of the Panel Members and the other  
 15 representatives, legal representatives, here we have  
 16 scanned those into the evidence bundle and I will refer  
 17 to some of them with you, but you have today brought the  
 18 originals and you are content for us to hold on to those  
 19 so that people can look through them --  
 20 **A. Yes.**  
 21 Q. -- for a short period of time and then we will return  
 22 them to you.  
 23 **A. That's grand, yes.**  
 24 Q. Thank you. Now can we look, please, at your witness  
 25 statement, which is SND-1619? You are aware, HIA125,

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1 that we have given you a designation, which is "HIA125".  
 2 The purpose of that is to protect your identity, so that  
 3 unless you wish your identity to be known outside this  
 4 room, it can't be disclosed to anyone.  
 5 **A. Yes, I understand that.**  
 6 Q. Okay, and it says it is the "Witness Statement of  
 7 HIA125", which is you. Then if we could just go to the  
 8 final page of that statement, which is SND-1629, and you  
 9 have seen the original of this, and you will see there  
 10 that it says that on 10th July last year you signed that  
 11 witness statement.  
 12 **A. That's correct.**  
 13 Q. You are content that the Inquiry accept that witness  
 14 statement as your evidence?  
 15 **A. Yes.**  
 16 Q. Can I ask you, HIA125, what is your earliest memory of  
 17 your time in Termonbacca?  
 18 **A. Because I was only [redacted], I remember we were all in a room**  
 19 **in a line and we all had to sit on a potty and you had**  
 20 **to stay on the potty until you done something, as simple**  
 21 **as that. You didn't -- you didn't get off that potty.**  
 22 **There will be a child on this side of you and a child on**  
 23 **that side of you crying and what have you, but you**  
 24 **weren't allowed off that potty. So that's my earliest**  
 25 **memory of it.**

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1 Q. This would have been in the nursery section of it?  
 2 **A. The nursery, yes.**  
 3 Q. In paragraph 2 of your statement, if we can just go back  
 4 to that at SND-1619, you talk about the nun who was in  
 5 charge of the nursery and you name her and you say that  
 6 she was nice enough.  
 7 **A. That's correct now.**  
 8 Q. You say there were also a couple of women who were  
 9 civilian staff and they cleaned and helped out there.  
 10 You give the name of one of them, although you are not  
 11 sure if that was her name. You describe the nursery as  
 12 being rows of cots with a picture of a big pink elephant  
 13 on the wall, and that there was a yard with a concrete  
 14 wall round it where you could go out and toddle about.  
 15 **A. That's right. There was no toys in it, like, you know.**  
 16 **It was just concrete -- concrete surface with a concrete**  
 17 **wall round it. So that is what you did.**  
 18 Q. Can I just ask if we could pull up SND-14157? This may  
 19 be of some general interest, but the nun that you  
 20 describe as looking after the nursery is the nun shown  
 21 in that photograph on the right-hand side.  
 22 **A. The younger nun.**  
 23 Q. The younger nun.  
 24 **A. You might want to -- later on you will come across that.**  
 25 **That's the Reverend Mother there.**

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1 Q. Yes. I think the nun -- the older nun is the Reverend  
 2 Mother, who was in charge of the home when you were  
 3 there.  
 4 **A. That's correct.**  
 5 Q. We will come back to talk about her later in your  
 6 evidence.  
 7 As I have indicated, you have provided the Inquiry  
 8 with the originals of these photographs. So if the  
 9 quality isn't that good, the opportunity is there for  
 10 people to have a look at them.  
 11 Now do you ever remember your mother visiting you  
 12 when you were in the home?  
 13 **A. Never.**  
 14 Q. Or any other family member?  
 15 **A. Never. Never seen them.**  
 16 Q. Now you talk later on about -- can I ask if you ever had  
 17 any contact with your mother?  
 18 **A. I've never seen my mother at all. I once rang my granny**  
 19 **once, but she was deaf, and I travelled the whole way**  
 20 **down to [redacted] and then [redacted] but I found --**  
 21 **I found my granny. She was living in an old farmhouse.**  
 22 **She was deaf. She didn't know who I was. When she knew**  
 23 **who I was, then she started crying like, you know. "Who**  
 24 **is it?" She couldn't hear anything you were saying.**  
 25 **She was going "What?" and "What?", you know. After --**

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1 **after a period of time I had got no transport so I was**  
 2 **never really down again. She died. So I never seen her**  
 3 **again. I seen her once in my life.**  
 4 Q. That was your grandmother?  
 5 **A. That was my grandmother.**  
 6 Q. But you never actually made contact with you mother?  
 7 **A. My mother, no.**  
 8 Q. You say in paragraph 36 that you are not sure whether,  
 9 in fact, she is even still alive?  
 10 **A. No, that is correct, because at that first statement**  
 11 **that says was giving my first communion and**  
 12 **confirmation, it says:**  
 13 **"Comments: Mother alive."**  
 14 **That was -- I got that last year, but it means that**  
 15 **she was alive when I was put in the home, but I still**  
 16 **haven't been able to find her or find out if she's alive**  
 17 **or dead, but if I'm [redacted], she was 20. She would be [redacted].**  
 18 **So there is a fair chance she would be alive now.**  
 19 Q. Is it correct you are still trying to locate her?  
 20 **A. That's correct, yes, yes.**  
 21 Q. You do talk in paragraph 36 that about ten years ago  
 22 your wife received a telephone call and there was  
 23 someone --  
 24 **A. My wife got a phone call and it says -- it was an old**  
 25 **woman with a frail voice says can she speak to HIA125.**

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1 Everybody calls me [REDACTED] So if I was doing gardening  
 2 jobs or shifting furniture, everybody is looking for  
 3 [REDACTED] HIA125. So she says, "Can I speak to  
 4 HIA125?" So my wife calls [REDACTED] and I says, "Hello,  
 5 hello, hello", but the line went dead like, you know.  
 6 So it's somebody old, an old woman phoned me up asking  
 7 for HIA125, which is very unusual. So I think it must  
 8 have been my mother, but I never actually got speaking  
 9 to her. Whoever it was rung up.  
 10 Q. But you believe that might have been her?  
 11 A. That's the only -- that's the only contact I would have  
 12 had, if it was her.  
 13 Q. If I can ask you have a sister. Is that correct?  
 14 A. That's correct.  
 15 Q. And can you tell us what your knowledge of her was as  
 16 you were growing up in Termonbacca?  
 17 A. I had no knowledge of her. When I went to Nazareth  
 18 House School down in Bishop Street, there was a big  
 19 swing out the back and you could put ten, twelve  
 20 children on. All the orphans was on it like, you know.  
 21 Somebody says, "She's the same name as you. She's got  
 22 to be your sister". I didn't hit her. I says -- 'cos  
 23 wee boys don't like wee girls anyway. I says, "That's  
 24 not my sister", but it was my sister. So that's --  
 25 that's the only time my sister came into my head and  
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1 then I forget all about her again. It is only whenever  
 2 I left the home and went looking for my sister then  
 3 like, you know, it's -- and found her later on, but no,  
 4 I had no knowledge, although the nuns knew, you know.  
 5 I~don't know if they got some sort of a wee kick of it.  
 6 There's us two on the same swing and we didn't know we  
 7 were blood relatives. She didn't even know she had --  
 8 had a ...  
 9 I replied to the letter asking for -- the archivist  
 10 who sent us out the letter, I phoned her up and I asked  
 11 to speak to her and I says, "Look, you sent me a letter.  
 12 You didn't tell me I had a sister", and I says, "Two  
 13 weeks later my sister sent for her information,  
 14 confirmation, first communion, but nothing to do with  
 15 your family", and they didn't tell her that she had  
 16 a brother.  
 17 So forty years on the nuns are still doing --  
 18 keeping siblings apart, you know. So see this apology  
 19 they came out with? They are still doing it. I pointed  
 20 that out. What happened forty years ago they are still  
 21 doing it. You write to me and you write to my sister  
 22 but you don't tell either of us that we exist, you know.  
 23 They didn't know I had already found her, you know, but  
 24 I wasn't getting it from them.  
 25 Q. Can you just say how you did find out about her?  
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1 A. I think -- I think I phoned my granny and somebody  
 2 mentioned that I had a sister. Then I went looking for  
 3 her and I honestly don't know. I can't remember how  
 4 I put all the pieces together, but I just knocked at  
 5 this door one time and she opened the door. I says,  
 6 "Are you [REDACTED] SND 174 She says, "Aye". I says, "I am  
 7 your brother". She just started crying.  
 8 Q. You are still in contact with her?  
 9 A. Oh, yes, yes.  
 10 Q. Now can I just say there's a number of documents that  
 11 you obtained as well. You think you may have had  
 12 cousins in Termonbacca when you were there also. Is  
 13 that correct?  
 14 A. Yes. When I left Termonbacca, I had been took out by  
 15 a lovely family up in [REDACTED] and the woman was  
 16 a teacher, but -- so she requested from the nuns all my  
 17 information, and part of the package was I think it is  
 18 eight birth -- medical certificates including myself, my  
 19 sister and six other people with the same surname as  
 20 myself. So -- but they are younger than me. So I think  
 21 they're cousins. I don't know, but -- and they were all  
 22 put in the home.  
 23 Q. But certainly there were -- can I just maybe pull those  
 24 up? SND-1653. Now we can highlight the right-hand side  
 25 of that page, please, and you see this is a medical  
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1 certificate. Now can I just explain that we have  
 2 already said that if your name appeared on a document,  
 3 it would be "HIA125".  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. There is no HIA125 on this document, and the originals  
 6 again are available for both the Panel and the legal  
 7 representatives to have a look at, but we can take it  
 8 that it is someone with the same surname as you on that  
 9 medical certificate.  
 10 A. That's correct.  
 11 Q. It was provided to your foster mother when she asked for  
 12 your details.  
 13 A. All the stuff. Anything that had my surname was all put  
 14 into -- was probably put into one package.  
 15 Q. That's dated August 1969.  
 16 A. So they may or may not be related to me, but they have  
 17 the same surname, and I presume they came from the  
 18 same -- from [REDACTED] or what have you, you know. So ...  
 19 Q. Really what you are telling the Inquiry is that you  
 20 believe you may have had other family --  
 21 A. That's correct.  
 22 Q. -- in the home at the same time as you --  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. -- and not known at them?  
 25 A. That's possible. Well, there was definitely six other  
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| <p>1 <b>people with the same surname for sure.</b></p> <p>2 Q. And equally they may have been completely unrelated to</p> <p>3 you.</p> <p>4 <b>A. It's possible, but nobody's told me they weren't and</b></p> <p>5 <b>nobody's told me they were. So it's all up in the air.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Can I ask about friendships in the home? Did you</p> <p>7 form friendships when you were there with some other</p> <p>8 boys?</p> <p>9 <b>A. You tend to stick -- stick to around the same age.</b></p> <p>10 <b>I--had a best mate for a while there. We knocked around,</b></p> <p>11 <b>climbed trees and what have you, you know. I think he</b></p> <p>12 <b>left when he was 10 or 11 like, you know, <b>HIA 35</b></b></p> <p>13 <b>but we got on with everybody else. Most of the boys</b></p> <p>14 <b>played football and I had no interest in football. So I</b></p> <p>15 <b>would rather climb trees and do my own thing like, you</b></p> <p>16 <b>know. So everybody stuck to around -- you know,</b></p> <p>17 <b>14-year-olds wouldn't hang around with 10-year-olds.</b></p> <p>18 <b>You know what I mean?</b></p> <p>19 Q. What about the education you received? You already</p> <p>20 explained that you went to Nazareth House in Bishop</p> <p>21 Street for primary school. Can we talk about that? You</p> <p>22 talk about it in paragraph 23 and 24 of your witness</p> <p>23 statement, if we just go back to that. That's in</p> <p>24 SND-1624. Yes. At paragraph 3 -- 23 you say there:</p> <p>25 "We got a bus to Nazareth House Primary School in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 121</p> | <p>1 you couldn't write a letter.</p> <p>2 <b>A. I could read very well, but I couldn't write, you know.</b></p> <p>3 <b>I don't know -- I couldn't write it. I could read</b></p> <p>4 <b>a 1000 page book no problem.</b></p> <p>5 Q. You say that your education was terrible and that they</p> <p>6 kept telling "us boys from the home" that you were</p> <p>7 stupid.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes. It is one particular nun on many occasions told me</b></p> <p>9 <b>I was stupid like, you know. Actually she is the one</b></p> <p>10 <b>that's dressed up in black and thinks she is married to</b></p> <p>11 <b>a God. I think she's the stupid one.</b></p> <p>12 Q. You think you were treated differently and the teachers</p> <p>13 didn't really bother with you as home boys as much as</p> <p>14 they did with children from families?</p> <p>15 <b>A. Well, I suppose teachers like winners and pushers and it</b></p> <p>16 <b>is your results. If you get bad results, you start</b></p> <p>17 <b>getting pushed aside. You only concentrate on the ones</b></p> <p>18 <b>that's going to -- because why waste your time if</b></p> <p>19 <b>somebody is not going to learn anyway, but then again if</b></p> <p>20 <b>you fall that far behind, it is hard to catch up.</b></p> <p>21 Q. What about homework?</p> <p>22 <b>A. Homework. When I came home from -- at one point when</b></p> <p>23 <b>I was I'd say 12 -- 12, 13, every time I came home from</b></p> <p>24 <b>school the nuns -- there was a field across from the</b></p> <p>25 <b>home called Southway, and I would hunt -- my job was to</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 123</p>  |
| <p>1 Bishop Street."</p> <p>2 <b>A. I remember the bus, so I do. I do remember now.</b></p> <p>3 <b>Sometimes we walked it, but mostly I remember going on</b></p> <p>4 <b>the bus, and the bus conductor, he would get us all</b></p> <p>5 <b>singing, so he would like. You know, he was good crack</b></p> <p>6 <b>like. He was -- you got more attention from a bus</b></p> <p>7 <b>conductor than you did from your -- the people that were</b></p> <p>8 <b>supposed to be caring for you like, you know, but he'd</b></p> <p>9 <b>get us singing and I looked forward to that like, you</b></p> <p>10 <b>know.</b></p> <p>11 Q. So the bus journey was good fun?</p> <p>12 <b>A. It was good fun, yes.</b></p> <p>13 Q. You say the school was run by nuns and you say you got</p> <p>14 hit all the time. They were very strong and</p> <p>15 disciplined. If you did something wrong, you got hit,</p> <p>16 and if -- I will leave that for a moment and come back</p> <p>17 to it.</p> <p>18 Then at paragraph 24 you say that when you left</p> <p>19 Nazareth House Primary School, you attended St. Joseph's</p> <p>20 Secondary School at 11. You talk about a teacher there</p> <p>21 who also seemed to have been a strict disciplinarian,</p> <p>22 and what you say about education is you don't remember</p> <p>23 anybody from Termonbacca getting that well educated.</p> <p>24 <b>A. That's correct, no.</b></p> <p>25 Q. You left the home at 15. You could write your name, but</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 122</p>  | <p>1 <b>hunt -- I came home from school, put my schoolbag down,</b></p> <p>2 <b>and I had to hunt the cattle out, because they got free</b></p> <p>3 <b>grass. I was fattening up the nuns' cattle on the grass</b></p> <p>4 <b>which wasn't their land. Right? But there was a road</b></p> <p>5 <b>going up past it. So I had to make sure they didn't go</b></p> <p>6 <b>out on their own and get knocked down by a car. So that</b></p> <p>7 <b>was my homework. I stayed out there until it was dark</b></p> <p>8 <b>and drove the cattle in. So that was my -- so nobody</b></p> <p>9 <b>encouraged me to do homework or -- it was more important</b></p> <p>10 <b>that I fattened up the cattle for free.</b></p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN: Do you mean the cattle were out on the grass</p> <p>12 verge?</p> <p>13 <b>A. The cattle -- there was a field across. Right? There</b></p> <p>14 <b>is a gate going into Termonbacca. Right? There's a</b></p> <p>15 <b>private -- and straight across from that just across the</b></p> <p>16 <b>road there was a big field, which is there now. It is</b></p> <p>17 <b>all trees, but it was just grass, but the only thing you</b></p> <p>18 <b>had to watch was the cars going up the roundabout,</b></p> <p>19 <b>because they sort of came up in a circle up the hill.</b></p> <p>20 Q. It wasn't fenced off or anything?</p> <p>21 <b>A. Oh, no, no. There was no fence. So you would just</b></p> <p>22 <b>drive them on to it, but then they could walk off. So</b></p> <p>23 <b>you had to be -- there had to be somebody there.</b></p> <p>24 Q. So you were seeing the cattle didn't walk off this piece</p> <p>25 of unfenced grass?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 124</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>2 MS SMITH: If we can just deal then with the issue of</p> <p>3 chores, I mean, you talk about looking after the cattle</p> <p>4 and then you talk about in paragraph 27 that you all had</p> <p>5 chores to do in the home as well as on the farm.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Aye. You'd wash your own dishes and make your own beds,</b></p> <p>7 <b>clean the place, you know.</b></p> <p>8 Q. And you say that your beds were bunk beds, which were in</p> <p>9 Nissan huts that were provided.</p> <p>10 <b>A. That's correct. There's photographs of them. You have</b></p> <p>11 <b>photographs of them.</b></p> <p>12 Q. If I can just check the actual -- there's a number of</p> <p>13 photographs which show both the interior and the</p> <p>14 exterior of the huts.</p> <p>15 If we could look, first of all, at SND-147 -- 14171.</p> <p>16 Sorry. Again the quality is maybe not all that great,</p> <p>17 but we do have the originals here, and it's described as</p> <p>18 "Entrance to tin huts, 1970".</p> <p>19 <b>A. Yes. There was two groups. I was in that group with</b></p> <p>20 <b>that nun there. So we lived in that hut. That hut was</b></p> <p>21 <b>rat infested. It was -- there was no insulation in it.</b></p> <p>22 <b>So you'd be freezing at night time. Even if they heated</b></p> <p>23 <b>it up, the heat went -- within an hour the heat would</b></p> <p>24 <b>evaporate out through it, like. So it was very cold</b></p> <p>25 <b>place, and I would go to bed. I would fall asleep at</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 125</p>  | <p>1 tin huts. Is that correct?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Yes. I don't know if you can make out, but that's</b></p> <p>3 <b>wooden panels. It is thin wooden panels.</b></p> <p>4 Q. So the outside of the hut was tin and then there were</p> <p>5 wooden panels lining it inside?</p> <p>6 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Then if we look again at SND-14175, now this is showing</p> <p>8 inside one of the huts. Is that correct?</p> <p>9 <b>A. That's correct. Notice the bare bulb up in the top.</b></p> <p>10 <b>They don't even buy a lampshade. Nothing but the best</b></p> <p>11 <b>for us!</b></p> <p>12 Q. There appears to be some interior decoration with regard</p> <p>13 to wallpaper and book shelf and some flowers.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Aye, and religious stuff around the place.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Can we look at SND-14176?</p> <p>16 <b>A. Sorry. That last photograph too had flowers. I don't</b></p> <p>17 <b>remember flowers in that hut.</b></p> <p>18 Q. Can we just look at this photograph? Who's -- who's the</p> <p>19 person in the centre?</p> <p>20 <b>A. That's me with a hat on me.</b></p> <p>21 Q. There seems to be a trophy up at the back in the corner?</p> <p>22 <b>A. I don't know what that is. Don't know what -- don't</b></p> <p>23 <b>remember a winning a trophy or anybody winning a trophy</b></p> <p>24 <b>like.</b></p> <p>25 Q. There are other boys there and there seems to be</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 127</p>   |
| <p>1 <b>night listening to the rats eating through the wood at</b></p> <p>2 <b>the bottom, and there was a caretaker there, SND15, and</b></p> <p>3 <b>his job was to -- he would come into the dining room and</b></p> <p>4 <b>he would put a tin plate -- he would nail a tin plate to</b></p> <p>5 <b>the wall and the next day he would have to nail another</b></p> <p>6 <b>tin plate to the wall and the next day -- and the whole</b></p> <p>7 <b>wall was covered in tin plates. He was trying to --</b></p> <p>8 <b>basically he was nailing them back in.</b></p> <p>9 Q. I think there's another view at SND-14172.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Right. That is a stone sort of -- it was made of</b></p> <p>11 <b>blocks. That used to be where they kept chickens before</b></p> <p>12 <b>they put orphans in there. Then they converted it from</b></p> <p>13 <b>a chicken house to a place for orphans. So when the</b></p> <p>14 <b>NSPCC lifted us because we were living in poor</b></p> <p>15 <b>conditions, we were put up in to live -- up to the nuns</b></p> <p>16 <b>in the grand big house. You went in the front door and</b></p> <p>17 <b>then you were took out the back and we had to live up</b></p> <p>18 <b>with the rats.</b></p> <p>19 Q. That is the tin hut there that you're describing to the</p> <p>20 side.</p> <p>21 <b>A. That is the tin hut on one side and the stone buildings</b></p> <p>22 <b>where they used to keep the chickens and where they kept</b></p> <p>23 <b>the orphans.</b></p> <p>24 Q. We can see inside the tin hut, first of all, at</p> <p>25 SND-14174. This is showing bunk beds inside one of the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 126</p> | <p>1 a television.</p> <p>2 <b>A. Aye, a television. It's always -- got home from school</b></p> <p>3 <b>too as well if it was -- they would all gather round and</b></p> <p>4 <b>watch Roy Rogers or whatever was on, the smaller ones --</b></p> <p>5 <b>the smaller ones at the front and the bigger boys at the</b></p> <p>6 <b>back, because if the bigger boys were in front, then the</b></p> <p>7 <b>wee boys at the back wouldn't see.</b></p> <p>8 Q. If we can look at SND-14177, there is another photograph</p> <p>9 I think of you in a hat again. There are some flowers</p> <p>10 on the table there and a tablecloth.</p> <p>11 <b>A. Aye. That was the same day obviously with the same</b></p> <p>12 <b>flowers. Two photos took the same day.</b></p> <p>13 Q. Again there is a couple more views. SND-14176. Sorry.</p> <p>14 SND-14178. Sorry. Beg your pardon. My fault. The</p> <p>15 inside of the huts. Then again 14179.</p> <p>16 <b>A. We can clearly see the wooden panels there on them. The</b></p> <p>17 <b>luxury of the place was superb.</b></p> <p>18 Q. 14180. There's a bucket there. Do you know what that</p> <p>19 is?</p> <p>20 <b>A. It might have been to catch drips from a pipe.</b></p> <p>21 Q. 14181. This is showing the eating facilities. Again</p> <p>22 these are dated 1972.</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes. It is a pity it didn't -- it's a pity that photo</b></p> <p>24 <b>didn't get down the bottom like, you know. As I said,</b></p> <p>25 <b>you would have seen all the rows of the tin patches for</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 128</p> |

1 **to keep the rats out.**  
 2 Q. Just while we are dealing with the photographs if we can  
 3 maybe just deal with a few more and then we can move on  
 4 to some of your evidence. Is it correct that the boys  
 5 would have played outside if we look at SND-14152?  
 6 **A. Right. This photograph and that building in the**  
 7 **background is the old building. Right? This is -- this**  
 8 **is prior -- they moved us out of this old building,**  
 9 **which is built -- I have just heard recently was built**  
 10 **in 1928, because it was sub-standard. So they moved us**  
 11 **out of that and moved us up to the tin hut with the**  
 12 **rats. So we moved from there because it was**  
 13 **sub-standard up to the tin hut. Although we were**  
 14 **playing down there in that field there, once we moved up**  
 15 **to the tin hut, we weren't allowed back down there,**  
 16 **because that was -- there was a building site there**  
 17 **where they were building a new -- and we weren't allowed**  
 18 **to go near it, but there was another field adjacent to**  
 19 **the hen house that we were allowed to play in.**  
 20 Q. There is a lighter building there, a two-storey  
 21 building.  
 22 **A. Yes. That's -- that's -- the lower three windows in**  
 23 **that would have been the nursery and there was a huge**  
 24 **building in front of it. It was a grand, lovely big**  
 25 **build like a bit country house. That's where the nuns**  
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1 -- the Reverend Mother and some of the nuns lived. They  
 2 lived in luxury and we lived in poverty.  
 3 Q. There's a photograph at SND-14154, which is described as  
 4 "New dining facilities, Termonbacca".  
 5 **A. I'm never -- I never -- when the new building was built,**  
 6 **I had been sold off by then. So I never -- I remember**  
 7 **going up visiting it, but I never got staying in it.**  
 8 Q. Just as we are going through here there is nuns who you  
 9 refer to and other people have referred to and they are  
 10 shown at SND-14156. Now you will see that they have  
 11 been given a designation like yourself, HIA125, and  
 12 there's SR2, and you can take it that the Panel will  
 13 know who that nun is --  
 14 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 15 Q. -- and SR1.  
 16 **A. Yes.**  
 17 Q. These are photographs of those two nuns or a photograph.  
 18 Now we have already seen the photograph of the other two  
 19 nuns, the following photograph at 14157. We have  
 20 identified them by name, but they also have  
 21 designations. If we could just move on, please, to  
 22 14157. Again they have been given designations also and  
 23 they are identified in that photograph, and there's  
 24 a further nun who is identified in photograph SND-14163.  
 25 She again has got her designation there.  
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1 Now there's a photograph at SND-14160, if we could  
 2 just go back to that, and there seem to be a group of  
 3 boys and two dogs. Have you any recollection of dogs  
 4 when you were at Termonbacca?  
 5 **A. Yes, two dogs. One is called Penelope and one is called**  
 6 **Topsy, and that tin hut again in the background is where**  
 7 **I spent years. That was the facilities that the nuns**  
 8 **provided for us. It is like something you would put**  
 9 **cattle into or something. That photograph --**  
 10 **a photograph paints 1000 words. That speaks for itself.**  
 11 **If anybody -- any barristers that want to talk for the**  
 12 **nuns and say we were treated well, would any barrister**  
 13 **put their child in them premises?**  
 14 Q. There are a number of other photographs which I am not  
 15 going to go through with you, HIA125, but the inquiry  
 16 will have access to them, as will the other legal  
 17 representatives, but those are the main ones that we are  
 18 going to refer to.  
 19 Can you just -- there's photographs of boys in  
 20 various items of dress there. What do you want the  
 21 Inquiry to know about the clothing that you were  
 22 provided with?  
 23 **A. Well, mostly, as you can see, we are all wearing woolly**  
 24 **jumpers, because it's quite cold. There is no heating**  
 25 **in the place. Quite a lot of the photographs you will**  
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1 see that even the young fellows of 11 and 12 are wearing  
 2 shorts, and when we were going to school, everybody else  
 3 was wearing long trousers and you would be humiliated,  
 4 because you were a home boy and you were wearing shorts.  
 5 Like shorts is okay at 5, 6, 7 even, but we were -- they  
 6 hadn't a clue how to bring children up and we were  
 7 still -- the humiliation like, you know. If you are the  
 8 only one in your class that's wearing shorts, you know,  
 9 and you are going to school. So -- as HIA 13 reminded --  
 10 I forgot about it there -- come summer time, we were  
 11 issued with khaki shorts and a green shirt. I remember  
 12 that. That was your summer uniform or what have you or  
 13 clothes for that.  
 14 Q. Okay. If I can take you back to your statement, you  
 15 talk at paragraph 11 about what kind of food you got in  
 16 the home and you say that for breakfast -- sorry.  
 17 That's page SND-1621. You talk there at paragraph 11  
 18 about for breakfast you got lumpy porridge and milk.  
 19 Sometimes you got a boiled egg and some bread and tea.  
 20 Dinner was usually stew. You say you were hungry all  
 21 the time --  
 22 **A. That's correct.**  
 23 Q. -- you say that you did get a special treat on your  
 24 birthday.  
 25 **A. Your birthday. Once a year you were allowed to take**  
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| <p>1 a plate and go downstairs to the kitchen. Once a year</p> <p>2 you got a fried egg, you got a sausage, you got a bit of</p> <p>3 bacon and you got an angel cake, which was a cake with</p> <p>4 cream and two wee ears sticking up, you know, and that</p> <p>5 was -- once a year you got a fry and when you came back</p> <p>6 up again you would have twenty muckers round you going,</p> <p>7 "Give us share. Give us share". So that's how well we</p> <p>8 were fed.</p> <p>9 Q. You say that the nuns ate separately from you.</p> <p>10 A. The nuns ate separate. We were so hungry -- as I say,</p> <p>11 you had to go downstairs. When the nuns got their food</p> <p>12 sent up, it got sent up and there was a little lift you</p> <p>13 pull the food up. So we used to run if we were going to</p> <p>14 mass, open the shutter and there would be half-eaten</p> <p>15 toast and we would be fighting over the half-eaten</p> <p>16 toast. I used to run -- I was the fastest. If you ran</p> <p>17 fastest, you got the toast. Sometimes you got the wee</p> <p>18 square -- the wee triangle bit. You know, there was</p> <p>19 a little thing with several pieces of toast and there</p> <p>20 may be a bit of toast that's half-eaten. So you got</p> <p>21 first, you got that one. The next guy, he got the</p> <p>22 half-eaten toast and the next guy got nothing.</p> <p>23 Q. You say you were so hungry that you actually fainted</p> <p>24 a couple of times in mass.</p> <p>25 A. Yes. I definitely remember getting carried out and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 133</p> | <p>1 name who supervised bath time. You say you all had to</p> <p>2 stand in a line naked and face the wall in the bathroom</p> <p>3 and then you were called to get into the bath. You say</p> <p>4 that there was scalding hot water and Jeyes Fluid.</p> <p>5 A. That is correct, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Can I ask you it's been suggested that you would not</p> <p>7 have had to queue up in this way for bath time and do</p> <p>8 you ever recall being -- you wouldn't have been naked</p> <p>9 but do you ever recall being given anything to wear in</p> <p>10 the bath?</p> <p>11 A. No, I was never given anything to wear and we definitely</p> <p>12 did have to queue up, face the wall. Everybody faced</p> <p>13 the wall naked until you were called forward. So</p> <p>14 whoever is saying that is not true, there is a bit of</p> <p>15 ambiguity here. Either they are saying it -- they're</p> <p>16 lying or I'm lying. I want to be clear here. I am</p> <p>17 prepared to take a lie detector test. Everything</p> <p>18 I'm saying is true. See the person who says the</p> <p>19 opposite, ask them if they'll take a lie detector --</p> <p>20 I'll take it now today. So there is no ambiguity. When</p> <p>21 I say it, it happened.</p> <p>22 Oh, sorry. Can I relate then an incident while</p> <p>23 I was waiting to get called forward to get into the</p> <p>24 bath? There was a fellow in front of me called <b>SND 3</b></p> <p>25 <b>SND 3</b> He was older than me. He was naked. He</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 135</p> |
| <p>1 several other times I seen other people, you know,</p> <p>2 fainting. They'd just faint, and it must have been --</p> <p>3 obviously -- young fellows don't -- healthy young</p> <p>4 fellows just don't faint. So that shows you it wasn't</p> <p>5 just me. It was several other people as well. We would</p> <p>6 get carted off. Everything would just sort of go blue</p> <p>7 and down you go.</p> <p>8 Q. You say in the evening you got a cup of gruel last thing</p> <p>9 at night, which was sent up in a flask, a big army</p> <p>10 flask.</p> <p>11 A. It was a big green army flask. That tin hut was so cold</p> <p>12 you could -- your breath -- you could see your breath.</p> <p>13 So we were waiting for this hot gruel. When you got it,</p> <p>14 you would sieve it. You would sieve the hot milk</p> <p>15 through and you would stick the lumpy bits out. Then</p> <p>16 you would chew the lumpy bits later. It is like</p> <p>17 something out of a -- like the Japanese used to treat</p> <p>18 their prisoners, because we just -- it was just lovely.</p> <p>19 We were so cold that was a hot -- it was a hot drink</p> <p>20 before you got into the bed. As I say, there was</p> <p>21 steam -- you could see the steam coming out of our</p> <p>22 mouths, you know.</p> <p>23 Q. Can I take you on then to paragraph -- back I should say</p> <p>24 to paragraph 12, and you are talking about bath time in</p> <p>25 the home? You say that there were two nouns who you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 134</p>  | <p>1 didn't -- he didn't want to get in the bath. So the</p> <p>2 nun -- the nun broke a broom over his back. He was</p> <p>3 lucky. He was lucky they didn't hit him on the back of</p> <p>4 the head. If she had hit him on the back of the head,</p> <p>5 she would have killed him. She lifted a broom and broke</p> <p>6 it over his bare back. I was next. "Get in the bath."</p> <p>7 I got in the bath.</p> <p>8 Q. You say that you think that that particular boy ended up</p> <p>9 in a psychiatric hospital.</p> <p>10 A. Yes, in [REDACTED] I think he is</p> <p>11 an out-patient now, but he's not right since.</p> <p>12 Q. You go on to talk about the boy at the end of the</p> <p>13 line was bathed in the same water that was used for all</p> <p>14 of the boys who were lined up.</p> <p>15 A. That's correct, yes. They never changed the water.</p> <p>16 Q. And that -- you also say you were washed with wooden</p> <p>17 scrubbing brushes and a green bar of Fairy soap.</p> <p>18 A. The same scrubbing brush, it is the same -- it is about</p> <p>19 that size there and the bar of soap is about that size.</p> <p>20 It's for scrubbing floors. So our wee skinny arms was</p> <p>21 getting (gesturing). That's how they bathed us in the</p> <p>22 Jeyes Fluid.</p> <p>23 Q. You say that when you were small, you were dried off by</p> <p>24 the nuns.</p> <p>25 A. Yes, that's correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 136</p>   |

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1 Q. You recall that the baths were sore on your skin and you  
 2 recall that there was Jeyes Fluid in the baths and that  
 3 that stung you --  
 4 **A. That's correct.**  
 5 Q. -- and stung your eyes.  
 6 **A. Yes.**  
 7 Q. You think you got bathed once a fortnight.  
 8 **A. Yes. It was -- it wasn't every day anyway. It was**  
 9 **an unpleasant task. The nuns didn't like doing it**  
 10 **either and they made it obvious, like. You know, it was**  
 11 **something that had to be done. So they probably put it**  
 12 **off to once a week or once a fortnight, whatever it was.**  
 13 Q. You talk about your dental hygiene in the home and you  
 14 say that you think you shared toothbrushes with other  
 15 boys.  
 16 **A. Yes. I don't remember having my own toothbrush.**  
 17 **I remember a tin of green toothpaste. It was green**  
 18 **powder. You dipped -- a round tin like the size for**  
 19 **polishing your shoes. It had this green powder in it.**  
 20 **You dipped in that and brushed your teeth. You left the**  
 21 **toothbrush back and the next guy came along and he**  
 22 **probably used the same toothbrush as yourself.**  
 23 Q. You remember that you did go to see the dentist, though,  
 24 when you were in the home.  
 25 **A. You went to the dentist and he pulled your teeth. If**

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1 **you had a toothache, he pulled your tooth, you know. So**  
 2 **most of them have false teeth. I think -- I remember --**  
 3 **I remember he had a big jar full of teeth.**  
 4 Q. You remember that you, if fact, had to go to see the  
 5 doctor on occasions -- is that correct -- and there was  
 6 one particular occasion where you broke your arm?  
 7 **A. Yes. I forgot -- it was a sort of a punishment. I had**  
 8 **done -- I was 9 and we had done some... -- I had done**  
 9 **something wrong. Several of us had done -- basically**  
 10 **the nuns stripped -- we were down to our underpants and**  
 11 **we had to run round in a circle, but they had these**  
 12 **benches turned upside down. So you had to jump the**  
 13 **bench, run round, jump the bench, run round. There was**  
 14 **-- but we were half starved, and after a while I was**  
 15 **exhausted, passed out. I dropped and I broke my arm,**  
 16 **and -- but I was able to provide medical appointments**  
 17 **from you go back on that date. I would have been**  
 18 **9 years old when I --**  
 19 Q. You have provided a record card, an attendance card for  
 20 Altnagelvin Hospital where you were taken for your --  
 21 **A. That's correct.**  
 22 Q. Don't worry about it, <sup>HIA 125</sup> It is there and can be seen  
 23 if anyone requires to see it, but -- and that was in  
 24 1966.  
 25 **A. Yes, that's right.**

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1 Q. You remember that when you were kept inside hospital,  
 2 you got better fed when you were in the hospital.  
 3 **A. Yes, because I had to come back for physiotherapy and,**  
 4 **you know, for the doctor to look at you. So like**  
 5 **you got a bit more milk and more -- better food, because**  
 6 **they don't want you looking like anaemic in front of --**  
 7 **because a doctor looking at you, straight at you, would**  
 8 **go, "There's something wrong with that child".**  
 9 Q. Right. You yourself never wet the bed. Is that  
 10 correct?  
 11 **A. That's correct.**  
 12 Q. And have you anything you wish the Inquiry to know about  
 13 those boys who did?  
 14 **A. I remember every morning first thing they says -- got**  
 15 **you up. "Wet beds, stand over there". So all the wet**  
 16 **beds had to strip their sheets and they stand over to**  
 17 **the side like, you know. It was humiliating for them,**  
 18 **you know. We would be first out and then they'd have to**  
 19 **come after us like, you know.**  
 20 Q. You've talked about the chores that you had to do in the  
 21 home. Now you also talk at paragraph 7 that you had  
 22 a number while you were in the home. The nuns had  
 23 a number system and you were known as [REDACTED] and you  
 24 say that the nuns called you by your number rather than  
 25 your name.

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1 It's been suggested by the congregation that they  
 2 didn't have a policy of numbering boys, that what they  
 3 did do was put numbers on clothing, so that when  
 4 clothing came back from the laundry, they could say,  
 5 [REDACTED] here's your shirt" or "Here are your  
 6 shorts". Is there anything you want to say about that,  
 7 HIA125?  
 8 **A. That is correct, that they did number -- they numbered**  
 9 **your clothes, because that was your number, so -- but**  
 10 **again going back to the bath time, it would be,**  
 11 **[REDACTED] get into the bath", which was me. So --**  
 12 **somebody says, "You're telling lies there again", I will**  
 13 **take a lie detector test again. No bother.**  
 14 Q. What about special occasions in the home? You talk  
 15 about -- at paragraph 15 you talk about Christmas time.  
 16 **A. Christmas time you would have Santa Claus coming and you**  
 17 **would have a Christmas tree and what have you and all.**  
 18 **You'd get toys and then -- sometimes the toys would be**  
 19 **secondhand toys like, you know. I remember getting**  
 20 **a wee windy up roundabout thing that was obviously**  
 21 **somebody else's like, but after a week or so all the**  
 22 **toys would disappear, because like if you have thirty or**  
 23 **forty boys with guns and hats and bits, you know, cars**  
 24 **and all, they had to clean them up all the time. So all**  
 25 **of a sudden all your toys would disappear, you know. So**

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| <p>1 <b>the only thing that you had to play in there was gone.</b></p> <p>2 Q. You were telling me earlier -- I will come back to it --</p> <p>3 let's just go on to the toys. You talk in paragraph 16</p> <p>4 of your statement about what happened when you were 10</p> <p>5 or 11.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>7 Q. There was a bigger boy, who you name in that statement,</p> <p>8 and he told you to go through an outside window and into</p> <p>9 a storeroom which was near the church.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes. The big grandiose building, there is a side door</b></p> <p>11 <b>that goes into the church. SND 221</b> says to me, "You</p> <p>12 <b>can get in this window". He lifted me up and put me in</b></p> <p>13 <b>the window. I went in and the room was filled from</b></p> <p>14 <b>ceiling -- from the bottom to the ceiling with toys. So</b></p> <p>15 <b>I started handing out toys. Next thing everybody had</b></p> <p>16 <b>toys. When the nun found out it was me and SND 221</b></p> <p>17 <b>she started hitting us and giving us an awful beating.</b></p> <p>18 <b>I says, "Sister, but them toys is for us". I don't</b></p> <p>19 <b>know. Must have had a cut out of her, because she just</b></p> <p>20 <b>stopped. I says, "Why are you hitting me for toys you</b></p> <p>21 <b>didn't give to us, you know"? So she stopped hitting us</b></p> <p>22 <b>and I was put to bed or something like, you know, but we</b></p> <p>23 <b>were -- but they had the toys. We had no toys and they</b></p> <p>24 <b>had a whole store full of toys. So it is not like as if</b></p> <p>25 <b>they had nothing to give us. They could have give us</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 141</p>                            | <p>1 <b>So that was ...</b></p> <p>2 Q. You give a name in your statement as to who that might</p> <p>3 be. I am not asking you to say it, but you do.</p> <p>4 <b>A. I am not even 100% sure. I think it was --</b></p> <p>5 Q. You think it was that person.</p> <p>6 <b>A. I am 99% sure. It was a long time ago.</b></p> <p>7 Q. You did describe him as well.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Aye.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Was there any other special occasions? What about</p> <p>10 Hallowe'en or Easter?</p> <p>11 <b>A. Easter, because it is -- Easter is such a religious</b></p> <p>12 <b>thing and all. You went to mass. You got dressed up</b></p> <p>13 <b>and all, cleaned up. Then you got a big Easter egg and</b></p> <p>14 <b>everybody got small Easter eggs. They were eggs that</b></p> <p>15 <b>were donated like, you know, by St. Vincent de Paul.</b></p> <p>16 <b>But one time they gave us all Easter eggs and they</b></p> <p>17 <b>must have been out of date, but an hour or two after us</b></p> <p>18 <b>all eating the Easter eggs everybody had the runs.</b></p> <p>19 <b>There was only six toilets and there was about thirty or</b></p> <p>20 <b>forty of us beating on the door. Oh, it was -- there</b></p> <p>21 <b>was people running out to bushes and what have you. So</b></p> <p>22 <b>...</b></p> <p>23 Q. Just one thing that I forgot to put to you. The Order</p> <p>24 would say that they ate the same food as you did and the</p> <p>25 nuns didn't get anything different to what you were</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 143</p> |
| <p>1 <b>something, but why they didn't I--don't know.</b></p> <p>2 Q. Right. Well, the nuns would deny that they ever took</p> <p>3 the toys away from you or any gifts you were given.</p> <p>4 They would not have taken them from you.</p> <p>5 <b>A. Once again lie detector test. Put them up and put me</b></p> <p>6 <b>up. No bother.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Do you remember was there a sick room in Termonbacca?</p> <p>8 <b>A. No. If you were sick, you stayed in your bed. I don't</b></p> <p>9 <b>remember -- I remember being sick, but I don't remember</b></p> <p>10 <b>a sick room. So if I was sick, the other boys would go</b></p> <p>11 <b>to school. You stayed on in your bed.</b></p> <p>12 Q. And you do remember a particular time when you were sick</p> <p>13 when you were about 9 years old -- at paragraph 18 you</p> <p>14 talk about this -- and while you were in bed sick there</p> <p>15 was an older boy came to your bed. Is that correct?</p> <p>16 <b>A. He came into the dormitory, aye. He just came down. He</b></p> <p>17 <b>was actually strange, so he was. He was very shifty,</b></p> <p>18 <b>coming in and closing the door and what have you. He</b></p> <p>19 <b>approached me. I don't know who --he was messing about.</b></p> <p>20 <b>The next thing a hand went down. I jumped out of the</b></p> <p>21 <b>bed, got up to the window and I said, "You come near me,</b></p> <p>22 <b>I'm jumping out the window", which meant I would have</b></p> <p>23 <b>had to go round to the front door and the nun would have</b></p> <p>24 <b>had to let me in. So he would have been in bother.</b></p> <p>25 <b>I--said, "Get away from me". He left the room at that.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 142</p> | <p>1 eating.</p> <p>2 <b>A. I have never seen the nuns eating. I have never. As</b></p> <p>3 <b>I--say, I remember -- I can remember the trays coming up</b></p> <p>4 <b>with the little triangles of toast. We never got little</b></p> <p>5 <b>triangles of toast. So for them -- here, lie detector</b></p> <p>6 <b>again if you want to.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Now if I can ask you did you -- do you remember music in</p> <p>8 the home?</p> <p>9 <b>A. Ah, they were trying to get -- there was -- well, they</b></p> <p>10 <b>played old Jim Reeves records and stuff like that. They</b></p> <p>11 <b>would try to get us to play musical instruments for</b></p> <p>12 <b>their own wee brass band and all, but I didn't take -- I</b></p> <p>13 <b>didn't learn it. I didn't want to learn it and I didn't</b></p> <p>14 <b>learn it. So ...</b></p> <p>15 Q. So you had to part in the band or the choir or anything</p> <p>16 like that?</p> <p>17 <b>A. No, I didn't, no. Sure I would probably have millions</b></p> <p>18 <b>of pounds coming in royalties now from all the records I</b></p> <p>19 <b>sold.</b></p> <p>20 Q. Can I ask: did you ever get any pocket money when you</p> <p>21 were in the home?</p> <p>22 <b>A. They used to give us -- they used to give us --</b></p> <p>23 <b>I remember getting sixpence, because every time you got</b></p> <p>24 <b>sixpence once a week you'd go down to Wellworths and</b></p> <p>25 <b>your sixpence got you a bag of broken biscuits, and</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 144</p>           |

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| <p>1 <b>I think the wee girls that worked in the shop used to</b><br/> 2 <b>break the biscuits, because there was always loads of</b><br/> 3 <b>biscuits. There was always about ten or twenty of us</b><br/> 4 <b>coming down, handing our sixpence in to get --</b><br/> 5 Q. Broken biscuits.<br/> 6 <b>A. -- broken biscuits, and there was always a bag of</b><br/> 7 <b>biscuits for each of us. So I think the wee girls in</b><br/> 8 <b>there went "Oops!"</b><br/> 9 Q. What about day trips? Do you remember going on day<br/> 10 trips?<br/> 11 <b>A. They would take us day trips to like Buncrana or</b><br/> 12 <b>something like that there, St. Vincent de Paul. You</b><br/> 13 <b>would get an apple and orange and take you down to the</b><br/> 14 <b>seaside.</b><br/> 15 Q. There is another photograph just about which shows<br/> 16 a group of boys, if I can just find it. It is<br/> 17 SND-14184. Now this seems to be -- and maybe it is<br/> 18 better if you describe what's in that photograph,<br/> 19 HIA125.<br/> 20 <b>A. Well, obviously it is an awful lot of us there going</b><br/> 21 <b>down -- it looks it is outside the Guildhall there.</b><br/> 22 <b>I am in the centre, the very centre of that photograph,</b><br/> 23 <b>so I am, in the second row. I don't know. Some elderly</b><br/> 24 <b>people there too as well. I don't know. They could be</b><br/> 25 <b>friends of Termonbacca or St. Vincent de Paul.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 145</p>  | <p>1 <b>dreaming. I thought I was dreaming", because the</b><br/> 2 <b>Reverend Mother, the Holy Reverend Mother had just threw</b><br/> 3 <b>me out of the bed. She walked away and there was me</b><br/> 4 <b>standing there holding my head.</b><br/> 5 Q. You've talked about -- do you ever remember anybody else<br/> 6 visiting the home?<br/> 7 <b>A. There was St. Vincent de Paul, they would come up,</b><br/> 8 <b>visit, and again there was barbers come up and cut your</b><br/> 9 <b>hair like, you know, and St. Vincent de Paul.</b><br/> 10 Q. Were there priests who also visited?<br/> 11 <b>A. There was priests, aye, but I don't remember anything</b><br/> 12 <b>about them really.</b><br/> 13 Q. Can you remember at Christmas were there concerts held<br/> 14 in the home?<br/> 15 <b>A. Aye. I actually remember -- I can remember -- I can</b><br/> 16 <b>remember now sailors coming up and showing us films, you</b><br/> 17 <b>know, Charlie Chaplin, something like that. Parties.</b><br/> 18 <b>I can't remember too much about it, to be honest with</b><br/> 19 <b>you. There is nothing in particular stands out in my</b><br/> 20 <b>mind.</b><br/> 21 Q. HIA125, can I take you to some of the specific<br/> 22 allegations that you make in your statement? At<br/> 23 paragraph 5 of your statement you describe the main<br/> 24 building and you talk about two nuns and you describe<br/> 25 them, and we've seen the photographs of the two nuns you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 147</p>  |
| <p>1 Q. Is it possible that this was a group of you going on<br/> 2 a day trip?<br/> 3 <b>A. Yes. More than likely, yes. Even going to the</b><br/> 4 <b>Guildhall was a day out, you know. Got you out of the</b><br/> 5 <b>home. Piled you into the bus and you may have had a wee</b><br/> 6 <b>party, ice-cream and jelly, you know. So that probably</b><br/> 7 <b>was where the party was like, yes. Could have been</b><br/> 8 <b>Derry City Council may have put something on or the Fire</b><br/> 9 <b>Brigade used to put stuff on or Sea Eagle base. We went</b><br/> 10 <b>there a couple of times to Sea Eagle base.</b><br/> 11 Q. So just going back then to you did go on day trips and<br/> 12 that's what you remember about them. Did you ever see<br/> 13 anyone from Social Services attend the home when you<br/> 14 were there?<br/> 15 <b>A. Never seen them. Never.</b><br/> 16 Q. What about any senior nuns?<br/> 17 <b>A. There was one incident where -- well, the Reverend</b><br/> 18 <b>Mother decided to give the nun a hand to wake the</b><br/> 19 <b>children up, and I slept on the top bunk, and this</b><br/> 20 <b>Reverend Mother -- I had never seen -- I never seen her</b><br/> 21 <b>before -- she woke me up. I opened my eyes and looked</b><br/> 22 <b>and I seen this strange face. I thought I was still</b><br/> 23 <b>dreaming. Closed my eyes again. She threw me out of</b><br/> 24 <b>the bed. I struck my head on the locker on the way</b><br/> 25 <b>down. I remember saying to the nun, "I thought I was</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 146</p> | <p>1 refer to in that paragraph. You talk about one of these<br/> 2 nuns, who is known here as SR2, and you say that the<br/> 3 young ones were put to bed about 7 o'clock.<br/> 4 "This particular nun hit us one at a time with<br/> 5 a stick, which was like a sally rod. She was hitting<br/> 6 everyone, and one day visitors from St. Vincent de Paul<br/> 7 arrived unannounced. She had white elastic garters on<br/> 8 her arms which she used when cleaning and she hid the<br/> 9 stick up her sleeve with the garter."<br/> 10 <b>A. That's correct. When I says cleaning, nuns didn't</b><br/> 11 <b>clean. Basically that -- them garters went from your</b><br/> 12 <b>wrist to your forearm, and it was to keep her white</b><br/> 13 <b>gown, whatever, clean. So if somebody comes, you take</b><br/> 14 <b>it off, because -- as you have seen from the photos, the</b><br/> 15 <b>place wasn't very clean. It was an old tin hut. They</b><br/> 16 <b>want to be clean and immaculate and what have you. So</b><br/> 17 <b>that's what they -- anyway the garter was there. She</b><br/> 18 <b>was hitting us and next thing visitors come in. She</b><br/> 19 <b>stuck the stick, the sally rod, up her sleeve, the same</b><br/> 20 <b>sleeve she was shaking hands with them. I was waiting</b><br/> 21 <b>to see if the stick would fall out, but it didn't. They</b><br/> 22 <b>were asking, "Why are they crying? "Oh, they are all</b><br/> 23 <b>scared. They are scared, like." After they went out</b><br/> 24 <b>came the sally rod again.</b><br/> 25 Q. You go on to say that this beating by this nun didn't</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 148</p> |

1 happen all the time, but you remember that particular  
 2 incident because of the stick, and you also -- can  
 3 I~just say that this particular nun has made a statement  
 4 to the Inquiry. She denies that she systematically beat  
 5 any boys.  
 6 **A. That's a lie. Once again if she wants to take a lie**  
 7 **detector -- please put me in for a lie detector test**  
 8 **with this nun, please. One of us is lying. It is not**  
 9 **me.**  
 10 Q. You go on to say at paragraph 8 that the nuns had prayer  
 11 times and that they went off and you were left  
 12 unsupervised. You were left to wander round on your  
 13 own. There was no adult supervision for long periods of  
 14 time, and you were made to play outside even in winter  
 15 and the doors were locked so you couldn't get back in.  
 16 **A. That's correct. Weather like that there you would be**  
 17 **sitting outside in a pair of shorts and a jumper, maybe**  
 18 **five or six of us huddled outside the door, waiting for**  
 19 **the door to open, you know, teeth chattering. One of**  
 20 **the pets would be sitting and maybe looking out the**  
 21 **window at you, knocking, because he is in the heat, you**  
 22 **know, teasing you.**  
 23 Q. So there were some boys who were inside?  
 24 **A. There was pets. There were always pets. If you look --**  
 25 **sure, some people got staying on until they were 18.**  
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1 **Other people were put out when they were 15. The people**  
 2 **that stayed on there until they were 18 were better**  
 3 **educated, you know.**  
 4 Q. You say in paragraph 9 that the nuns left the older boys  
 5 in charge.  
 6 **A. Aye, that is correct. Sure there's nobody else to.**  
 7 **They were getting paid enough money for us. They could**  
 8 **have employed more staff. There is no good them saying,**  
 9 **"Oh, there was only two nuns". There should have been**  
 10 **two nuns and ten staff, but there wasn't, because it was**  
 11 **cheaper to get the older boys to do it. Sure it didn't**  
 12 **cost nothing.**  
 13 Q. Do you remember -- you name two boys there that you  
 14 remember in particular and you remember being put into  
 15 a big room with a TV and you have already said about  
 16 watching Roy Rogers and that. Do you remember how the  
 17 older boys treated you?  
 18 **A. Basically you did what they told you, as simple as that.**  
 19 **The idea was you made yourself as small as possible and**  
 20 **stayed out of their way, you know.**  
 21 Q. And can you remember how many of the senior boys were  
 22 left in charge?  
 23 **A. It's down to -- look, it's down to whoever is the top**  
 24 **dog at the time. If you were 15 and everyone else is**  
 25 **gone, you were then top. Two weeks later you are gone.**  
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1 **Somebody else is 15, you know, but if he is 15 and there**  
 2 **would be somebody else, two or three boys 14, and then**  
 3 **there would be some more, you know, a crowd of**  
 4 **13-year-olds. So it was the hierarchy. Even if there**  
 5 **was a couple of 15-year-olds, whoever was the best**  
 6 **scrapper, he was the -- he was top. It is survival of**  
 7 **the fittest, simple as that.**  
 8 Q. Some of the other witnesses who have come forward to the  
 9 Inquiry have talked about the older boys beating them.  
 10 Did you ever see that or did you ever experience that?  
 11 **A. Well, probably SND 3 SND 3 was mental. He was**  
 12 **mental and he was in the home, but if you slept -- fell**  
 13 **asleep, like -- and this is in the old -- this is the**  
 14 **old building, so I was very, very young, but if you fell**  
 15 **asleep with your hand out of the bed, hanging out of the**  
 16 **bed, SND 3 would go over and slap -- quietly, quietly**  
 17 **and he'd go slap and he'd go "Ah!", you know, and that**  
 18 **was him. He was crazy. Then the nun would open the wee**  
 19 **window of her cell: SND 3 get to bed", you know, and**  
 20 **you then go like that there, you know. (Gesturing.) So**  
 21 **you end sleeping like a foetus, like in a foetus. You**  
 22 **crawled up under your blanket, because any time you --**  
 23 **even your foot sticking out too as well, you know, it**  
 24 **was a target for SND 3 SND 3 was mental like, you**  
 25 **know. I am not -- it wasn't just SND 3 Other people,**  
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1 **but I thought it was funny they had to strike a smaller**  
 2 **person.**  
 3 Q. You talk about what happened to SND 3 at bath time.  
 4 You talk at paragraph 19 again about SR2 and about  
 5 an incident where she became in charge of your group.  
 6 After a while there were groups --  
 7 **A. Yes.**  
 8 Q. -- and nuns were in charge of the groups. Is that  
 9 correct?  
 10 **A. Yes.**  
 11 Q. You say that she made you stand in a line and take your  
 12 underpants off and then she inspected the underpants.  
 13 **A. The nun that made us do that, I wasn't in her group.**  
 14 **Let me be clear of that. For some reason she was in**  
 15 **charge that day. Right, and she did. We all had to --**  
 16 **this happened on several occasions. There would be**  
 17 **a whole queue of us. There may be twenty of us. For**  
 18 **some reason we are standing and she is walking along**  
 19 **looking in our underpants, and every now and then she'd**  
 20 **hit somebody, you know. I don't know what she was**  
 21 **looking for, but she wasn't pleased, and it was very**  
 22 **humiliating, like. You are standing there. That's**  
 23 **pretty sick in the head like, you know.**  
 24 Q. You say about another occasion, the same nun, at  
 25 paragraph 31, when you were out. You had your hands in  
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1 your pockets and you walked past her outside, and she  
 2 slapped you across the face and told you to get your  
 3 hands out of your pocket and called you a name.  
 4 **A. What she said was, "Get your hands out of your pocket,  
 5 you dirty brute". It was cold. I was walking past her,  
 6 you know. As I says, the huts is cold. I put my hands  
 7 in my pocket walking past, doing no harm. Slap. "Get  
 8 your hands out of your pocket, you dirty brute."**  
 9 Q. Again in her statement she denies ever hitting any of  
 10 the boys in that way at all.  
 11 **A. Please put me in a lie detector test with her, please.**  
 12 Q. You also mention at paragraph 20 that frequently boys  
 13 were threatened with being sent to Muckamore Abbey by  
 14 a nun who you name there.  
 15 **A. Yes. It was a constant threat. In a way they would be  
 16 threatening you with Muckamore Abbey and we didn't know  
 17 what Muckamore Abbey was like, you know. If you are  
 18 carrying on, "You are going to end up in Muckamore  
 19 Abbey". One of the bigger boys, I asked, "What is  
 20 Muckamore Abbey?" He says, "It is a mental institute".  
 21 He says, "You don't want to go near it. It's padded  
 22 cells. If you get in there, electric shocks. You'll  
 23 never get out". Then I started getting -- when they  
 24 threaten you with Muckamore Abbey then, you -- because  
 25 they had the power -- they had the power to do this.**  
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1 **I mean, if you ran away, the police will catch you and  
 2 bring you back. They had power. They had ultimate  
 3 power. They must have had the power to do it. They may  
 4 even have done it, because they kept threatening us with  
 5 it. So I think maybe they did. There must have been  
 6 a couple of boys sent.**  
 7 Q. You talk at paragraph 28 about another nun you name  
 8 again in that paragraph. She is identified there as  
 9 SR5. You talk about coming home from school, sitting  
 10 watching Playtime, Roy Rogers. You remember one time  
 11 you were sitting when this particular nun punched you  
 12 with her fist on the lower neck and asked you had you  
 13 bathed.  
 14 **A. Yes, that's correct. Now she would hit you and then ask  
 15 you the question. Sure even if your answer was, "Yes,  
 16 I did do it", you already got the punishment that you  
 17 would have got had you not done it, you know. So she'd  
 18 hit you a thump. "Did you get a bath?" "Yes." So what  
 19 was the -- what was the thump?**  
 20 Q. You talk about her in paragraph 29, where you say that  
 21 at 14 or 15 she gave you and two other boys a bath every  
 22 day about 7 o'clock.  
 23 **A. Yes, that's correct. You could have been mingling when  
 24 you were 10, 11. As I say, you got a bath once a week  
 25 or once a fortnight, but when I turned 14, all of**  
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1 **a sudden I had to have a bath every night.**  
 2 Q. You name two other boys who were called to --  
 3 **A. Yes. This happened -- this went on for a couple of  
 4 weeks just, but you would have to strip naked and you'd  
 5 be waiting outside. There would be three of us and we  
 6 got a bath every night.**  
 7 Q. And she actually bathed you --  
 8 **A. She bathed us.**  
 9 Q. -- at the age of 14 or 15?  
 10 **A. That's correct.**  
 11 Q. You give the details of that in that paragraph, which  
 12 I won't go into. You thought that this may have been  
 13 because you and these other two boys were quite good  
 14 looking and quite grown up.  
 15 **A. We were developing. 14. Human nature. That's the way  
 16 it is in biology. You know, you are becoming a man, and  
 17 all of a sudden we had to have a bath every night.**  
 18 Q. Now after this you learned -- after you left care you  
 19 learned in 1986 that this particular nun had died and  
 20 you, in fact, attended her funeral. Is that correct?  
 21 **A. That's correct.**  
 22 Q. Do you want to say something to the Inquiry about the  
 23 circumstances of how you came to be at the funeral?  
 24 **A. I got a telephone call from one of the other fellows who  
 25 was in the home. He says this nun had died. He says,**  
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1 **"We're going -- I am going tomorrow. There is a fellow  
 2 over there in London." I had never been in London. He  
 3 says, "He owns a hotel". He says, "We get to stay there  
 4 free". You know, all you had to do was get the money to  
 5 go to London and then food and accommodation was paid  
 6 for and all. I says, "Look, I can't go. I am skint".  
 7 I says, "The only chance you have of getting me away is  
 8 I'm going to play a Poker Classic tonight". I won the  
 9 Poker Classic, got 120 quid. Phoned him up. "I am  
 10 going." That was it. It wasn't so much we were going  
 11 to a nun's funeral. It was a lads' week-end away. It  
 12 was -- all you had to do was turn up, you know. So ...  
 13 Q. So that's the reason why you went to the funeral?  
 14 **A. Yes. We had a bit of craic at it. There was --  
 15 after -- after the funeral and all there was a big hall  
 16 and all the people -- there was all little  
 17 tables providing the food and all, and we noticed that  
 18 there was a bottle of wine on each table. So I says to  
 19 **SND 336** -- I says, "You go that way" and I went that way.  
 20 I went over and I says, "Very, very sad". "Yes." "Do  
 21 you want that wine?" "No." **Phew!** I ended up with  
 22 three bottles of wine and **SND 336** came back with two. So  
 23 the two of us got blocked and the nuns had to drive us  
 24 to the train station.  
 25 Q. Paragraph 33, **HIA 125** you talk about leaving the home  
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1 when you were 15. You were, as you put it -- you  
 2 believe you were sold to a family for work.  
 3 **A. Yes. I was taken, put in a car. No. Right. They**  
 4 **dropped me -- took me down to the place and got me**  
 5 **a pair of work boots. Then they gave me a**  
 6 **little suitcase, put playing cards in, some holy**  
 7 **pictures and I got a girl's school coat. What is it?**  
 8 **I think it is St. Cecilia's or something. No. Anyway**  
 9 **it was a girl's brown school coat. So they put that on**  
 10 **and took me down to this mill outside [REDACTED]. They**  
 11 **were talking away like I was a donkey or a horse,**  
 12 **because they were going, "He's a good strong boy. Aye,**  
 13 **and he's big. Yeah. Aye. He's going to get taller".**  
 14 **I was actually just shown a receipt today that the**  
 15 **farmer signed -- had to sign a signature that he had**  
 16 **received me in good health, but I believe that he had**  
 17 **given a donation.**  
 18 **Anyway they worked me for -- I would have to work**  
 19 **from morning to night, and then when I came in, they**  
 20 **locked me in a room until they let me out the next day**  
 21 **to work from morning to night. I was working in this**  
 22 **mill, and I remember I was 9 stone and I was carrying**  
 23 **huge heavy bags of grain and crushing stuff on my back.**  
 24 **It was slave labour, so it was.**  
 25 Q. Can I just pause there, HIA125, and ask if SND-1641  
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1 could be put up, please? Sorry. 1641. You will see  
 2 here that this is the receipt, as you describe it, and  
 3 it is dated 17th October 1972 and it reads:  
 4 "I hereby certify that I have received" -- the word  
 5 "my" is stroked out -- "HIA125 from under the care of  
 6 the Sisters of Nazareth, St. Joseph's Home, Derry in  
 7 a perfect state of health and cleanliness."  
 8 It is signed by the person whose farm you went to  
 9 work on.  
 10 **A. That is correct. It was an old farmer and his sister.**  
 11 **They were in their 70s. Spinster. You know, the two of**  
 12 **them never married. They paid me -- I worked seven days**  
 13 **a week morning to night and got paid £3 a week.**  
 14 Q. The witness there is not a member of the Order but  
 15 appears to be a married woman's name. It is not shown  
 16 there, but it is available for the Panel and the legal  
 17 representatives to see.  
 18 **A. From the conversation I heard I was thinking when they**  
 19 **were talking about me, like, "I'm here. I can hear**  
 20 **this". It was like bringing down a donkey or something,**  
 21 **you know. "Aye, he is a big strong boy. Aye, you'll**  
 22 **get plenty of work from him". So I am pretty sure I was**  
 23 **sold or else a donation was made.**  
 24 Q. You were there for a period of about six months. Is  
 25 that correct?  
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1 **A. Yes. The only thing that saved me was the family that**  
 2 **used to take me out for weekends and holidays, a lovely**  
 3 **family from [REDACTED] a very kind family. A lady came**  
 4 **down and when she seen the conditions I was in, she**  
 5 **said, "I have got to get you out". So she got me a job**  
 6 **in a hotel. It is brilliant there. The cook took to**  
 7 **me. I got anything I wanted on the menu. I was never**  
 8 **as well fed in a life, and I got paid better wages and**  
 9 **I got tips. So I can never thank that family up in**  
 10 **[REDACTED] enough for what they did for me. They took me**  
 11 **from a place when I was in the home where there was no**  
 12 **love, there was no kindness and they showed me kindness,**  
 13 **they showed me love, and I am eternally grateful to that**  
 14 **family.**  
 15 Q. Before that family came and took you from the farm and  
 16 got you a job, did you do anything about trying to  
 17 change your position?  
 18 **A. Right. I -- next door to this old farm there was an old**  
 19 **post office and I says, "I'll have to phone the nuns**  
 20 **because obviously the nuns don't know how bad the**  
 21 **conditions is". So I had to go and find out. I had to**  
 22 **look up a telephone book and I didn't know how, and**  
 23 **after ages I managed to find the telephone number of**  
 24 **Termonbacca. In the old phone you had to put the money**  
 25 **in. You turned the dial and you pressed button A.**  
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1 **I must have had about twenty goes at it, but eventually**  
 2 **-- maybe sometimes the phone was ringing and nobody**  
 3 **answered it. Anyway eventually after all my**  
 4 **perseverance the Reverend Mother answered it and I says,**  
 5 **"Reverend Mother, I'm [REDACTED] HIA 125 and I says to**  
 6 **her, "These people aren't treating me right". The**  
 7 **Reverend Mother says, "You're out now. You're gone.**  
 8 **You're not in our care anymore. Bye", hung up on me and**  
 9 **that was it, even though I was telling her that these**  
 10 **people were treating me awful. There was your**  
 11 **aftercare. "You're out."**  
 12 **So whenever the nuns say now that they apologise and**  
 13 **they are sorry that people didn't enjoy their stay with**  
 14 **them and what have you, it's a load of shite.**  
 15 Q. HIA125, after working for a while in the hotel you then  
 16 joined the [REDACTED] for a while and you were there for  
 17 a couple of years --  
 18 **A. That's correct.**  
 19 Q. -- four and a half years. You then came back to Derry  
 20 with no employment and nowhere to live.  
 21 **A. That's correct. There was no -- there was no aftercare.**  
 22 **There was nowhere you could go. Basically we lived in**  
 23 **a squat with no money. We didn't know how to apply for**  
 24 **the dole or housing benefit. So we squatted and went**  
 25 **shoplifting. That's how we got our food. We didn't**  
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1 steal off people. We just -- it tended up I think there  
 2 was five or six of us living in a squat, all orphans,  
 3 literally round the corner from Nazareth House in Bishop  
 4 Street, and I'd say about three streets away from  
 5 Nazareth House, Bishop Street we ended up. That's where  
 6 the orphans ended up living illegally, living by our  
 7 wits, you know. So ...

8 Q. Can we just go back, please, to your statement to page  
 9 SND-1628, please? You talk in your statement about  
 10 eventually you got married and you have been married for  
 11 [redacted] years. Is that right?

12 A. It's [redacted] now.

13 Q. [redacted] now, and you had [redacted] children and [redacted]  
 14 grandchildren.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. The experiences you say -- in paragraph 38 you describe  
 17 how the experiences in Termonbacca affected the rest of  
 18 your life. You say that apart from the affection from  
 19 the lady who looked after you when you went out and who  
 20 rescued you, as you put it, from the farm and got you  
 21 a job, you never received any love as a child. So you  
 22 found it difficult to show affection at times to your  
 23 own family.

24 You go on in that paragraph to describe some actions  
 25 that you took that you don't want to be openly

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1 discussed, but that are there for the Inquiry to see.

2 You also go on to then describe in paragraph 39  
 3 about what you learned about documents in Termonbacca  
 4 and who you learned that from, and you say that you were  
 5 told -- you are not sure who told you -- is that correct  
 6 --

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. -- that the nuns ordered two of the ex-residents to burn  
 9 a number of personal letters from families to children,  
 10 and that happened many years ago when you were still in  
 11 the home.

12 A. Yes. They were given a metal bin, a proper metal bin,  
 13 you know, full size and it was full of letters,  
 14 personal. Like a mother would be saying "My little  
 15 boy's in your care. I enclose ten shillings, whatever.  
 16 I hope he is well and please tell him", you know, but  
 17 they never -- anyway all letters like that. It was  
 18 full, and give them a box of matches, these two boys,  
 19 and told them to burn it. Even them young fellows was  
 20 probably burning their own letters from their own  
 21 families like, you know. It is kind of sick in a way  
 22 like. You get your victim to victimise himself.

23 Q. But you say that the caretaker, who you name, kept some  
 24 of the letters.

25 A. I owe SND15. He says what he's doing like, you know.

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1 It has been told to me. I didn't see this incident. He  
 2 says what -- he seen some of the letters and recognised  
 3 them. He says, "That's so and so's". So he picked some  
 4 of the letters out. So some of the letters we were  
 5 given, which would have been -- these boys that got the  
 6 letters would have been older than me. So they would  
 7 have been in their 60s now like, you know. He did save  
 8 some of them, but I think by the same he had come maybe  
 9 the fire, you know, was fairly well on. So he could  
 10 only pick letters that was on the periphery.

11 Q. But you never received any letters from SND15?

12 A. No, no. I only found out, but fair play to him. He  
 13 tried to do what he could like, you know.

14 Q. Can I ask you, HIA125, how you feel today about those  
 15 who cared for you when you were in Termonbacca?

16 A. I think they were religious fanatics. They hadn't got  
 17 a clue how to bring up children. I will tell you.  
 18 Look, there's -- there was a home -- there was a home in  
 19 Derry in 1830. It was called the Guinn Institute. You  
 20 were far better being an orphan in 1832 than you were in  
 21 1970. The Guinn institute, if you were an orphan, you  
 22 were well fed. You were well educated. You were taught  
 23 a trade. When you left, you got the tools for -- say  
 24 you were a joiner, you got a full joinery set, whatever.  
 25 So the Guinn -- this man Guinn, he set up this

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1 institute, which is Brook Park in Derry. You were  
 2 better off being an orphan in 1832 than you were in the  
 3 1970s, 100-odd years later. So they got it right then.

4 Q. HIA125, you are aware that the Inquiry has to make  
 5 recommendations to the Northern Ireland Housing  
 6 Executive -- sorry -- the Northern Ireland Executive  
 7 about what should be done by way of an apology or  
 8 redress or a memorial.

9 A. You can put a memorial up. Hey-ho. I wish I had the  
 10 power. I'd give everybody £1 million. I would mail  
 11 them -- every one of them that was in the homes needs at  
 12 least £1 million, and even then that wouldn't be enough,  
 13 but we are beginning to have to take whatever we get.  
 14 If I had the power, I would say everybody gets  
 15 £1 million.

16 Just I am glad of this opportunity, because the nuns  
 17 were always saying at the end of this of their lives  
 18 there is going to be a day of judgment. Well, they are  
 19 getting judged here now and this should give him  
 20 a inkling on how it should go when they get to the other  
 21 side, because they are going to be found wanting.

22 Q. HIA125, thank you very much. If you would just stay  
 23 there, the Inquiry Panel may have some questions for  
 24 you.

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| <p>1 Questions from THE PANEL</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN: Just two things, HIA125. You have said that</p> <p>3 there were six others with the same surname as yourself</p> <p>4 --</p> <p>5 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>6 Q. -- in the home, that you think they may have been</p> <p>7 cousins.</p> <p>8 <b>A. It is quite possible. It is quite --</b></p> <p>9 Q. Are you anxious to get in touch with them if they are</p> <p>10 cousins?</p> <p>11 <b>A. It would be interesting. It is a curiosity to see what</b></p> <p>12 <b>happened. I have no recollection of -- now I was in the</b></p> <p>13 <b>home at the period that they were there and nobody's</b></p> <p>14 <b>ever told me that there were ██████ but then again</b></p> <p>15 <b>the number system could have been in at that time and</b></p> <p>16 <b>they weren't called ██████ if you know -- as I say,</b></p> <p>17 <b>I even went to the same school as my sister and I don't</b></p> <p>18 <b>ever remember -- apart from somebody pointing out, one</b></p> <p>19 <b>of the other orphans, that she was ██████ and I was</b></p> <p>20 <b>██████ -- surnames weren't necessarily called, you</b></p> <p>21 <b>know. They might call you <u>SND 174</u> and they might call</b></p> <p>22 <b>you "HIA125" or the number. So them relatives of</b></p> <p>23 <b>mine -- could be mine. It is the surname that gives it</b></p> <p>24 <b>away like. If it is ██████ and you are ██████ you</b></p> <p>25 <b>know, that question might pop up in your head.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 165</p> | <p>1 <b>a card from Santa. I was all chuffed Santa sent me</b></p> <p>2 <b>a Christmas card, because nobody had ever sent me</b></p> <p>3 <b>a card. So in thirteen years I got a card from Santa.</b></p> <p>4 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>5 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much. I am just wondering about</p> <p>6 the photographs, where you got them from.</p> <p>7 <b>A. There is a fellow that is dead. One of the home boys</b></p> <p>8 <b>now has died and another -- they were going to let his</b></p> <p>9 <b>flat. He had them photos. So another fellow gave them</b></p> <p>10 <b>to me and ...</b></p> <p>11 Q. And do you have any memory of them being taken, you</p> <p>12 know, when you look at them?</p> <p>13 <b>A. I -- well, I am several of them, so you do --</b></p> <p>14 Q. I know that.</p> <p>15 <b>A. Some I don't remember, because I was small. There is</b></p> <p>16 <b>one particular one where I am about two and a half and</b></p> <p>17 <b>you will see all the orphans. There is about -- the</b></p> <p>18 <b>front row is all -- I would say we are all two and</b></p> <p>19 <b>a half, three. I remember getting dressed roughly. If</b></p> <p>20 <b>you look, everybody on the front row, their trousers is</b></p> <p>21 <b>pulled up and their hair is all -- none of us is</b></p> <p>22 <b>smiling. We are all too -- like if we are going on</b></p> <p>23 <b>a trip, you think we would be all happy. If you look at</b></p> <p>24 <b>them photographs, I can remember getting roughed. I can</b></p> <p>25 <b>remember getting your arms put into -- because somebody</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 167</p> |
| <p>1 CHAIRMAN: The other question I wanted to ask you was that</p> <p>2 you said it was a special treat on your birthday to get</p> <p>3 a fry and you were in Termonbacca for --</p> <p>4 <b>A. Thirteen years.</b></p> <p>5 Q. From 1959 to 1972?</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Was that something that happened as far as you were</p> <p>8 concerned every year or do you just remember it</p> <p>9 happening once?</p> <p>10 <b>A. It happened several years. I don't know if it</b></p> <p>11 <b>happened -- way back when I was there at the start in</b></p> <p>12 <b>the old home, I don't, because that was more Draconian.</b></p> <p>13 <b>That old place was -- I was there when it was '59 and</b></p> <p>14 <b>you know there is a report in 1953 saying it was</b></p> <p>15 <b>a loveless place. So I don't think they even gave us</b></p> <p>16 <b>that treat at that time, but at some point somebody</b></p> <p>17 <b>says, "Oh, let's give the orphans a fry once a year,</b></p> <p>18 <b>because we are not totally inhuman". So it went on for</b></p> <p>19 <b>several years in the later part of my time in the home.</b></p> <p>20 Q. And did you get a card or anything like that?</p> <p>21 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>22 Q. Or a present?</p> <p>23 <b>A. No. I got a Christmas card one time from Santa.</b></p> <p>24 Q. No, we are talking about your birthday.</p> <p>25 <b>A. No, but I got -- I remember now this card, getting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 166</p>   | <p>1 <b>had to do it and had to dress a lot of us and they</b></p> <p>2 <b>weren't one bit gentle with us, you know. So again,</b></p> <p>3 <b>love, if you look at that photograph, look at the faces,</b></p> <p>4 <b>not happy campers at all.</b></p> <p>5 Q. Thanks very much. The photographs -- I mean, your</p> <p>6 testimony was very good, but the photographs are very</p> <p>7 helpful.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Photographs are better than 1000 words.</b></p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN: Well, thank you very much for coming today,</p> <p>10 HIA125. That has been very helpful to us. Thank you.</p> <p>11 <b>A. I am very pleased to be of help to you. Thank you very</b></p> <p>12 <b>much.</b></p> <p>13 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>14 (Witness withdrew)</p> <p>15 MS SMITH: That then concludes today's evidence, Panel</p> <p>16 Members and Chairman.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN: Very well. 10.30 tomorrow.</p> <p>18 (4.38 pm)</p> <p>19 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning)</p> <p>20 --ooOoo--</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 168</p>   |

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