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HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

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being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Monday, 6th June 2016

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 208)

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

1 Monday, 6th June 2016

2 (10.00 am)

3 CHAIRMAN: Well, ladies and gentlemen, may I remind you if  
4 you have a mobile phone, please put it on  
5 "Silent"/"Vibrate" or turn it off, which I will now do,  
6 and I remind you there must be no photography either  
7 here in the chamber or anywhere on the premises.

8 There will be names mentioned no doubt in the course  
9 of today, names of people who have been given  
10 designations and anonymity by the Inquiry. This happens  
11 quite frequently, because it's too difficult to follow  
12 what's being said without the real names being used, but  
13 anybody who hasn't been here before must understand  
14 those names must never be used outside the chamber  
15 without the Inquiry's permission.

16 Yes, Ms Smith?

17 Opening statement by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

18 MS SMITH: Thank you. Good morning, Chairman, Panel  
19 Members, ladies and gentlemen. While the majority of  
20 time in this module will be spent dealing with events  
21 relating to Kincora Boys's Hostel in Belfast, we are  
22 also looking at the operation of another institution,  
23 Bawnmore. Some boys spent time in both of these  
24 institutions and the Inquiry has considered it  
25 appropriate to look at the allegations about Bawnmore in

1       this module. So this morning I am going to make some  
2       remarks about Bawnmore Boys' Home in Newtownabbey, which  
3       was run initially by Belfast Welfare Committee and then  
4       by the Northern Health & Social Services Board from 1973  
5       until it closed in 1977.

6               As the Inquiry has heard, on 24th January 1980  
7       allegations of homosexual activity at Kincora Boys'  
8       Hostel were published in The Irish Independent. The  
9       Inquiry is aware and Mr Aiken has already outlined the  
10      investigations that then ensued. While investigating  
11      what had occurred in Kincora, it became apparent that  
12      a number of boys had gone to Kincora from Bawnmore and  
13      some of them told police about abuse there. Police then  
14      launched an investigation into events in Bawnmore and  
15      proceeded to speak to a number of former residents.  
16      Police investigations uncovered allegations against five  
17      men, two of whom were prosecuted, something about which  
18      I shall say more shortly.

19              Bawnmore as well as other homes where homosexual  
20      abuse of children was alleged to have occurred featured  
21      in the Committee of Inquiry into Children's Homes and  
22      Hostels, which I will refer to from here on by the name  
23      by which it is more commonly known, The Hughes Inquiry.  
24      The Hughes Inquiry looked at allegations of homosexual  
25      abuse of boys in the home and recorded its findings in

1 respect of Bawnmore at chapter 6 of the report, which is  
2 at BWN25162. Transcripts of the evidence given to  
3 Hughes in relation to Bawnmore can be found in  
4 section 10 of the Kincora bundle and parts of the  
5 transcript that specifically refer to Bawnmore have been  
6 extracted and can be found at section 4 of the Bawnmore  
7 bundle.

8 A total of three former residents gave oral evidence  
9 to Hughes about what had occurred to them in Bawnmore.  
10 This was in private session on Day 51, which was 7th  
11 March 1985, and transcripts of their evidence are in the  
12 bundle at BWN26987 to 27105.

13 The terms of reference of this Inquiry are, of  
14 course, wider than those of Hughes and cover not only  
15 sexual abuse but physical abuse, emotional abuse and  
16 neglect.

17 The Inquiry has received complaints from three  
18 former residents of Bawnmore. One, HIA83, has given  
19 evidence in Module 7 about his time in Rathgael. He  
20 also spent time at Bawnmore. He alleges that other boys  
21 in Bawnmore bullied him, and because he was scared to  
22 tell staff, he started to abscond. The Inquiry does not  
23 consider it necessary to recall him in this module, and  
24 I will simply summarise his evidence later.

25 The Inquiry will hear evidence from the other two

1 men who have spoken to us about their time in Bawnmore.  
2 One spent time in Bawnmore and Kincora and gave oral  
3 evidence to the Hughes Inquiry. He has the somewhat  
4 unwieldy, if necessary, designation HIA532/B1/R13. Both  
5 men allege that they were sexually abused in Bawnmore  
6 and the other man, HIA112, also alleges that a member of  
7 staff subjected him to physical and emotional abuse.  
8 These two men will give their evidence today when  
9 I conclude these opening remarks.

10 I am now going to say something about the history  
11 and operation of Bawnmore from the documentation that  
12 the Inquiry has been able to obtain. I am also grateful  
13 for the help provided in the statements that have been  
14 provided by the Department of Health, Social Services &  
15 Public Safety and the Health & Social Care Board in  
16 response to questions posed by the Inquiry in its Rule 9  
17 requests.

18 There are two statements of Dr Hilary Harrison filed  
19 on behalf of the Department relevant to Bawnmore. The  
20 first is dated 15th April 2016 and reflects on the  
21 contents of the transcripts and the report of the Hughes  
22 Inquiry provided to it by this Inquiry and can be found  
23 at BWN051 to 084. A second statement, dated 29th April  
24 2016, dealing specifically with matters relating to  
25 Bawnmore is at BWN085 to 099.

1 Dr Harrison makes it clear at paragraph 4.6 of her  
2 29th April statement that prior to the police  
3 investigation, the Department and its predecessor  
4 Ministry were unaware of the allegations of abuse in  
5 relation to Bawnmore.

6 A statement filed on 8th April -- a statement dated  
7 8th April filed on behalf of the Department by Richard  
8 Pengelly at BWN031 to 050 addresses what searches were  
9 conducted by the Department to locate files for this  
10 module.

11 Miss Fionnuala McAndrew's statement dated 6th May  
12 2016 on behalf of the Health & Social Care Board is at  
13 BWN100 to 200. She has also filed a statement dated  
14 17th May 2016 dealing with information relating to  
15 a former member of staff at Bawnmore and that's at  
16 BWN222 to 252.

17 I shall say something more about what is accepted on  
18 behalf of the Health & Social Care Board and the  
19 Department later.

20 Bawnmore House, which was situated at Whitewell  
21 Road, had been acquired by the Board of Guardians of the  
22 Belfast Union as an annexe to the workhouse in order for  
23 it to provide better accommodation for the children who  
24 had been living in the workhouse, and there is  
25 a document to that effect at BWN5226. The building had

1       been a large, private family residence.

2               The Ministry of Health supported the acquisition, as  
3       can be seen in a letter to the Ministry of Finance from  
4       November 1946, which is at BWN5226. The property was  
5       eventually purchased in August 1948 and opened as  
6       a children's home after the passage into law of the  
7       Children and Young Persons (Northern Ireland) Act 1950.

8               If we could look at BWN5269, we can see some plans  
9       of the building. It is unclear -- I am not sure if we  
10      can actually see anywhere when these date from, but they  
11      were in a file relating to the purchase of the property  
12      and the subsequent transfer of the property to Belfast  
13      Corporation. So it clearly shows the ground floor plan  
14      showing a drawing room, dining room, billiard room and  
15      to a morning room, cloakroom, and then there was  
16      an internal courtyard. There were garages, an open  
17      yard, stables, and then upstairs there appears to have  
18      been originally a ballroom and bedrooms and then there  
19      was maids' apartments in the attic.

20              Bawnmore opened in May 1952 at Mill Road,  
21      Newtownabbey. There is a reference to that at BWN7247.  
22      Its purpose was to house disturbed or displaced  
23      children. Miss McAndrew at paragraphs 11-19 of her  
24      statement of 5th May 2016 states what is known about the  
25      staff who were in charge of Bawnmore over the years of

1 its operation from 1952 to 1977.

2 CHAIRMAN: May I just interrupt? I take it "displaced" may  
3 mean displaced as a result of bombing and so on during  
4 the war?

5 MS SMITH: It may well have been.

6 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

7 MS SMITH: It is not clear from the documentation what was  
8 exactly meant by it, Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN: Well, we know that as a result of the bombing in  
10 Belfast during the war there was huge damage to the  
11 housing stock. They may, therefore, well have had to  
12 provide housing for children who just through that type  
13 of enemy action had nowhere else to live.

14 MS SMITH: That may well have been the case.

15 Few contemporaneous records exist relating to  
16 Bawnmore, and I will say more about that later, but we  
17 do have some inspection reports and some minutes of  
18 Belfast Welfare Committee. I am going to refer to  
19 those minutes now in order to show the Inquiry a little  
20 more information about Bawnmore, but I do not propose to  
21 open them in their entirety.

22 The home had accommodation for 28-30 children -- we  
23 see that at BWN5596 -- although on some occasions,  
24 according to inspection reports, there were more  
25 children in residence. For example, if we look at



1 BWN7676, which are the Welfare Committee minutes of  
2 June 1979, it is recorded that there were 31 boys in  
3 residence. Can we just scroll down please to the  
4 entries about Bawnmore? Just there, 2, paragraph 2:

5 "Visited 6th and 30th May.

6 There are 31 boys in residence. All are well. [A  
7 gentleman] has taken up duty as Assistant  
8 Superintendent. Apart from upheaval caused by the  
9 electrical rewiring, conditions in the home have  
10 improved generally."

11 Of note is a minute of BWN768 -- sorry -- 7678 from  
12 August 1969. If we could just scroll to that and scroll  
13 down to the Bawnmore entry. It records that:

14 "Facilities for the number of boys were inadequate.  
15 It is becoming increasingly apparent that the facilities  
16 at Bawnmore are not adequate for the number of boys  
17 cared for there and it would seem that consideration  
18 must also be given to increasing the staff in order to  
19 allow for more individual attention to be given."

20 That was from August 1969, and by September the home  
21 had 33 boys. If we can scroll to 7682, you will see  
22 there:

23 "There are 33 boys in residence and there seems  
24 little prospect that numbers can be substantially  
25 reduced in the near future. Although fully staffed in

1 accordance with established posts, it is probable that  
2 the staff/children ratio is too low."

3 In October numbers were reduced, but staff were  
4 finding the situation difficult. That's BWN7683, which  
5 I think should be the next page:

6 "There are 29 boys in residence and every effort is  
7 being made to retain this level of occupancy, although  
8 it means refusing to admit children to care. The  
9 electrical work is not yet completed but it is already  
10 evident that the rewiring -- renewing of the wiring will  
11 detract further from the appearance of the home.

12 It has not yet been possible to fill the vacant post  
13 of housemother's assistant and the remaining staff are  
14 finding it extremely difficult to afford each boy the  
15 individual attention which he requires. On the whole,  
16 however, the boys are fairly adequately cared for and in  
17 good health."

18 An entry at 7686 shows that:

19 "A post of housemaster -- housefather's assistant  
20 has remained unfilled and it is proving extremely  
21 difficult to attract suitable staff not only for  
22 Bawnmore, but for all the Committee's children's homes."

23 So staff recruitment was clearly an issue not just  
24 for Bawnmore.

25 By the end of 1969 the Welfare Committee had

1 intended to build a bigger home to cater for 36 boys on  
2 the Bawnmore site. We can see that at 7688. If you  
3 just pause there, it says:

4 "Further to the minute of 23rd November 1969 when  
5 the Committee had authorised the city architect to carry  
6 out a feasibility study on the question of providing  
7 an extension to the above home, the city welfare officer  
8 reported that two schemes had been put forward, one to  
9 convert the present building and the other to build  
10 a new home at the present ..."

11 I think that should be "site".

12 "After discussion and having heard the city welfare  
13 officer on the matter, the Committee decided that a new  
14 home to accommodate 36 boys be erected at the present  
15 site and that the city architect be authorised to  
16 prepare plans and estimates, etc, for their  
17 consideration",

18 although by May 1971 no plans had, in fact, been  
19 drawn up and that's at 7709. You will see there:

20 "Further to the minute of 18th March '70, when the  
21 Committee had authorised the city architect to prepare  
22 plans and estimates with the extension -- in connection  
23 with the extension to the above home, the city welfare  
24 officer reported that the design stage for the project  
25 had been reached. The city architect had indicated

1 that, because of the work load in his department, the  
2 staff would not be able to deal with the preparation of  
3 the necessary documents, plans, etc, and he had  
4 recommended the commission of a private architect  
5 appointed for the original staff block scheme be amended  
6 to include the proposed extensions."

7 In 1970 the staffing situation had not improved, as  
8 entries -- and I don't think we need to call them up --  
9 but they are BWN7692, 7694 and 7701 to 7702 showed.

10 In 1971 the staffing situation is still no better,  
11 as BN -- BWN7705 and 7706 show, and in April 1971 it is  
12 noted that there have been several abscondings, if we  
13 look at BWN7707. 7707. Scroll down to the Bawnmore  
14 section. It says:

15 "There are 32 boys in residence. All the boys, bar  
16 one, who has a cold, appear to be in good health. Some  
17 of the boys have been unsettled recently and there have  
18 been several abscondings. One of the housemother's  
19 assistants has resigned and a successor has not yet been  
20 appointed. Material conditions in the home leave a lot  
21 to be desired and efforts are being made to effect  
22 an improvement."

23 Conditions are described as overcrowded in the  
24 summer of 1971. We can see that at BWN7710 to 7712.  
25 There are still staffing difficulties at the end of that

1 year. We can see just that, the last line there:

2 "Conditions at the home are satisfactory, but there  
3 is overcrowding."

4 7719 again shows that there were staffing  
5 difficulties at the end of 1971, which then continued  
6 throughout 1972. There is reference to the difficulties  
7 of staffing in '72 at 7724, 7730 and 7732.

8 Documents, including details of the duties of staff  
9 employed, can be found in a file obtained from the  
10 Public Records Office of Northern Ireland at BWN7239  
11 through to 7258. It is noted that the appointment of  
12 staff was subject to Ministry approval. We can see  
13 this, for example, at BWN7304, which regards the -- it's  
14 a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs of  
15 21st November 1961 conveying approval to the appointment  
16 of a couple as joint post houseparents at Bawnmore  
17 Children's Home and then sets out details of the  
18 salaries.

19 Initially the home catered for both boys and girls,  
20 but at some point became a single sex establishment.

21 There were still girls in the home in 1959, but these  
22 were decreasing during 1959, as can be seen at BWN5851.

23 It says:

24 "Visited on 11th May and found the children all well  
25 except for the one little boy still in hospital. There

1 are now only six girls in Bawnmore. One of these is 17  
2 and will shortly be transferred to a hostel for working  
3 girls. Another is the responsibility of the Antrim  
4 Education Authority. The proportion of girls to boys in  
5 the home has been steadily decreasing over the past year  
6 as the numbers of girls needing residential care is  
7 comparatively few while it is often difficult to  
8 accommodate the larger and increasing number of boys who  
9 come into care."

10 In August 1959 girls were still resident, although  
11 by this stage the number had been decreased to five, and  
12 that's at 5843. Just at the top there it says:

13 "The home still has 28 children, of whom all but  
14 five are boys."

15 The senior children's visitor appeared at Brooklyn  
16 House where they were enjoying a holiday in August 1959.

17 I should point out that no girls have come to the  
18 Inquiry to complain about their time in Bawnmore.

19 There is a document at 5589 which shows that the  
20 Welfare Authority planned to erect cottages on the site  
21 at Bawnmore in order to provide family group homes in  
22 the mid-1950s and that a proposal was put to the  
23 Ministry for approval in 1955. Ultimately, following  
24 revisions in costings, in November 1957 the Ministry  
25 declined to approve the proposal, and we can see that at

1 BWN5559. It just says there:

2 "At the discussion on 3rd October at Stormont Duff  
3 agreed to put this matter as fairly and as favourably as  
4 possible before the Minister personally for his  
5 decision. This has been done and I have to tell you  
6 that the Minister regrets he is unable to approve. He  
7 thinks that he could not at the present time stand over  
8 expenditure of this order involving, as it does,  
9 something like 1000 pounds per child place. He  
10 considers that the project should be dropped and he  
11 would like to see the Children's Committee, if their  
12 need for additional child places remains, meet this need  
13 by the acquisition and adaptation of existing property  
14 in one or more of the residential areas of the city. By  
15 such means he feels that any need could most properly be  
16 met with reasonable expenditure in a manner more in  
17 keeping with the generally accepted ideas of family  
18 group homes."

19 In October 1973 Bawnmore became the responsibility  
20 of the Northern Health & Social Services Board,  
21 following reorganisation of Social Services in Northern  
22 Ireland. At that time Robert Bunting was suggesting  
23 that Bawnmore be adapted to provide a mixed gender  
24 children's home for 36 children. There's reference to  
25 that at BWN26549.

1           There is a memo dating from 1960 -- '76 -- sorry --  
2           that shows it was planned to admit girls to the home.  
3           That's at BWN126. There are two documents in the bundle  
4           relating to the operation of Bawnmore following  
5           reorganisation. The first is at BWN5698 through to 5704  
6           and is entitled "Report re situation at Bawnmore  
7           Children's Home". This recommends finding alternative  
8           accommodation for the residents, and while this document  
9           is undated, the content suggests that it was created in  
10          late 1976. If we could look at that, please. That's at  
11          5698. You will see:

12                 "Since the setting up of the Northern Board, there  
13                 has been a continuing saga of difficulties with Bawnmore  
14                 Children's Home. At reorganisation the home was in  
15                 a dreadful physical state with 75% of its staff having  
16                 left and a 50% absconding rate. Our targets since  
17                 reorganisation have been related to these factors:

18                 (a) improving the physical condition of the home and  
19                 its equipment.

20                 (b) increasing the staff level, recruiting new staff  
21                 and improving the calibre of staff.

22                 (c) improving the standards of care as a result of  
23                 the above two factors.

24                 We have been largely successful in achieving these.

25                 The home was extensively modernised, new furniture was



1 supplied, new younger and more capable staff appointed  
2 and a group system of care introduced."

3 I don't propose to go through this document, but it  
4 does make interesting reading, but if you look at the  
5 chronology that is attached to it at 5701, this details  
6 the difficulties that were being faced by Bawnmore in  
7 the mid-1970s, some of which clearly are as a result of  
8 the situation in the general society of Northern Ireland  
9 at the time.

10 You will see that on 11th November 1973 a boy was  
11 attacked on the Whitewell Road. They set fire to his  
12 shirt.

13 Lighting in the main drive and intruders were  
14 a problem.

15 A car was abandoned in the main drive in suspicious  
16 circumstances.

17 There was intrusion into the grounds from local  
18 youths.

19 Staff complained about the lighting in the drive  
20 being constantly broken and they were worried about  
21 being molested.

22 Regular comments from staff but no major  
23 instances -- incidents. Staff always very anxious at  
24 night.

25 Meeting with local representatives to try to

1 alleviate some of the issues.

2 There was a bomb scare. The wing in Ben Madigan was  
3 evacuated. I should say Ben Madigan was an old people's  
4 home that was adjacent to the site.

5 Problem of intruders continuing during summer and  
6 repeated incidents in the ground during summer evenings.

7 Staff woken by a prowler. Female staff heard  
8 scream, became very frightened.

9 Staff (sic) from estate set an Alsatian dog on some  
10 of the residents.

11 Staff requested to be transferred to and from there  
12 because of the hazards in the grounds.

13 There was a gun battle on 11th November 1974 and  
14 a local man sought asylum in the old people's home.  
15 Police were involved.

16 Intruders. Police called. No help.

17 On both occasions intruders escaped through fence.

18 Stone throwing incidents. Increased use of the  
19 grounds as a right of way.

20 Fights with local youths.

21 Memo from the Deputy Superintendent of Police.

22 Footballers in grounds. Residents upset.

23 Vandalism in the grounds.

24 Youths in the grounds again.

25 Several incidents reported. Staff threatened with

1 hatchet. Police at home every night that week in  
2 September 1975.

3 Shooting in area. Army and police to grounds to  
4 investigate.

5 Telephone cable being cut.

6 There was also strange grounds -- car in the  
7 grounds. Pursued by police and left at speed.

8 As I say, this chronology, which continues,  
9 illustrates the problems that the home faced in terms --  
10 both in terms of sectarianism and in the rise of  
11 paramilitary activities in the local area.

12 Bawnmore closed in March 1977 and the residents were  
13 transferred to Coulter's Hill. The second document that  
14 I have referred to at BWN5705-5710 is entitled "Review  
15 of Bawnmore Boys' Home" and is dated 13th April 1984.  
16 This outlines the changes in the home between  
17 reorganisation and closure and was evidently a document  
18 made in preparation for The Hughes Inquiry.

19 In looking at systemic failings and their relation  
20 to the abuse of children, the Inquiry throughout its  
21 work has examined the issue of what inspections there  
22 were of children's homes and what was found on  
23 inspection.

24 In respect of Bawnmore at paragraph 4.2 of her  
25 statement at BWN088 Dr Harrison referred to the findings

1 of the Hughes Report in respect of inspections of  
2 Bawnmore by the Department in relation to the period  
3 1960-1970 and says that no reference to inspections at  
4 the home either side of those dates is made. I should  
5 point out that in respect of Bawnmore The Hughes Inquiry  
6 only looked at events in Bawnmore from 1960 until  
7 closure in 1977.

8 The Inquiry has obtained an inspection file on the  
9 home from the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland  
10 which gives more information on the inspection regime.  
11 The Ministry of Home Affairs' file is at BWN5711-5787  
12 and shows that the home was inspected regularly until  
13 1972. There are reports of it being inspected, for  
14 example, in 1953, which is at BWN5713, and Ms Forrest in  
15 that report mentions a previous visit in October 1952.  
16 In 1955 an inspection was made without notice. That's  
17 at BWN5757, and at 5... -- sorry -- BWN5740 we can see  
18 a letter to the Welfare Officer from the Ministry of  
19 Home Affairs from 1956 enclosing an extract from the  
20 inspection report. You see on the screen at the moment  
21 there is this "Annual Report, Bawnmore Children's Home":

22 "On 6th June Dr Simpson and I visited Bawnmore  
23 Children's Home."

24 The address is given. It talks about the premises,  
25 the staff, the health and activities, the records, which

1 show that the statutory books were inspected:

2 "The diet continues to be of high standard and  
3 suitably varied. Medical records were found to be  
4 satisfactory maintained.

5 Details of fire drill on weeks of importance are  
6 sent to the Welfare Officer in College Street weekly.

7 We have always found a very happy, homely atmosphere  
8 at Bawnmore. There is, however, one improvement which  
9 might be considered. For a total of 29 children there  
10 is one slipper bath and two shower baths on the first  
11 floor and one bath with shower on the ground floor.  
12 Home Office standards indicate that in a home  
13 accommodating this number of children there should be at  
14 least four slipper baths, and showers are not suitable  
15 for the younger child. It is possible that a bath  
16 should be -- could be installed under the showers on the  
17 first floor."

18 It is signed by Mr Simpson and Ms Wright I believe  
19 that -- Mr Wright.

20 The file contains reports, and I don't propose to  
21 look at all of these, from 1957 at BWN5776; 1958 at  
22 5781; 1959 at 5777; 1960 at 5748. In 1962 there are  
23 reports of two inspections, one in April at 5737 and one  
24 in November at 5733. Inspection from '63 is at 5722.  
25 1964 again saw two inspections in July and December and

1 likewise in '65 there were two inspections.

2 Of interest in 1965 the report records the shortage  
3 of staff and asks whether Belfast Welfare Authority is  
4 giving the home sufficient priority. If we might look  
5 at that, please, that's at 5724. This seems to be  
6 a note attached to the inspection report. The two  
7 inspection reports are at -- from November is at 5718.  
8 If we can just scroll back up to that, please, maybe.  
9 That's '63. In any event if we just look at the note at  
10 5724, it says:

11 "Shortage of staff, high numbers, delay in providing  
12 adequate heating, decoration -- heating and decoration  
13 suggest that this home not getting -- isn't getting  
14 enough priority in Belfast. Should be Children's  
15 Officer (or Homes' Officer) be exerting -- should the  
16 Children's Officer (or Homes' Officer) be exerting more  
17 pressure?

18 Staff shortage in particular seems to be ..."

19 CHAIRMAN: "... seems to need ..."

20 MS SMITH: "... to need positive action. Have they thought  
21 of building another bungalow to attract [something]  
22 staff ..."

23 MR LANE: "... resident staff ..."

24 MS SMITH: "... resident staff and including a home  
25 available elsewhere pending completion of the bungalow."

1 That's dated 9th December, I think, '65.

2 Further inspections are detailed in 1966 and '67,  
3 '69 and '70. There were two inspections both in April  
4 and November once again '71 and '72.

5 In passing, the file contains a document at BWN5715  
6 which outlines the position with regard to the sharing  
7 of Ministry inspection reports as at January 1959. You  
8 will see here that it is "Departmental Action Reports by  
9 Ministry's Inspectors" and it says:

10 "The following information and instructions are  
11 issued for the guidance of the staff when dealing with  
12 reports by the Ministry's Inspectors of children's homes  
13 and training schools.

14 Inspectors' reports are made for the information of  
15 the Ministry. They are confidential and are regarded by  
16 the courts as privileged documents.

17 Normally verbatim reports -- verbatim copies of  
18 Inspectors' reports will not be sent to the authorities  
19 concerned. If, exceptionally, it is considered  
20 desirable in any circumstances to depart from this rule,  
21 the approval of the Assistant Secretary or, in his  
22 absence, the Principal must be obtained before any  
23 report is communicated verbatim.

24 Where an Inspector's report draws attention to any  
25 matter affecting the premises, equipment, reorganisation

1 or management of a home or school, which in the  
2 Ministry's view calls for action by the authority  
3 concerned, the procedure will be as follows.

4 Where the Inspector indicates in his report that the  
5 matter has been taken up locally with the authority or  
6 its officials and that as a result he is confident that  
7 the desired end will be achieved, no action need at that  
8 stage be taken by the Ministry on the particular matter.  
9 In these circumstances it will be the responsibility of  
10 the Inspector to follow up the matter in due course and  
11 report results to the Ministry. Only in the event of  
12 failure of the Inspector's endeavours locally will the  
13 Ministry pursue the matter officially.

14 Where the matter is not being dealt with locally by  
15 the Inspector as indicated in (a) above, consideration  
16 should be given by the branch in consultation with the  
17 Inspector to an official approach to the authority  
18 concerned.

19 Except in the cases referred to above, it should not  
20 normally be necessary to make any communication to the  
21 authority concerned following inspection of a home or  
22 school by a Ministry Inspector."

23 Now the Inquiry is aware that it was not until much  
24 later that the inspection reports were shared by the  
25 Department with either the Boards or the homes



1 themselves and in respect of voluntary homes were not  
2 divulged to the Boards until an even later date.

3 Ms Forrest's report from 1972 at BWN5716 highlights  
4 that the type of boys being housed in Bawnmore during  
5 this period had varying needs. That's 5716. Yes,  
6 I think this must be it. She says that she visited  
7 Bawnmore on 27th March 1972.

8 "The Superintendent was on holiday. The boys were  
9 off school, some because of ordinary Easter holidays,  
10 others because their schools were closed by power cuts."

11 This was, of course, the time of the Ulster workers  
12 strike.

13 "There were 23 boys in residence and two more are  
14 expected. These are lower numbers than usual. Many  
15 will be at home or with relatives over Easter."

16 She describes the outdoor activities and talks of  
17 material having been delivered for the construction of  
18 a recreation hut. She says:

19 "There have been considered problems with some of  
20 the boys. Two or three have recently been committed to  
21 Rathgael, including a boy referred to in Miss Hill's  
22 recent report. "Ascertained special care but no room  
23 for them in their establishments.) Commander Mullan  
24 reluctantly committed a boy to Rathgael, presumably  
25 pending a vacancy. Several boys had quite a harmful

1 effect while there by taking other boys 'mitching'. In  
2 the few weeks since their removal there has been  
3 a marked improvement in school attendance and behaviour.

4 The home is without a deputy superintendent since  
5 the last person's departure."

6 She talks about the present staff, with an old boy  
7 coming back -- someone she thinks is an old boy coming  
8 back to help out:

9 "I suggested to Mr Mason that they consider grading  
10 this home as a Group 2 home in order to be able to offer  
11 more attractive salaries. It certainly contains  
12 a concentration of children with physical and mental  
13 handicaps or requiring special forms of treatment (to  
14 quote circular 11/71). A high proportion are boys  
15 committed by the Juvenile Court. Some of the boys are  
16 very attention-seeking, some dull, some disturbed, some  
17 both. It should be a great advantage when the new  
18 Bawnmore finally emerges to be able to do some  
19 segregation in groups of this crowd of boys with very  
20 varying needs."

21 That's dated 14th April 1972.

22 There are some documents in existence that show that  
23 the home was visited either by the Welfare Authority or  
24 the Board members, and we have seen minutes of the  
25 Belfast Welfare Committee that make reference to

1 Bawnmore that suggest that the home was being visited  
2 regularly, for example, at 5838 and 5839 from September  
3 and October of 1959 respectively; and 5850, June 1959;  
4 6537 from March '76; February '74 -- '64 -- sorry -- '63  
5 I should have said. February '64 is at 6559 and March  
6 '67 is at 6609. January '69 is at 6630.

7 Further, there are some reports on inspection by  
8 Welfare Committee members in the 1950s at BWN5651 --  
9 sorry -- 7651-7668, one, if we look that, at 7667, for  
10 example. I think we might actually have looked at this.  
11 This is showing that girls outnumbered boys in the home  
12 in September 1956.

13 "There were ten boys and twelve girls and six  
14 vacancies.

15 Steps should be taken to deal with rust on the  
16 exterior of the washing machine.

17 Dampness in a bedroom wall is in my opinion due to  
18 defects in the spouting outside the bay window."

19 That was the report of Councillor Watson on his  
20 visit to three -- four different homes on 28th  
21 September 1956.

22 CHAIRMAN: Yes. I think we need to remind ourselves, since  
23 it is some time since we have seen this, that local  
24 authorities, particularly in Belfast, required as part  
25 of their obligation councillors on the relative

1 committee to visit the homes. This is presumably what  
2 we are seeing here.

3 MS SMITH: That's exactly right. Yes, Chairman. These  
4 councillors would have been members of the Welfare  
5 Committee.

6 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

7 MS SMITH: At paragraphs 6.14 to 6.23 of its report the  
8 Hughes Committee outlines its findings on how Bawnmore  
9 was monitored by looking at inspections of the  
10 Children's Officer, members of the Welfare Committee and  
11 by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Those paragraphs are  
12 at BWN25164-25165. If we could just go to that, please,  
13 25164. I am not going to read it out, but to summarise,  
14 the Committee concluded that there was no basis to  
15 criticise the statutory inspections by officials in the  
16 relevant period -- that's at paragraph 8... -- sorry --  
17 6.18; that visits by the members of the Welfare  
18 Committee had less chance of detecting abuse than the  
19 Children's Officers -- they say that at paragraph 6.20;  
20 and that the Ministry's record of inspections during the  
21 period was more than adequate in terms of frequency, and  
22 the opportunity for Ministry Inspectors to detect  
23 homosexual abuse was minimal. They say that at  
24 paragraph 6.23.

25 A few random documents that are still in existence

1 include the corporal punishment quarterly returns for  
2 part of 1962 at BWN7403-04, and at 7743 we can see a nil  
3 return corporal punishment return for 1964.

4 I said that I would say something about the lack of  
5 documentation that exists for Bawnmore, and evidence was  
6 given to the Hughes Inquiry about this, and  
7 paragraph 6.5 of the Committee's report addresses this.  
8 If we could look at that, please, at 25162. If we could  
9 enlarge, please, paragraph 6.5, if possible. It is the  
10 top of the -- yes. It says:

11 "A difficulty arose in connection with certain of  
12 the Belfast Welfare Authority's records relating to  
13 Bawnmore. No file containing the Children's  
14 Officer's/Assistant Children's Officer's notes was  
15 available to us; nor was a file dealing with the general  
16 administration of the home; nor the record book required  
17 to be kept under the 1952 Standing Rule and Order.  
18 Mr Bunting, who was Children's Officer in Belfast at the  
19 time of local government reorganisation, gave evidence  
20 that he had made extensive inquiries which established  
21 that all files relevant to residential child care  
22 facilities and their residents were boxed for  
23 transmission to either the headquarters or district  
24 offices of the incoming Health & Social Services Boards.  
25 No central record of the allocation of files at the time

1 of reorganisation appears to have been made, however,  
2 and receipt notes were not raised by the receiving  
3 offices. Mr Richard Black, who as District" -- sorry --  
4 "Director of Social Services -- Director of the Social  
5 Service Office for the Newtownabbey District of the  
6 Northern Board would have inherited the Bawnmore  
7 records, gave evidence that the files referred to above  
8 were not received at that time. He did state, however,  
9 that the Bawnmore record book, which was kept at the  
10 home itself, was known to have been present and  
11 available at the time of reorganisation. We are  
12 satisfied that Messrs Bunting and Black went to very  
13 considerable lengths to discover the whereabouts of the  
14 missing records and that no particular significance need  
15 be attached to their non-availability. It is likely  
16 that the Bawnmore files were mislaid or misdirected  
17 during the upheaval caused by reorganisation whereas the  
18 record book appears to have been mislaid after the home  
19 closed in 1977. The minutes of the Belfast Welfare  
20 Committee went some way to make up for the absence of  
21 the Children's Officer's/Assistant Children's Officer's  
22 notes. In addition, we had access to a number of  
23 personal files for boys resident in the home, although  
24 again there were some gaps in the records."

25 From that it would appear that the documents were

1 lost during the transition from the Belfast Welfare  
2 Authority to the Northern Health & Social Services Board  
3 Newtownabbey District Office and in the move to  
4 Coulter's Hill.

5 No register or home diary was ever located and,  
6 according to Miss McAndrew, further searches conducted  
7 for information to assist this Inquiry have  
8 unfortunately not located material such as the admission  
9 book for the home.

10 Mr Bunting's statement to the Hughes Inquiry about  
11 the Bawnmore records can be found in the bundle at  
12 BWN26577-26581.

13 I turn now to say something about the police  
14 investigations. As I outlined earlier, in the course of  
15 their investigations into what had happened in Kincora  
16 police received complaints against five people relating to  
17 their activities at Bawnmore. They were Peter Bone, Robert  
18 Elder, S1, Henry Clarke and BM1. I have named the two men  
19 who were convicted of child abuse.

20 The Terry report outlines the investigation the  
21 police carried out in respect of Bawnmore at pages  
22 KIN40207-40294. Police followed an identical line of  
23 Inquiry to that used by the Kincora team and tried to  
24 trace all former residents of Bawnmore. As the Welfare  
25 Authorities were unable to produce the home's register,

1 this presented police with some difficulty. Files  
2 relating to 135 boys were located by the Northern Health  
3 & Social Services Board. However, these only went back  
4 to 1963. A list of those files located and given to  
5 police can be seen at BWN5696.

6 The action sheets in the Bawnmore Inquiry are in the  
7 bundle at BWN20341-20579 and show the police tried to  
8 trace those whose names had been given to them, although  
9 many were untraceable. Of those who were spoken to, the  
10 majority had no complaint to make. We can see that, for  
11 example, at BWN20401, and I just want to remind people  
12 that while names are coming up on these documents, they  
13 are not to be used outside this chamber. You will see  
14 the type of action sheet that the police were creating  
15 at the time, and if we can scroll down, please, the  
16 result is recorded:

17 "Was in Bawnmore for two to three weeks from  
18 1972/'73. Has no complaint to make about any [of the]  
19 staff."

20 It is signed by the investigating officer, who is  
21 Detective Sergeant Braithwaite.

22 Some did make comments when spoken to by police  
23 about S1, that he was suspected to be a "queer", and  
24 that's at BWN20450, and that it was common knowledge  
25 that he was a "fruit" -- that's at 20432 -- or comment



1 that there was "something funny about him" at 20452.

2 At KIN40208 the Terry summary stated that had the  
3 files only represented a small percentages of the total  
4 number of boys, but said that it enabled the RUC  
5 detectives to trace and interview sufficient boys to  
6 give a reasonably reliable indication as to the extent  
7 of wrongdoing by staff at Bawnmore. The resultant media  
8 publicity also ensured that former residents were likely  
9 to be made aware of the police interest in Bawnmore and  
10 other homes. In consequence one can reasonably assume  
11 that most former residents with a grievance about their  
12 treatment at Bawnmore were likely to become aware that  
13 they now had an opportunity to come forward and have  
14 their complaints sympathetically heard.

15 As the Inquiry will hear later today, at least one  
16 former resident was unaware of the police investigation  
17 into Bawnmore and only came forward with his complaints  
18 when he heard that this Inquiry was investigating the  
19 home.

20 The police investigation did find eleven  
21 complainants who made allegations against five men.  
22 I will now look at the complaints that were made about  
23 each and what the police material shows.

24 The first man to be convicted in respect of Bawnmore  
25 was Peter Bone. The summary of the police investigation

1 into the activities of Peter Bone is at BWN20014-20022.  
2 This man first went to Bawnmore as part of his study for  
3 community service and then came as a volunteer to help  
4 staff. He was also a scout -- a cub scout commissioner  
5 and known to a member of staff, BM1, who ran the scout  
6 group at Bawnmore.

7 Complaints were made against him by two former  
8 residents, HIA532/B1/R13, whose statement to police is  
9 at BWN20038-20042, and by B2, whose statement is at  
10 BWN20043. Both men alleged that as boys they were  
11 sexually assaulted by Bone in his car. In addition,  
12 HIA532 alleged that Bone took him to his home, where he  
13 took photographs of him in the nude and sexually abused  
14 him.

15 Police interviewed Bone on 6th May 1980 and in  
16 a search of his home a large number of photographic  
17 images were found that disclosed that he had been  
18 photographing naked boys. Three other boys who were not  
19 resident in Bawnmore were identified from the  
20 photographs and allege that they too had been sexually  
21 assaulted by Bone.

22 Bone's interview of 6th May is contained in a  
23 statement of Detective Inspector McClure and is at  
24 BWN20048-20054. He agreed to give a written statement  
25 after caution and that is at BWN20093-94.

1           At a subsequent interview in relation to a large  
2           quantity of photographs of naked boys and tapes that  
3           Bone had recording conversations of boys in his car, he  
4           made no reply on legal advice. Bone ultimately pleaded  
5           guilty in 1981 to 16 of the 22 charges directed against  
6           him and that included charges relating to the two  
7           Bawnmore residents.

8   CHAIRMAN: Do we have a reference to the details of the  
9           convictions, the dates and so on?

10   MS SMITH: They -- I believe they pleaded guilty at the same  
11           time as the three gentlemen from Kincora --

12   CHAIRMAN: Yes.

13   MS SMITH: -- were being prosecuted. So that would have  
14           been December I think --

15   CHAIRMAN: 1981.

16   MS SMITH: -- 1981. The directed charges are in the bundle.  
17           Unfortunately I have not recorded down the reference  
18           number, but I can certainly get that later for you,  
19           Chairman.

20   CHAIRMAN: So the impression that's given by the reports  
21           that only Mains, Semple and McGrath were dealt with is  
22           incorrect --

23   MS SMITH: That is incorrect.

24   CHAIRMAN: -- because there were a number of other smaller  
25           homes, of which Bone is one --

1 MS SMITH: That's correct.

2 CHAIRMAN: -- who were dealt with on the same occasion.

3 MS SMITH: Bone and the second man who I'm just going to  
4 refer to was also dealt with on that occasion. That's  
5 Robert Dewer Elder. He was the second person convicted  
6 in respect of child abuse at Bawnmore and the summary of  
7 the police investigation into him is at BWN20024-20026.

8 Robert Elder was in Bawnmore for a five to six --  
9 for five to six weeks in 1967/1968 on a student  
10 placement from Rupert Stanley College. At the time of  
11 the police investigation in 1980 he was employed as  
12 a fire safety officer with the Northern Health & Social  
13 Services Board.

14 Two people complained to police about Robert Elder,  
15 HIA532 and another boy, who was then resident in  
16 Muckamore, called BM19. BM19 alleged that someone  
17 called Elliott, who police determined must be Elder, had  
18 buggered him twice after he wet the bed at night, and  
19 his statement to police is at BWN20066-20067. HIA532  
20 stated that Elder took him from his room at night and  
21 sexually abused him and that he showed him pornographic  
22 photos. He said that he reported these matters to BM3,  
23 and this is recorded in the same police statement that  
24 I mentioned earlier, which is at BWN20038.

25 Police recorded a statement from BM3 about what

1 HIA532 had said to him and that is at BWN20070, and  
2 I think it is important that we look at that for  
3 something that I am going to say later. That's 20070.  
4 This is the only statement that BM3 gave to police in  
5 respect of this issue. I am not going to go into all of  
6 the details. He said:

7 "I have heard the allegations made by various boys  
8 against members of staff. I can only remember one being  
9 reported to me. I remember HIA532 complaining to me  
10 about a student from Rupert Stanley College, Robert  
11 Elder, showing him dirty photographs. I spoke to Elder  
12 and he admitted having these photographs, and I told him  
13 not to have them in the home, as they were not proper  
14 things for young boys to see. I cannot remember any  
15 other complaints of sexual behaviour by any boys.  
16 I would get complaints from boys about staff hitting  
17 them, but these were of a trivial nature and I dealt  
18 with them accordingly. They were not frequent  
19 complaints."

20 Police interviewed Elder on 10th June 1980, who,  
21 after a brief denial, admitted that he had abused HIA532  
22 in the way he described. That interview is recorded in  
23 the statement of Detective Constable Montgomery and is  
24 at BWN20071-20073. He further admitted that he must  
25 have abused BM19 too. He gave a written statement after

1       caution, but that only dealt with the allegations in  
2       respect of HIA532, and that is at BWN20091-20092.

3             Importantly the Inquiry might think, he stated that  
4       when BM3 approached him about HIA532's complaint, he  
5       spoke to him not just about the photographs he had shown  
6       the boy, but about the allegations of indecency. He  
7       said he denied this, but admitted showing photographs  
8       that he said were of people -- were of the missions  
9       (sic).

10            If we can look at his statement, please, at 20091,  
11       and you will see that he remembers HIA532.

12            "He was an inmate of the home. I had a typewriter  
13       in my bedroom and I used to type reports. I used to let  
14       him use the typewriter. On two or three occasions when  
15       he was in the bedroom with me I got involved with him.  
16       I cannot remember the exact circumstances, but it  
17       amounted to him masturbating me and me masturbating him.  
18       There was oral sex as well. I remember this happening  
19       in the middle of the night. I must have gone into his  
20       bedroom and brought him to my room. As far as he was  
21       concerned there was no buggery. I remember the boy told  
22       BM3. BM3 approached me about this and I denied it. BM3  
23       obviously believed me and all he told me was not to  
24       become too friendly with any of the kids. About a week  
25       after I left the home and returned to Rupert Stanley

1 College. I finished the course in September '68 and  
2 didn't go into child care."

3 He signed that statement. So essentially he is  
4 saying that BM3 was -- spoke to him about something  
5 other than photographs. Importantly the Inquiry may  
6 think, he stated -- sorry. Despite this, when he gave  
7 evidence to The Hughes Inquiry, BM3 insisted that HIA532  
8 had not spoken to him about anything other than the  
9 photographs, something about which you will hear later  
10 from HIA532, who says that that was not the case, that  
11 he told him not only about the photographs, but also  
12 about the abuse.

13 The Hughes Committee concluded on balance that  
14 HIA532 had told BM3 about Elder's indecency towards him  
15 and had simply accepted Elder's denial. We can see that  
16 at paragraph 6.38 of the report at 25168. That's  
17 BWN25168.

18 Elder was employed by the Northern Board as a fire  
19 prevention officer from 26th August 1977, but was  
20 dismissed on 18th March 1982, following his convictions,  
21 and there is reference to that at BWN5... -- sorry --  
22 350007 (sic). I think there might be just one zero too  
23 many there. He pleaded guilty in December 1981 to two  
24 counts relating to HIA532 and the certificate of  
25 conviction is at BWN20614.

1           In 1982, following the publication of an article in  
2           The Irish Independent, police spoke to BM19 again. He  
3           repeated his allegations and the police summary of what  
4           occurred is at BWN20603-20613.

5           Police were then given other information about  
6           an unrelated matter that caused them to speak to Robert  
7           Elder again, and when they questioned him further about  
8           BM19's allegations, he initially denied the allegations  
9           and then verbally admitted them and gave a written  
10          statement after caution that is at BWN20617. If we look  
11          at 20617, it says:

12                 "During my year's child care course at Rupert  
13                 Stanley College in '68 or '69 I was sent to Bawnmore to  
14                 do practical work experience. I think I was there about  
15                 4-6 weeks. During that 6 weeks I had buggery with BM19  
16                 on two or three occasions. I think there must have been  
17                 talk between BM19 and another boy called HIA532 about  
18                 me. It came about by BM19 having to be wakened by me  
19                 and I would ask him to go to my bedroom. We then had  
20                 sex together and played about on my bed. Probably we  
21                 had oral sex as well. I think I may have buggered BM19  
22                 or two or three occasions and that would have been in  
23                 the bedroom as well. There was no force used on the  
24                 boy, because he consented so easily. I have now cleared  
25                 my sheet in relation to any sexual activities. I am



1       sorry I didn't admit these offences with BM19 the last  
2       time, but I was afraid of the consequences."

3               These were the only two men to face prosecution  
4       arising from the allegations about Bawnmore. Neither  
5       were employees. Complaints were made about three  
6       employees, and I will now turn to look at the police  
7       material relating to them.

8               The first is Henry Clarke. The summary of the 1980  
9       police investigation relating to the complaint of HIA532  
10       is at BWN20023-20024. Henry Clarke was employed as a  
11       houseparent in Bawnmore from 24th July 1967 to 31st April  
12       1968. HIA532's allegations were not put to him during the  
13       1980 investigations, as he had emigrated to Canada. In  
14       1982, however, his whereabouts were traced and Detective  
15       Superintendent Caskey and Detective Sergeant Elliott  
16       travelled to Canada to interview him. The record of that  
17       interview is at BWN20300-20316.

18               He denied the allegations, but admitted that he had  
19       shared a bed with HIA532 during weekend visits that the  
20       boy had at his home. He gave a written statement after  
21       caution dated 10th June 1982, which is at BWN20339-23040  
22       (sic). The DPP directed no prosecution on the basis  
23       that there was no corroboration. That direction is at  
24       BWN20230.

25               In 1984 a former resident of Firmount Children's

1 Home complained to police that Henry Clarke had sexually  
2 assaulted him in that home. Henry Clarke had worked there  
3 from 1973 until 1977, and the police summary of that is at  
4 BWN20204-20208.

5 On 4th July 1985 Henry Clarke was visiting Northern  
6 Ireland and was interviewed again in relation to the  
7 allegations about Firmount and again about those made by  
8 HIA532. He wrote out and signed a statement, which is at  
9 BWN20217-20219. On this occasion he relates homosexual  
10 activities that he had throughout his life and he speaks  
11 about Bawnmore and meeting HIA3... -- 532 on one  
12 occasion. Just before he was married he slept with the  
13 boy in his parent's home. If we can scroll on down,  
14 please:

15 "I remember masturbating him. I was interviewed by  
16 two detectives about this in Canada and at that time  
17 denied this because of fear and the fact that the boys  
18 seemed to be saying more than I remembered. I am sorry  
19 for this and sought legal advice on the grounds that  
20 I had lied to these men and wanted to tell them the  
21 truth. Legal counsel advised me to say nothing.

22 After Bawnmore I was married ..."

23 and goes on to say where he worked after that -- if  
24 we can scroll down -- and talks about other sexual  
25 incidents involving other people in the various places

1 that he worked, and talks about moving to Firmount Hostel,  
2 where he met a boy and became good friends with him,  
3 played and talked a lot. If we can scroll on down, he  
4 admits then abuse in Firmount also. So by 1985  
5 I should say that Henry Clarke had become a minister of  
6 religion and perhaps that might account for the fact that  
7 he is willing to admit to what he had denied previously.

8 Police wished to see him prosecuted if possible.  
9 However, the DPP directed no prosecution, remarking that  
10 in respect of HIA532 the offences were seventeen years  
11 old and it would be inappropriate to pursue  
12 a prosecution. That's at 20199.

13 Henry Clarke then returned to Canada and subsequently  
14 wrote to police in an attempt to clear the slate, as it  
15 were. That letter is at BWN20193, and he admitted that  
16 while working at Conway House, which is another  
17 children's home, he masturbated a boy who was a resident  
18 of that home when he took him to the BB camp. The boy  
19 was traced and gave police a statement confirming this.  
20 That statement is at BWN20183-2018... -- 82-83. Police  
21 did not take any further action, and we can see the  
22 correspondence between senior police at BWN20178, then at  
23 77, 75 and 74.

24 So if we can scroll down, it just says the police  
25 took the view there was nothing to suggest that any

1 other children had been molested in Conway House and no  
2 report submitted to determine what action is necessary  
3 to take. In his letter he had enquired about whether  
4 the Canadian police needed to be informed about what he  
5 was admitting to.

6 If we go to -- if we can go backwards, please, to  
7 the preceding page, you will see that the detective  
8 chief superintendent recommended no further action and  
9 he didn't feel there was any obligation to notify the  
10 Canadian police, as there had been no conviction. He  
11 also took that view in light of the direction that they  
12 had been given in 1980 about other alleged offences  
13 committed by Henry Clarke at that time.

14 If we can scroll down to 75, page 75, you will see  
15 that:

16 "They speedily carried out investigation into  
17 offences because he was in Northern Ireland at the time.  
18 Admits a further incident. In view of the information  
19 contained in the report I would agree with the letter's  
20 -- letter's recommendations that he may feel a file  
21 should be prepared for the DPP's direction."

22 Then the preceding page, please, that's 74, if we  
23 can scroll back up to that, we will see that the Chief  
24 Superintendent Deputy ACC Crime concurs with the  
25 recommendations of the Detective Chief Superintendent of

1 North Region.

2 "As the act admitted by Henry Clarke is not punishable  
3 in law, there is no necessity to forward papers to the  
4 DPP."

5 I think that was certainly in respect of adult homosexual  
6 activity. Another employee against whom complaints were  
7 made was S1. The summary of what police did in 1980 is at  
8 BWN20027-20029. S1 spent two periods working in Bawnmore  
9 as an assistant housefather. The first was from 13th  
10 January '63 until 31st May '65, when he left for more  
11 lucrative employment. He returned on 25th February 1968  
12 and stayed until 7th February 1969. There is no record of  
13 how he came to be re-employed. No application form or  
14 references were found on his personnel file according to  
15 BWN7635.

16 Four former residents of Bawnmore made complaints  
17 about him to police. B4 alleged that while he was  
18 walking in the grounds with S1, S1 pulled him towards  
19 him and tried to kiss him and told him he would be  
20 better to play ball. His statement is at BWN20078.

21 B2 alleged that S1 approached him in a bedroom  
22 and asked him if he would be interested in sex with him.  
23 When B2 said he wasn't, S1 left. He said that S1 was  
24 always putting his arm around boys and putting his arm  
25 down their shirts. That statement is at BWN20079.

1           B3, whose statement is at BWN20080-20084, alleged  
2           that he was sexually abused by S1 in a bathroom five or  
3           six times and that -- and that the abuse included  
4           penetration. He also said that S1 took him to his  
5           bedroom once or twice a month and had sex with him and  
6           that he made him masturbate him in the bushes when  
7           playing football.

8           The fourth boy was B5. His statement is at 20085,  
9           and he recounted one incident where he had gone to bed  
10          with a headache. He was due to go to scouts that  
11          evening or cubs, had a headache and was told by another  
12          member of staff to go to bed. S1 came in and sexually  
13          abused him in the bedroom. He then ran on to the  
14          landing and set off the fire alarm. Staff attended and  
15          B5 told them what happened.

16          S1 resigned in 1969, apparently following  
17          an incident where BM3 chastised him for bullying  
18          another -- a resident. The Hughes Inquiry thought it  
19          likely that this relates to the incident involving B5,  
20          and his letter of resignation, if we can look at that,  
21          please, is at BWN20332-20335.

22          CHAIRMAN: Just go back to that last page, please.

23          MS SMITH: Sorry. The page that was on the screen  
24          beforehand?

25          CHAIRMAN: Yes.

1 MS SMITH: I am not sure what that was. This is -- yes.

2 This is the statement of B5.

3 CHAIRMAN: So this boy says he told the Superintendent --

4 MS SMITH: What had happened.

5 CHAIRMAN: -- what had happened and he was examined by  
6 a doctor the next day.

7 MS SMITH: That is correct. I will say more about this,  
8 Chairman. This boy gave evidence to the Hughes Inquiry.  
9 I will say a little bit more about it in due course.

10 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

11 MS SMITH: Just going to the resignation letter then, 20332,  
12 it might be quite hard to make this out. It's directed  
13 -- you can just about see underneath the stamp this is  
14 taken from police material and says:

15 "Dear Mr Moore,

16 I wish to give one week's notice with view to my  
17 resignation. My notice is to commence on Friday  
18 31st January 1969 and terminate on 7th February 1969.

19 For some time now I have felt that at this present  
20 time in Bawnmore something is lacking in staff  
21 relationships.

22 I feel that there [something] ..."

23 MS DOHERTY: "... there may ..."

24 MS SMITH: "... there may ..."

25 Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN: "... this may be having an adverse effect ..."

2 MS SMITH: "... this may be having an adverse effect on me  
3 at times ..."

4 CHAIRMAN: "... whenever I have tried to correct a boy."

5 MS SMITH: Yes.

6 "... whenever I have to correct a boy. I find  
7 instead of keeping [something] and thinking things over  
8 I have ..."

9 CHAIRMAN: "... tried ..."

10 MS SMITH: "... tried -- I have tended to lose my temper",  
11 I think it is.

12 CHAIRMAN: "... tended to lose my temper."

13 MS SMITH: "To me there is -- this is a sign to get out and  
14 have a change. I know that I should regret having --  
15 leaving the friendship of the children, whom I think  
16 I get on -- I have got on well with most of my time in  
17 Bawnmore.

18 The matter was brought to a head when the  
19 Superintendent accused me of bullying a boy. To my  
20 knowledge I have never deliberately bullied any boy in  
21 this house and any of the children may be asked on their  
22 part -- on this point", I think.

23 MR LANE: "... on this point."

24 MS SMITH: "I think I have been very fair to them all.

25 At times I may have been a little tough in my



1 approach when dealing with a child, but I didn't --  
2 I did this not to satisfy my own temper but always with  
3 the good of the child in mind.

4 Since the Superintendent has suddenly changed his  
5 views on the way I deal with a child, I am afraid the  
6 time has come to part [something]."

7 CHAIRMAN: "... pack it all up."

8 MS SMITH: Yes.

9 "... to pack it all up. I am indeed deeply hurt by  
10 the accusation as I have at all times been sensitive to  
11 any child's need and problems.

12 With all the years' experience I have had in dealing  
13 with children I have never at any time been accused of  
14 pushing a child around. Indeed, many parents and youth  
15 workers could vouch for this.

16 Since the accusation came from a person whom I hold  
17 in very high esteem and would not embarrass in any way,  
18 this indeed makes the wound even deeper.

19 Bearing all this in mind and knowing that his views  
20 were probably influenced by someone else, I know I must  
21 leave before my ..."

22 CHAIRMAN: "... admiration ..."

23 MS SMITH: "... before my admiration for a man who taught me  
24 most of my child care is tarnished.

25 So see the Superintendent ..."

1 CHAIRMAN: "... is a very sincere ..."

2 MS SMITH: "To me the Superintendent is a very sincere and  
3 dedicated person towards his views on child care and  
4 I believe in them myself.

5 Therefore, Mr Moore, I ask you to accept my  
6 resignation with the deepest regret from me.

7 I wish to thank you for my help -- for any help you  
8 may have given me in the past and trust that this  
9 resignation is accepted.

10 Yours faithfully",

11 and he signs it.

12 S1 denied committing any offences and the police  
13 summarised his responses to the allegations at BWN20239,  
14 if we can go to that page, please, paragraph 20. You  
15 will see there that:

16 "Detective Superintendent Caskey then read aloud the  
17 contents of the witness statements recorded by each of  
18 the complainants and asked S1 to account for the  
19 allegations. Throughout the readings he remained  
20 composed. He denied the allegations, but stated, 'I was  
21 very strict. It is very possible they had it against  
22 me. I had nothing to do with the allegations, nothing  
23 whatsoever'.

24 He admitted that he had bathed some of the boys  
25 using a facecloth, because he had to inspect them for

1 lice on their bodies, but he suggested that any  
2 examination of their testicles was done without  
3 embarrassment to the child.

4 When he was asked ..."

5 I will come back to paragraph 22.

6 "He was referred to his resignation letter and it  
7 was pointed out that the letter did not contain any  
8 reference to Joseph Mains, but referred to a physical  
9 assault by S1 on a resident. S1 alleged that he did not  
10 get sufficient backing, thus his reason for resigning.

11 Continued to deny the allegations, but suggested  
12 that complaints had been made because 'perhaps hatred  
13 towards you basically. That's it. If you have to  
14 discipline someone, some of them hold it against you  
15 forever. In some cases they would be out to get you.  
16 I worked in some situations where people tried to knife  
17 me'."

18 If we can scroll down:

19 "In relation to ..."

20 I have forgotten the designation, but I think it is  
21 B1's allegations -- sorry -- B3's allegations. Yes, B3:

22 "... S1 related how B3 had witnessed him giving  
23 medical attention to the child's father who had injured  
24 his penis in the toilets at Bawnmore home and he was  
25 suggesting that the boy could have misconstrued the

1 situation and consequently made the allegation against  
2 him.

3 He was asked to comment in respect of each of the  
4 complainants' allegations and he suggested one boy  
5 resented discipline. He recalled B5 and said he smacked  
6 him because he was in a temper tantrum. He could not  
7 recall another boy. He refused to undergo a medical  
8 examination, considering it irrelevant at the moment,  
9 and agreed to record a statement after caution. The  
10 interview was then suspended to allow him private time  
11 with his solicitor. He recorded a one-line statement.  
12 The statement simply read that the allegations were  
13 'completely false and untrue'."

14 Then if I can just go back, in the course of talking  
15 to Detective Constable Caskey he admitted that he knew  
16 Joseph Mains and said that Mains had tried to interfere  
17 with him at Kincora when he visited. He told BM3 that  
18 he wouldn't go back to Kincora, because he did not like  
19 Joe Mains.

20 In 2012 police in Manchester were spoken to --  
21 I should say the one-line statement after caution is at  
22 20337.

23 In 2012 police in Manchester were spoken to by  
24 a former resident of Kincora about his time there and he  
25 gave his memory of Bawnmore at BWN20589. In the fourth

1 paragraph down he alleged that S1 liked to rub himself  
2 against the boys and always had an erection. That's  
3 just in the fourth paragraph. He says that he was there  
4 in Bawnmore from the age of 9. He said it was foreign  
5 to him and states that went on for a while, that  
6 behaviour.

7 The third member of staff against whom police  
8 received a complaint was BM1. The summary of the 1980  
9 investigation into him is at BWN20022-20023. He was  
10 employed at Bawnmore from 12th December 1965 until 1975  
11 as a housemaster. BM20 was the only person who  
12 complained to police about BM1's behaviour at Bawnmore  
13 in a statement dated 22nd April 1980, which is at  
14 BWN20063.

15 He alleged that when BM1 smacked his bottom for  
16 wrongdoing, his hand would remain on his bottom for  
17 a period of time between smacks. BM1 was spoken to by  
18 police and agreed that he inflicted corporal punishment.  
19 He stated some of the boys called him "queer" and  
20 regarded him as effeminate, but he was shocked by the  
21 allegation. Police recommended and the DPP directed no  
22 prosecution in respect of BM1.

23 After working at BM1 -- sorry -- at Bawnmore, BM1  
24 moved to Palmerston Assessment Centre. He was suspended  
25 from there on 7th January 1982 following complaints by

1 boys to the police during their Kincora Phase Two  
2 inquiries that he had smacked them on their bare bottoms  
3 and retained his hand there and questioned them about  
4 how they were smacked at home. One boy also alleged  
5 that he indecently assaulted him in his car when driving  
6 him home. The police file relating to these allegations  
7 is at BWN20699-20740 with a summary at BWN20708.

8 Initially he denied the allegations at interview,  
9 but later admitted to touching boys' bottoms for longer  
10 than necessary. The Inquiry may well find this  
11 information particularly interesting when listening to  
12 HIA112 later this morning. He conceded that he had left  
13 his hand on the children's bottoms, but denied ever  
14 handling the private parts in any way that amounted to  
15 indecent assault.

16 He was prosecuted for nine counts of indecent  
17 assault in the Magistrates' Court and was convicted on  
18 pleas of guilty on 17/9/1982, when he received  
19 an absolute discharge from the resident magistrate. His  
20 record is at BWN20168. Following conviction, BWN (sic)  
21 was summarily dismissed by the Eastern Health & Social  
22 Services Board. As -- sorry. BM1 I should say.

23 BM1 was involved with the Boy Scout Association, and  
24 Eastern Health & Social Services Board felt that it had  
25 a duty to acquaint the County Commissioner of Scouts as

1 to the details of the convictions, and wrote to police  
2 seeking the boys' statements. There is a suite of  
3 correspondence where this was discussed in the bundle at  
4 BWN20674-20697, and eventually the police confirmed that  
5 the Board's understanding of the nature of the  
6 allegations, which differed from the account which was  
7 being given publicly by BM1, was correct.

8 I am not going to open all of those documents, but  
9 if we can look, please, at 20692, this is a letter from  
10 the Northern Health & Social Services Board from  
11 October 1987 to the Chief Superintendent of the RUC. He  
12 said:

13 "As I have endeavoured to explain, BM1 now makes the  
14 suggestion that his conviction in respect of the charges  
15 of indecent assault was as a result of him having  
16 administered corporal punishment in an inappropriate  
17 manner. The Board, on the other hand, is in possession  
18 of information which suggests that he came into  
19 a bathroom when a boy was bathing. He made the boy bend  
20 over the bath and smacked and rubbed his backside and  
21 touched his private parts. In addition, I am advised  
22 that on another occasion he told a boy to come out of  
23 the shower and then grabbed the boy's private parts.  
24 It is alleged that he held them for a few seconds until  
25 the boy jumped back into the shower. On a third

1 occasion he requested a boy to take down his pyjamas and  
2 bend over a bed. It is alleged that he then rubbed the  
3 boy's backside and smacked him lightly. Are you in  
4 a position to confirm that these allegations formed the  
5 substance of the charges brought against him?"

6 I should say these obviously relate not to Bawnmore  
7 but to Palmerston.

8 Then if we look at 20697, the final communication  
9 from police to the Chief Legal Adviser, Central Services  
10 Agency of November '87 is:

11 "You now seek confirmation of allegations made  
12 against BM1 in three particular cases and I must inform  
13 you that the allegations enumerated in the second  
14 paragraph of your letter are substantially correct.

15 I trust this information will be sufficient to meet  
16 your requirements."

17 There is further police material at BWN20150 that  
18 shows that BM1 was prosecuted in 1992 in a Crown Court  
19 on eight counts of indecent assault on a boy scout. Now  
20 he was acquitted on all counts. The boy's statement is  
21 at BWN20165-20167. His allegations included that he  
22 smacked the boy on his bare bottom and asked him how his  
23 mother beat him.

24 The Inquiry has received a statement from Fionnuala  
25 McAndrew on behalf of the Health & Social Care Board re



1 BM1 -- that's at BWN222-252 -- and shows that even  
2 before police received allegations about Palmerston the  
3 District Social Services Officer had suspended him when  
4 a Senior Social Worker advised of allegations of  
5 improper behaviour at a youth club in the early 1960s.  
6 There are exhibits attached that detail BM1's attempt to  
7 appeal disciplinary proceedings and suggest the offences  
8 for which he received -- where he was suggesting through  
9 his lawyer that the offences for which he received  
10 absolute discharges were technical in nature.

11 As late as 2012 BM1 appears to have believed that  
12 absolute discharges did not constitute convictions that  
13 ought to be disclosed and was found to be working with  
14 children in a youth football league. There's papers  
15 from the police at BWN20146-47.

16 BM1 is alive and has been contacted by the Inquiry.  
17 His response to the allegations of HIA112 and his  
18 behaviour at Bawnmore is at BWN53030 and I will look at  
19 that later today. The Inquiry has been advised that he  
20 is in poor health and will be unable to attend to give  
21 evidence.

22 The Hughes Inquiry examined the allegations that were  
23 made about Bawnmore. In seeking information about S1 and  
24 Henry Clarke as well as the boys, it was provided with  
25 a statement from Mr Moore, who was Children's Officer

1 for Belfast Welfare Authority from 1967 to 1971 and that  
2 is at BWN26539-26542 in the bundle.

3 CHAIRMAN: I wonder would this would be an appropriate point  
4 to take a short break, Ms Smith?

5 MS SMITH: Yes, Chairman. There is not too much left, but  
6 yes.

7 CHAIRMAN: Then we will rise for ten minutes or so to give  
8 the stenographer a break.

9 (11.45 am)

10 (Short break)

11 (12.02 pm)

12 MS SMITH: The Hughes Inquiry examined the allegations that  
13 were made about Bawnmore. In seeking information about  
14 S1 and Henry Clarke as well as the boys -- as well as the  
15 boys, it was provided with a statement from Mr Moore, who  
16 was Children's Officer for the Belfast Welfare Authority  
17 from 1967-1971, and that is at BWN26539-26542 in the  
18 bundle.

19 Three former residents gave evidence to Hughes.  
20 They were HIA532/B1/R13 -- and the transcript of his  
21 evidence is at BWN25001-25052; B3 -- the transcript of  
22 his evidence to the Hughes Inquiry can be found at  
23 BWN26990-27031; and B5, whose transcript is at  
24 BWN27084-27105.

25 I will now give a brief summary of some of what was

1 said by these individuals and also by BM3 when he gave  
2 evidence to the Hughes Inquiry.

3 B3 went to Bawnmore in 1963, aged 14. He told The  
4 Hughes Inquiry that he moved from Manor House to  
5 Bawnmore. The evidence showed that he had displayed  
6 sexualised behaviour in Manor House and that the female  
7 staff in Manor House felt unable to deal with him and  
8 that was why he was moved.

9 BM3 went to Manor House to discuss his move to  
10 Bawnmore and discovered that he had a younger brother in  
11 Manor House. His view was that the siblings ought not  
12 to be separated and so arranged to take both boys. He  
13 was not told that B3 had been engaging in sexual  
14 behaviour with his brother.

15 B3 alleged that when he was in Bawnmore, he was  
16 having a bath when a member of staff, S1, came into the  
17 bathroom and sexually abused him by fiddling around his  
18 body and asking him to do things to him. He said that  
19 he was scared and upset. S1 was bigger than him and  
20 threatened to put him to bed without any tea.  
21 Afterwards he told BM3, who said that he would see about  
22 it.

23 Some weeks later he said S1 woke him and asked him  
24 to go to his bedroom, where he interfered with him.  
25 This happened two or three times, and he told BM3 four

1 or five times.

2 S1 also took him into the bushes when they played  
3 football and wanted him to masturbate him.

4 He stated in answer to questions that S1 never  
5 penetrated him. The boys mocked him and called him  
6 a "fruit merchant". He told a couple of boys, who said  
7 they knew about it. He accepted, when questioned, that  
8 S1 was friendly towards him and took him and others to  
9 the pictures and that he was singled out as a favourite  
10 and that other boys probably resented that and called  
11 him a "fruit merchant". He stated that he was scared of  
12 S1 hitting him, but accepted he did not do so or indeed  
13 threaten to do so. He insisted that he had told BM3,  
14 even though BM3 was saying that he had not received any  
15 complaint about him.

16 B3 left Bawnmore and after a spell at home ended up  
17 in Kincora. Mr Aiken has already outlined what he said  
18 about that institution. He'd a long-lasting homosexual  
19 relationship with Raymond Semple, but insisted that he  
20 did not find what S1 did as in any way sexually  
21 gratifying.

22 One thing he did say, though, was that after he  
23 moved to Kincora, he saw S1 visit once a week for about  
24 three months. The reference to that at is BWN26997.

25 B5 gave evidence to Hughes, and the transcript of

1 that is at 27084-27105. It is clear that B5 had  
2 learning difficulties, and following his residence in  
3 Bawnmore, he went to Muckamore Abbey, where police spoke  
4 to him in 1980.

5 B5 alleged that he was sexually assaulted by S1,  
6 whom he didn't like because he shouted all the time and  
7 went around hitting the boys. He said that he was due  
8 to go to cubs one evening and had a headache, so was  
9 told to go to bed by BM1. S1 came in and pulled back  
10 the blankets, told him to get dressed and then proceeded  
11 to pull down his pyjama bottoms when he refused. S1  
12 then threw him on top of the bed and then got on top of  
13 him. It only happened once. It hurt and he ran on to  
14 the landing and hit the fire bell. Other staff  
15 appeared. He named these as BM1, BM3 and BM2 and he  
16 wasn't sure if BM4 came too. I shall say something more  
17 about BM4 shortly. He remembered cursing and told BM3  
18 that S1 had hit him. BM2 told him to have a bath. He  
19 was examined by a doctor all over the next day. BM3  
20 sent S1 home. The next day S1 came to his room with  
21 sweets and he threw them out the window. S1 said he was  
22 sorry. B5 never told anyone else until spoken to by  
23 police.

24 B5 accepted, when questioned, that he had a temper  
25 and gave the staff trouble. He also said that S1 hit

1 him on the face with his hand during the attack and that  
2 he only had his pyjama top on when he ran on the  
3 landing. He didn't tell BM3 about S1 getting on top of  
4 him, because he was too scared and was sure that it was  
5 not just an incident where S1 had hit him. He was sure  
6 that he had got on top of him.

7 There's a statement that was provided to The Hughes  
8 Inquiry by EM -- BM2, who was a housemother in Bawnmore  
9 between 1964 and 1975. That is at BWN26531. It would  
10 appear that she was ill in February 1985 and unable to  
11 give evidence to the Inquiry. There is a note to that  
12 effect at 26956.

13 But if we could just look, first of all, at her  
14 statement at 26531, please, she said that:

15 "During the second period of S1's employment at the  
16 home I can recall one evening after tea some sort of  
17 disturbance in the home, as a result of which the head  
18 of the home went upstairs and spoke to B5. I did not  
19 hear what was said, as I was coming up the stairs at the  
20 time. When I arrived upstairs, the boy told me that S1  
21 had beaten him. B5 was very upset and I comforted him.  
22 I heard no conversation between S1 and BM3. I think  
23 that S1 went home that night and did not return to the  
24 house.

25 If the boy had told me that he had been sexually

1 assaulted, I am sure that it would have stuck in my  
2 head. I saw B5 at the home many times afterwards and  
3 after he left the home, but at no time did he mention  
4 the incident again."

5 Now Mr Michael Lavery, QC questioned B5 on behalf of  
6 the Board about the way police questioned him. B5 told  
7 him that he was mistaken about B4 (sic) being present on  
8 the landing and thought he had made a mistake about that  
9 a couple of days -- couple of days after he spoke to  
10 police. It later became apparent at BWN27105 that B4  
11 (sic) was present at the Inquiry and ready to give  
12 evidence to the effect that his employment period at  
13 Bawnmore did not overlap with S1's time there.

14 The third person who spoke to the Hughes Inquiry was  
15 HIA532/B1/R13 and the Inquiry will hear from him later  
16 today. So I don't, therefore, propose to deal with what  
17 he told the Hughes Inquiry, but the transcript of his  
18 evidence can be found at pages BWN27031-27082.

19 The Hughes Inquiry heard from one former member of  
20 staff, that's BM3, who had been Superintendent of the  
21 home from 1962 until reorganisation in 1973. His  
22 evidence was heard on Days 51 and 52, that's 7th and 8th  
23 March 1985, and the transcript of his evidence only  
24 relates to his cross-examination, and that's at  
25 BWN25073-25161. Unfortunately there is no transcript of

1 his evidence-in-chief from Day 51 in the Kincora bundle  
2 and this may have been an administrative oversight in  
3 our part when copying the transcript from the Public  
4 Records Office.

5 In that part of his evidence that we do have he  
6 spoke, inter alia, about the fact that there were staff  
7 meetings held as often as possible, usually weekly,  
8 and minutes of them were kept in a filing cabinet in the  
9 home. He said he did not remember ever speaking to  
10 Children's Officer about any particular member of staff,  
11 although he complained to the Welfare Authorities about  
12 the need for more staff and the poor facilities.

13 At BWN25092 he said that there was no vetting of the  
14 students placed in Bawnmore that he was involved in. If  
15 he had received a complaint of sexual abuse, he would  
16 have contacted the head of the Welfare Authority and  
17 police. If an allegation of physical assault by staff  
18 was made to him, he would get as much detail from the  
19 boy as he could and then speak to the staff member.

20 He had to speak to S1 about verbally abusing one boy  
21 and in general about losing his temper. He said S1 had  
22 family difficulties, and he was a very popular member of  
23 staff liked by the boys. He saw himself as a type of  
24 father figure to S1. In relation to sending S1 home,  
25 that would have been raised at the staff meeting and



1           minuted. He could not recall why S1 resigned, but said  
2           that he had kept in touch with him afterwards.

3           He said that he had informed B5's social worker  
4           about the incident. Now she was subsequently traced by  
5           The Hughes Inquiry and gave a statement to it, but she  
6           did not recall anything being said to her about a fire  
7           alarm being set off, and if she had been told, it would  
8           have been recorded in the file.

9           I might just pause there. I have not recorded this,  
10          but my recollection also of some of his evidence was to  
11          the effect that B5 was prone to wetting the bed and he  
12          would have been seen on the landing without his pyjama  
13          bottoms and that might not have been remarkable. He did  
14          not recall on this particular occasion if that was the  
15          case. He said that both the child and the member of  
16          staff were shouting at each other when he arrived on the  
17          landing and that he had sent S1 to calm down -- sent him  
18          home to calm down and spoke to him he thinks the next  
19          day.

20          As I said, at paragraph 6.47 of the Hughes Report  
21          the reference to what the social worker had said is made  
22          in that paragraph and that's BWN25169. I do believe  
23          that the actual statement to Hughes is in the bundle and  
24          that I did see it, but I was unable to locate it again  
25          in time for these remarks. You will see there at 6.47

1 where BW -- BM3 told the Hughes Inquiry he informed the  
2 Social Welfare Officer about the incident and she was  
3 a Mrs Robinson.

4 "She made a statement to the effect that she had no  
5 recollection of him telling her about any incident  
6 involving S1 and B5, or of B5 being bullied, or of  
7 a fire bell being set off."

8 In relation to Robert Elder, he said that the only  
9 complaint he had received from HIA532 took place in the  
10 hallway. He had no recollection of the other boy being  
11 present. He was only told about dirty photographs and  
12 not about sexual misconduct. He would have immediately  
13 reported it to the authorities and, if serious, to the  
14 police. He spoke to Elder, who explained that the  
15 photos were of a missionary type showing naked peoples.  
16 He had mentioned this to police, who had overlooked  
17 putting it in his statement. He didn't ask to see the  
18 photographs; that he ought to have done so. He accepted  
19 that an 11-year-old ought not to have been upset by such  
20 photos and he accepted what Elder had told him. He said  
21 the boy might have been trying to get the person into  
22 trouble and he could not understand why Elder said that  
23 he spoke to him about the sexual misconduct in his  
24 police statement.

25 In relation to Peter Bone, he was unaware of the

1 fact that Bone was taking HIA532 out of the home on  
2 a fairly regular basis and could not say how he did not  
3 know. He stated that his permission would have been  
4 needed to take a child from the home.

5 The Hughes Inquiry in its report at 6.38, which  
6 I think is just on the preceding page -- yes, it is  
7 25168 -- concluded on balance that BM3 did receive  
8 a complaint about Elder's homosexual activities and that  
9 HIA532's complaint ought to have prompted a report in  
10 writing to the Children's Officer with a view to  
11 referral to the police.

12 The Inquiry might readily come to the same  
13 conclusion once it hears HIA532 and, if so, it may well  
14 share the view of the Terry review. If we could look,  
15 please, at that at KIN40213. In that paragraph here at  
16 532, if we can just scroll down, the Terry report  
17 records:

18 "Here is yet another instance where a boy in care in  
19 a children's home made a complaint of a serious  
20 sexual -- criminal sexual offence to a person who was  
21 responsible for the boy's welfare, but once again the  
22 official declined to notify the police but embarked on  
23 an investigation of his own. In this instance BM3 had  
24 a prompt indication that there was some credence in the  
25 allegation made by the boy when the story about the

1 pornographic photographs was confirmed by Elder, but BM3  
2 thereafter accepted the denial made by Elder regarding  
3 the allegations of indecent behaviour. In fairness to  
4 BM3 it has to be said that he denies receiving  
5 a complaint from HIA532, but the combined evidence of  
6 HIA532 and Elder make it reasonably clear that BM3 did  
7 receive the complaint, particularly in view of further  
8 complaints made to BM3 as detailed in this report."

9 The Inquiry might well consider this to be  
10 an example of a systemic failing.

11 BM3 is now deceased and, as I said, was in charge of  
12 Bawnmore from September 1962 until reorganisation in  
13 1973. He and his wife lived in a bungalow on the site  
14 that was purpose-built for them. After he left Bawnmore  
15 he worked at Palmerston Assessment Centre.

16 Many of those who spoke to the police had nothing  
17 but praise for BM3, and those who did complain to police  
18 did not complain about him. A former resident nominated  
19 him for an honour in September 2004 and that letter is  
20 at BWN7401, although I am unaware of whether he ever  
21 received any honour.

22 Incidentally the Inquiry will note that the writer  
23 of the letter refers to residents suffering physical and  
24 psychological abuse from female carers before BM3  
25 arrived at Bawnmore. You will see there it is on the

1 screen. It says in 1961 he and his brother were taken  
2 into Bawnmore:

3 "... but the first years we suffered physical and  
4 psychological abuse from the female carers. When BM3  
5 took over, the abuse ended. We were treated like human  
6 beings, young people with a right to respect and a right  
7 to life. We left the home in 1964."

8 According to Dr Harrison at BWN090 at paragraph 4.8  
9 the Department sought to follow up this assertion with  
10 BM 35 and the Chief Inspector of the SSI wrote to  
11 him asking for more details, but the file does not  
12 contain any response. So, in other words, they tried to  
13 follow up the allegation of abuse by female carers.

14 One person has, however, complained to the Inquiry  
15 about BM3. You will hear from HIA112 very shortly. He  
16 alleges that BM3 sexually abused him. The Inquiry will  
17 consider what that witness has to say, and if it accepts  
18 that BM3 himself was an abuser, then the Inquiry may  
19 think that could explain why he did not report  
20 allegations of abuse made to him by boys against other  
21 men to the authorities.

22 Undoubtedly there were links between the  
23 personalities involved and the two homes of Bawnmore and  
24 Kincora. BM1 and Peter Bone knew each other because of  
25 their scouting connections. Photographs that were taken

1 by Bone of boy residents at Bawnmore were found at BM1's  
2 home after his arrest, although there is nothing in the  
3 papers to suggest these were inappropriate photographs. At  
4 interview Henry Clarke said that Joseph Mains stayed overnight  
5 at Bawnmore on Wednesdays and Saturdays. That entry is  
6 at BWN20315. I should, however, emphasise that no  
7 allegations of inappropriate behaviour were made against  
8 Joseph Mains in relation to Bawnmore. B3 told the  
9 Hughes Inquiry that S1 visited Kincora once a week for  
10 three months. S1 told police that Mains tried to  
11 interfere with him once. BM3 told The Hughes Inquiry he  
12 regarded the people who were prosecuted as friends.  
13 Both BM3 and BM1 ended up working at Palmerston.

14 The fact that these men knew each other may be  
15 unsurprising, given the size of our jurisdiction and the  
16 difficulty in recruitment to the residential sector that  
17 the Inquiry has heard about.

18 Other material that the Inquiry has seen includes  
19 a letter from a former resident to the Northern Health &  
20 Social Services Board making inquiries about Bawnmore  
21 and says that the time there was beneficial for him.

22 No civil claims were brought against the Department  
23 of Health, Social Services & Public Safety or its  
24 predecessors, and there is a statement to that effect at  
25 BWN220-221.

1           The Health & Social Care Board have informed the  
2           Inquiry that two former residents brought civil claims,  
3           one an applicant to the Inquiry, HIA532, and the other  
4           someone who spoke to police. The latter was settled for  
5           £5,000 and HIA532 will tell the Inquiry that he received  
6           £7,500, and the -- that information from the Health &  
7           Social Care Board is at BWN45001-45002.

8           Having considered the evidence in the bundle and in  
9           particular the report of the Hughes Committee,  
10          Ms McAndrew at paragraph 82 of her statement, if we  
11          could look that, please -- it's BWN120 -- identifies  
12          three systems failures on the part of the predecessors  
13          of the Health & Social Care Board:

14          "(a) B1's complaint against Mr Elder ought to have  
15          been recorded in writing to ensure the information was  
16          shared with relevant professionals. In particular 'B1's  
17          complaint should have prompted BM3 to report in writing  
18          to the Children's Officer with a view to his considering  
19          referral to the police'."

20          That obviously is a quote from The Hughes Inquiry  
21          report.

22          "(b) The relationship between B1 and Mr Bone went  
23          'virtually unremarked in the Social Welfare Officer's  
24          notes'. The Health & Social Care Board notes that this  
25          may have arisen in either a breakdown in communicating

1 information from the residential staff to the fieldwork  
2 staff or through a lack of recording by the fieldwork  
3 Social Welfare Officer. As records from the home are  
4 not available, the Health & Social Care Board cannot  
5 confirm which difficulty arose. Notwithstanding this,  
6 The Hughes Inquiry found and the Health & Social Care  
7 Board accepts 'the the result was that this aspect of  
8 the supervision at the home was less than  
9 satisfactory'."

10 (c), if we can scroll down, please:

11 "As detailed by The Hughes Inquiry, the Health &  
12 Social Care Board accepts that between 1968 and 1970  
13 'there do not appear to have been any guidelines  
14 governing visitors taking children out of the home. We  
15 consider that this was a material gap in the Belfast  
16 Welfare Authority's arrangements for the supervision of  
17 children in its care'."

18 Dr Harrison's conclusions on behalf of the  
19 Department are at paragraph 5 of her statement of 29th  
20 April at BWN090. If we could go to that, please, she  
21 acknowledges shortcomings in the inspection regime, but  
22 at paragraph 5.6, which is at 092, she states that:

23 "While the Department acknowledges some shortcomings  
24 in relation to the above matters, it has no reason to  
25 suggest that opportunities to prevent the abuse of



1 children were missed, or that if the shortcomings had  
2 been addressed, this in itself would have had the  
3 potential to detect or prevent the abuse of children in  
4 the absence of a complaint or the actual witnessing by  
5 inspectors or social wel... -- social welfare advisers  
6 of physical evidence, behaviour or relationships which  
7 gave rise to concern."

8 Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and gentlemen, that  
9 concludes what I want to say about Bawnmore. I am  
10 grateful yet again for the continuing cooperation of the  
11 representatives of the core participants in working to  
12 meet the Inquiry's exacting timetable, and it only  
13 remains for me once again to thank all of the Inquiry  
14 team, both the legal team and administrative staff, in  
15 helping me to prepare for the opening to this part of  
16 the module, and particular thanks must go to Miss Jane  
17 McManus, who has been working solely on the Bawnmore  
18 material.

19 Summary of evidence of HIA83 by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

20 MS SMITH: Now, Chairman, before we take a break, there is  
21 -- I mentioned in my opening remarks that I would  
22 summarise the evidence of HIA83. His statement of  
23 evidence is at BWN007-015. He gave evidence in Module 7  
24 about his time at Rathgael, where he spent two periods  
25 of time, and that was on Day 153, which is

1 21st October 2015. The transcript of that evidence is  
2 at BWN50001-50029. The Inquiry has not considered it  
3 necessary to recall him in this module.

4 In between his times at Rathgael he was in Bawnmore  
5 for six months from December 1976 until June 1977 and,  
6 as I indicated, he and the other residents moved to  
7 Coulter's Hill when Bawnmore closed. In a statement at  
8 paragraph 16, if we could scroll to that, please, he  
9 talks about a family of boys who bullied him while he  
10 was at Bawnmore. If we can just scroll on down, he says  
11 that:

12 "There were a family of brothers resident in the  
13 home", and he gives their name. "There were five  
14 brothers" -- he names them all -- "and I was bullied  
15 quite a lot by BM10 and a couple of his brothers. I was  
16 scared to tell staff, because nothing would be done.  
17 I had no-one to turn to on the staff and the bullying  
18 continued. So I started running away and skipping  
19 school. I ran away on numerous occasions, but I was  
20 always caught by the police and taken back."

21 He got so far one day, but was seen walking down the  
22 road by one of his social workers.

23 "As he pulled up in his car, I ran off into  
24 someone's back garden, but he caught me and I was taken  
25 back to Bawnmore."

1 He said that Bawnmore closed down in '76. It was  
2 actually '77, but the children might have moved earlier.  
3 They got another house called Coulter's Hill and:

4 "... all the staff from Bawnmore moved to the new  
5 premises. BM12 was in charge of the new home. I don't  
6 know if he is still alive. I then had to start a new  
7 secondary school and the bullying in the home by the  
8 brothers continued. They would try to get money and  
9 cigarettes off you and they would beat you up."

10 He says two of them were older than him. He was fed  
11 up with the treatment he was receiving. So he reported  
12 it to a housemaster, BM13.

13 "I told BM13 I was getting sick of the bullying and  
14 I felt I had to tell someone, but he did nothing."

15 Now at -- the Inquiry has been told -- and I think  
16 we have received it, but I haven't had the opportunity  
17 to look at it yet -- that BM13, who worked in Bawnmore  
18 and then later in Coulter's Hill, has provided  
19 a statement to the Inquiry about this and about what he  
20 recalls about working in Bawnmore prior to its closing.  
21 Apparently he remembers HIA83 as being one of a group of  
22 children who were vulnerable to bullying and that there  
23 were other more aggressive boys who would take out their  
24 frustrations on the more vulnerable. He recalls HIA83  
25 as being small for his age and bookish in appearance

1 with heavy spectacles. He doesn't recall being told  
2 anything specifically by him, but does remember that  
3 HIA83 would exchange words with some of the more  
4 aggressive children and then run and sometimes literally  
5 hide behind staff for protection. He has no difficulty  
6 in accepting the assertion that HIA83 was bullied at  
7 Bawnmore. Bullying was a problem and staff were aware  
8 and did their best to manage it. He said staff time was  
9 spent in creating distractions to try to diffuse what  
10 could be a pressure cooker environment in the home.

11 In evidence to the Inquiry when Mr Aiken asked HIA83  
12 about what recommendations should be made, he stated  
13 that Social Services did not come to visit him when he  
14 was in any of the institutions in which he resided and  
15 he felt that that ought to be addressed.

16 Chairman, I see it's almost 12.30 and it would be --  
17 there will be two witnesses to give evidence today.  
18 I think both are in attendance, and I would like some  
19 short time to speak to them.

20 CHAIRMAN: Well, I think in those circumstances it might be  
21 more convenient to take an early lunch and sit again at  
22 1.30.

23 (12.30 pm)

24 (Short break)

25 (1.45 pm)

1 WITNESS HIA112 (called)

2 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies  
3 and gentlemen. Our first witness in this module is  
4 "HIA112". He is HIA112. HIA112 wishes to take an oath  
5 and he also wishes to maintain the anonymity that the  
6 Inquiry has afforded him.

7 WITNESS HIA112 (sworn)

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA112. Please sit down.

9 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

10 MS SMITH: Now, HIA112, as I explained to you when we spoke  
11 just over a week ago, I am going to tell the Panel where  
12 there are some documents relevant to your evidence in  
13 our bundle of papers before I come and ask you about  
14 what you want to say.

15 **A. Okay.**

16 Q. HIA112's witness statement is at BWN001-006.

17 There is a Health & Social Care Board response  
18 statement at BWN222-252 and that relates to one of the  
19 people against whom HIA112 makes an allegation.

20 There is also a statement at -- I might have got  
21 those numbers wrong -- yes, there is also a statement  
22 from someone against -- two people that HIA112 makes  
23 allegations against and they are BM1 -- his statement is  
24 in the bundle at 35030 -- and BM4, whose statement is at  
25 BWN35029.

1 I just want to remind everybody that as we go  
2 through our evidence, HIA112 -- through your evidence  
3 and as we go through the other statements, although we  
4 use names, those names are not allowed to be used by  
5 anyone outside of this room.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Okay. Now, HIA112, your statement is on the screen and,  
8 as you will see, we have blocked out personal details to  
9 protect your identity, but can I just ask you to confirm  
10 that this is the statement that you gave to the Inquiry  
11 when you came to speak to us?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You signed that statement on the last page, which is  
14 006, and that was on 27th September 19... -- sorry --  
15 2015?

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

17 Q. Well, HIA112, you are now aged 60. Is that correct?

18 **A. That's correct.**

19 Q. And your personal details are set out there in  
20 paragraph 1. You were in care from 5th August 1965 and  
21 you initially went to Williamson House. You speak about  
22 being there in paragraph 3. You were there for about  
23 three weeks in August '65, but the records -- that's  
24 what you thought when you spoke to the Inquiry, but as  
25 I was discussing with you, the records that the Inquiry

1 has discovered suggest that you were actually there  
2 until 11th May 1966, when you went to Bawnmore.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. So that would have been for a period of about nine  
5 months in all.

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. You were in Baw more for a period of time, but there are  
8 no longer in existence any records to show how long you  
9 were there.

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. You went there in 1966, as I have said, and you were  
12 aged 11 at that time or nearly 11. As you were  
13 explaining to me, at that age you would have been too  
14 old for Williamson House. Is that right?

15 **A. Yes, yes.**

16 Q. That's why you had to transfer, but you were certainly  
17 very happy in Williamson House. You remember it as  
18 a warm place and recall going to bed with a happy  
19 feeling.

20 If we could scroll down then to paragraph 4, you  
21 describe Bawnmore and your time there. You say:

22 "There were boys aged 11 upwards. BM3 was the  
23 officer in charge. There were six boys in the room that  
24 I slept in. The room was at the front of the building.  
25 It was an old building and it was a very cold place.

1 Some of the staff would stay overnight. There were  
2 housefathers. There was a lady who worked there", who  
3 you name, and we have given her the designation BM26.  
4 You say:

5 "She was a comical woman. She was the housemother.  
6 She would have given you a cuddle and she was always  
7 bubbly."

8 You describe her as having "a wee round face and  
9 ginger hair". I spoke to someone else who had spent  
10 time in Bawnmore and he gave a similar description of  
11 the lady that you did, HIA112.

12 You go on to say that:

13 "Each morning we got up at 7.00 am. We got washed,  
14 said our prayers and went to breakfast. The tables were  
15 all laid out for breakfast each morning. I can remember  
16 that we got cereal and toast. The table was laid out  
17 for us at each meal time. We then went to school."

18 You talk about the primary school that you went to.  
19 You remember wearing short trousers, which you say set  
20 you out from other boys. You remember it snowing and  
21 being cold and the other children calling you "home  
22 boys". You stayed in school at lunchtime. You said  
23 that attending school was a relief for you, because it  
24 was a chance to get away from the home. Even though you  
25 were being verbally abused by other boys in school, you



1 didn't care, as you were still getting out of Bawnmore.  
2 You said the odd time you would run away but you weren't  
3 sure where you were, and you can't even remember if you  
4 were in the home over Christmas. As I say, we are not  
5 sure how long you actually stayed there.

6 "When we returned from school each day, we changed  
7 out of uniform. Common room downstairs where we played.  
8 Completed homework, if you had any, and ready for bed at  
9 8.00 pm. The staff would leave us alone when we were  
10 playing in the common room and would only come in if  
11 there was a fight. The older boys would take over the  
12 games when you played."

13 You remember being bullied effectively by one of the  
14 older boys when you were there. He took a pair of jeans  
15 that your mother got for you off you and you felt you  
16 couldn't say anything. You say:

17 "The staff turned a blind eye unless there was a  
18 particularly serious fight and in that instance they  
19 would intervene. There was a bit of bullying going on  
20 and it wasn't a homely environment."

21 I was just -- when we were speaking earlier, you  
22 would say the older boys would have beat up the younger  
23 boys, but you didn't see it as anything serious.

24 **A. No. It was more like --**

25 **Q.** It was just the kind of boisterous behaviour that went

1 on among boys. Is that right?

2 **A. The alpha male. "I'm the alpha male." You're -- you**  
3 **know, you're like the pups, you know, they're looking**  
4 **after. That's all it was, but it was nothing really**  
5 **serious, you know.**

6 Q. Paragraph 7 then you go on to describe abuse you  
7 suffered at the hands of a man whose designation there  
8 is BM1. You say he was a housefather. You can remember  
9 the bathroom. It was painted yellow. He used to come  
10 into the room while you were in the bathroom.

11 "He used to start rubbing me in the bath as if he  
12 was washing me. He would touch me down below and he  
13 just kept rubbing me. He was masturbating me. When  
14 I got out of the bath, he would dry me. He then put my  
15 pyjamas on me. He then brought me down to his room, put  
16 his penis between my legs and pulled me backward and  
17 forward. The smell of his body odour has remained with  
18 me to this day. He said that no-one would believe me.  
19 He told me was a dirty wee boy. He told me that he  
20 owned me. This happened more than once. This happened  
21 on a weekly basis in the evening."

22 I am going to pause there to say that this man was  
23 a houseparent in Bawnmore from December of 1965. When  
24 police carry out an investigation in 1980 -- are you all  
25 right, HIA112?

1 **A. I'm okay. I'm okay.**

2 Q. I know you find this difficult to recall. There was  
3 only one minor complaint by anyone the police spoke to  
4 about him about his time in Bawnmore, although he was  
5 later convicted of abusing boys in a different home.

6 Now he has given a short statement to the Inquiry,  
7 which we will look at now. It is at BWN35030. He says  
8 that he totally refutes:

9 "... the allegation of any sexual misconduct carried  
10 out by me at Bawnmore Children's Home. At all times  
11 during my employment there I fully adhered to child  
12 protection procedures as laid down by the Belfast  
13 Welfare Authority."

14 That's dated 30th May 2016. As I have explained to  
15 you, and I explained earlier this morning to the  
16 Inquiry, he was subsequently convicted of offences that  
17 he committed in another boy's home, another children's  
18 home after he left Bawnmore.

19 If we can go back to your statement at 003, HIA112,  
20 at paragraph 8 you talk about the officer in charge.  
21 You say he used to take you to his house, which was on  
22 the grounds of the home. It was a 1960s style house and  
23 I had never seen anything like that. I was -- we were  
24 talking about that earlier. You described to me -- we  
25 understand that there was the main house and he lived in

1 a bungalow on the grounds.

2 **A. I didn't know what a bungalow was then. I had never**  
3 **seen one. It just looked unusual to me.**

4 Q. It was certainly very different to the main house in  
5 Bawnmore.

6 **A. Oh, yes, yes, yes.**

7 Q. It was modern and just one storey. You say that:

8 "He gave -- he made me suck his penis. He told me  
9 that I was a good boy and that he was my daddy now.  
10 I think that he was married. He was sly. He said that  
11 I was not allowed to tell anyone. He called me 'a dirty  
12 wee taig'. I didn't know the meaning of the word  
13 'taig'. I was warned not to tell my mother. I was  
14 threatened that if I said anything, everything that  
15 I owned would be taken off me."

16 Just to pause there, this man, BM3, was in Bawnmore  
17 from 1962 until the reorganisation in 1973 and he is now  
18 deceased. So we have no means of contacting him  
19 obviously. No-one else complained about him and, in  
20 fact, a former resident recommended him for the honours  
21 list.

22 He gave evidence to the Hughes Inquiry, and that's  
23 at BWN25056, but, of course, there were no suggestions  
24 at that time that he had himself in any way been abuser  
25 -- an abuser, but you are quite clear that this happened

1 to you?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And it happened in the house that he lived in on the  
4 grounds?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And did it happen just once or more than once?

7 **A. That -- that incident happened once, but it was just**  
8 **more like groping, you know, touching you up. Even in**  
9 **the home itself, you know, he used to cuddle you and he**  
10 **used to, you know, feel round you.**

11 Q. Sorry, HIA112. I know that this is -- this is very  
12 difficult for you.

13 **A. And I remember him, because he had hair like mine now,**  
14 **like I have now, salt and pepper, and he was chubby, and**  
15 **the smell -- oh, that smell was ...**

16 Q. Now you were talking about the smell in relation to the  
17 man that abused you in the bathroom.

18 **A. Um.**

19 Q. Now these are two different men that we're talking  
20 about.

21 **A. Yes, but there was just that BO smell. Then I didn't**  
22 **know what it was, but it was just that horrible smell.**

23 Q. Well, paragraph 9 you talk about remembering your mother  
24 coming to visit you and going to a room downstairs. She  
25 came once a month. During the time you never got to go

1 back to your family for a day or weekend and you  
2 couldn't tell your mother. BM1 was always looking at  
3 you. So are you saying there that there was always  
4 a member of staff present?

5 **A. There was, yes. There was a member of staff in the --**  
6 **where we used to meet, when the family used to go into**  
7 **-- there always was a member of staff there, always was.**

8 Q. And you say you felt like you were being watched and you  
9 were frightened and embarrassed.

10 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

11 Q. So you wouldn't have been able to say anything to your  
12 mother.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Paragraph 10 you talk about a third member of staff.  
15 That was someone you say subjected you to physical  
16 abuse. You think his name was ..., and you give a name.  
17 I am using the reference. You know who I am talking  
18 about, "BM4".

19 **A. BM4, yes, yes, yes.**

20 Q. You say he was a tall man. You can recall a time that  
21 you wet the bed and he rubbed your face in the sheet.  
22 He then brought you to the bathroom, stripped you naked  
23 and put you in a cold bath. On more than one occasion  
24 he grabbed you by the collar, squeezed you and called  
25 you "a dirty, dirty boy". He spat in your face and

1 grabbed you by the hair on the side of the head and he  
2 also called you "a dirty wee taig". There was another  
3 boy who came into the home and you name him, BM5.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You say that he was a shy boy, and I think that actually  
6 is an incorrect designation --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- because "BM5" refers to an entirely different person,  
9 but that was a shy boy and you were sure that he was  
10 being abused too.

11 Now you know that BM5 is -- sorry -- BM4 is also  
12 still alive and we have received a statement from him.  
13 Can I call that up, please? It is 35029. He has  
14 handwritten this and he sets out when he worked in  
15 Bawnmore, and he says the exact dates are unknown to  
16 him, but there is information which I can give to the  
17 Inquiry which will clarify those dates in a statement  
18 that he made to the Hughes Inquiry, which I think I have  
19 with me, but I will check in a moment.

20 Anyway in this statement he says he is:

21 "... saddened and distressed to read the allegation  
22 by HIA112, 'A male member of staff who subjected me to  
23 physical abuse'. I have no recollection of the name or  
24 the person.

25 I refute the statement that I have physically abused

1 the above-named person.

2 I have never put a child in a cold bath as  
3 punishment for wetting the bed. I have never addressed  
4 a child as 'dirty, dirty boy' or 'dirty wee taig'. The  
5 latter term is foreign to me.

6 I have never spat in the face of a child or grabbed  
7 them by the hair.

8 My duties were supervisory with responsibilities for  
9 the older boys. The housemothers and fathers would work  
10 with the younger boys in the -- in rising, bathing when  
11 necessary, dressing and preparation for school, etc.  
12 I have had experience in collaborating with the work of  
13 [something] Vincent, City -- Belfast City Hospital --  
14 Mrs Vincent of Belfast City Hospital enuresis programme  
15 and am therefore fully aware of the stigma and trauma of  
16 bedwetting."

17 He has signed that and dated it. If we can just  
18 scroll down to get the actual date. Maybe it is not on  
19 it. Yes. 19th May 2016.

20 So, HIA112, that's what the two men who are still  
21 alive have said --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 **Q.** -- about -- in response to the allegations that you  
24 made. Is there anything more that you want to say to  
25 the Inquiry about that?



1 **A. As he says in this, he doesn't remember me, but I was**  
2 **there at the time he was there. I remember him, what he**  
3 **did to me. I am not telling lies. He took -- what he**  
4 **did to me, he rubbed my face in my urine and put me in**  
5 **that bath.**

6 Q. You said when we were talking about this you thought  
7 there was another boy who you named there.

8 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

9 Q. I will just use the first name of the boy, BM 5 . You  
10 thought he was abused.

11 **A. I did, yes.**

12 Q. Why did you think that, HIA112?

13 **A. I just know. I just know. I just know. I remember**  
14 **that wee lad's face, the pain on his face.**

15 Q. But there was nothing that he, the child, had said to  
16 you --

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. -- or in conversation?

19 **A. You couldn't tell anybody in that home. No-one would**  
20 **believe you anyway. BM2 -- if I had told BM2 -- I wish**  
21 **I had told her -- then they probably would have said,**  
22 **"He's telling lies. He is in the home. He's a bad**  
23 **boy", you know.**

24 Q. You have just mentioned BM2 there. Again we have given  
25 her a designation, but you talk about her in

1 paragraph 11, because those were -- it is at 004. You  
2 say that while you hung around with other children, they  
3 were not really your friends as such. You don't recall  
4 any inspectors or social workers checking up on you.

5 **A. I don't, no.**

6 Q. You may have had a social worker, but can't remember,  
7 and don't remember ever going to see a doctor or  
8 being -- you don't remember what weekends were like in  
9 Bawnmore, but there would -- there were good times --

10 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

11 Q. -- and you accept that.

12 **A. You went out and played. It was a big massive ground.**  
13 **You went out and run about, but ...**

14 Q. Did you remember, for example, going out swimming from  
15 the home --

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. -- or playing football or ...?

18 **A. The grounds were that big we used to just run about the**  
19 **grounds and just play about the grounds.**

20 Q. And what --

21 **A. You could walk -- you could walk out of the home, but if**  
22 **you walked out, you didn't know where you were. Where**  
23 **are you going? I thought I was in another planet.**  
24 **I was 11 years of age, a child compared to an**  
25 **11-year-old now. I was a child.**

1 Q. What about -- we have heard there was a scout group in  
2 Bawnmore.

3 **A. Never in it.**

4 Q. Do you remember anything about that?

5 **A. Never in it.**

6 Q. You go on to say here that:

7 "Even when BM2 was being affectionate towards one of  
8 us, there was always someone watching us in the  
9 background."

10 **A. Yes, yes. BM2 was a lovely woman. I remember the first**  
11 **time I arrived and walked into that horrible building.**  
12 **The stairs went like that and went like that and there**  
13 **was a gallery, and she came down the stairs like**  
14 **bouncing down, "Hello". You know that? I can remember.**  
15 **It sticks in my brain. A wee ginger-haired wearing**  
16 **glasses woman. Lovely.**

17 Q. And she was welcoming?

18 **A. Oh, she was fantastic. I always remember.**

19 Q. Well, we don't know when you left.

20 **A. I don't know.**

21 Q. Have you any recollection yourself?

22 **A. I remember walking down the lane holding my mum's hand,**  
23 **but I didn't know if I was going home or going out for**  
24 **a walk, but I never went back anyway.**

25 Q. Uh-huh, and your -- that's your memory of leaving?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You talk, HIA112, in paragraphs 13 and 17 about your  
3 life after care and, as I have assured you, the Panel  
4 has read your entire statement and I am not going to go  
5 into the details of what you have recorded there, but  
6 paragraph 16 you talk about eventually telling some of  
7 your family and some of your family still don't know.

8 **A. No.**

9 Q. I know you have a friend with you who you only told  
10 a couple of days ago --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- because you felt unable to come here on your own.

13 Paragraph 17 you say:

14 "I am not a dirty person. The one thing that  
15 remains me is the smell of the men that abused me.  
16 I have not contacted police about the abuse I suffered  
17 in Bawnmore. I feel like a weight has been lifted off  
18 my shoulders now that I have spoken to the Inquiry about  
19 my past. After speaking out I walked out feeling ten  
20 feet tall."

21 **A. I have threatened to have it out with the police already  
22 but they told me to leave it and when I am ready to see  
23 them, I'll go and see them.**

24 Q. But that was -- that's since you have spoken to the  
25 Inquiry you have spoken to police?

1 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

2 Q. Can I just check you were never, HIA112 -- we have heard  
3 -- the Inquiry has heard that the police started  
4 investigating a number of children's homes in 1980 when  
5 the Kincora scandal --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- effectively hit the headlines. Were you ever spoken  
8 to by police in 1980?

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. Or contacted by them in any way?

11 **A. No. I remember Kincora, but I can't remember if  
12 Bawnmore names were mentioned or nothing.**

13 Q. You don't even remember Bawnmore as being a feature of  
14 the Kincora investigation?

15 **A. No, no. I remember Kincora. I remember because it was  
16 all -- supposed to be all these politicians, but that's  
17 -- I just, you know, brushed it aside.**

18 Q. You didn't feel it had anything to do with you?

19 **A. No, no.**

20 Q. You first time that you felt --

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. -- that some... -- that there was somebody who might  
23 want to know about your time in Bawnmore is when you  
24 heard that this Inquiry was investigating it. Is that  
25 right?

1 **A. I was sitting in work one night and I bought the Belfast**  
2 **Telegraph and there was a bit in the paper. I was**  
3 **sitting and I started reading. I says, "That's me.**  
4 **That happened to me". So I took it out and put it in my**  
5 **pocket and forgot all about it. I got home the next**  
6 **day. I went home to wash my uniform and it fell out.**  
7 **That's when I rang them. That's the first time I rang**  
8 **them, so it is.**

9 Q. And you have -- you've spoken not only to --

10 **A. The first time I couldn't go. I panicked. You know,**  
11 **like you've anxiety and go, "I can't go", but I'm glad**  
12 **I went to that man or woman. They deserve a medal.**

13 Q. Well, HIA112, you never obviously spoke to the police.  
14 Are you all right?

15 **A. I'm fine.**

16 Q. Are you sure? We're almost finished, HIA112, but if you  
17 feel you need a break ...

18 **A. No, no. I'm okay. I'm okay. Them people just deserve**  
19 **a medal. They're fantastic. They helped me.**

20 Q. I know you said that to me when we spoke on the last day  
21 and I certainly have asked that a note be made of that  
22 so that that can be passed on to them, but you never  
23 spoke to the Hughes Inquiry either back in the 1980s?

24 **A. Didn't, no. Nobody got in touch.**

25 Q. HIA112, is there anything other than what we have

1 covered in terms of your statement or what I have --  
2 I mean, I know I have done most of the reading of it,  
3 which is how we agreed we would give your evidence, but  
4 is there anything more about Bawnmore about your time  
5 there that you want the Inquiry to know about or do you  
6 feel that we have covered it?

7 **A. I think you've covered it, but I know I wouldn't tell**  
8 **lies. I wouldn't tell lies. I wouldn't. I couldn't**  
9 **tell my poor mother. I wish I could have, but I know**  
10 **I wasn't telling lies. I was telling the truth.**

11 Q. Well, HIA112, one question --

12 **A. And I feel ten feet tall now, speaking to these people**  
13 **here. Although I'm crying, I feel ten feet tall.**

14 Q. Well, I'm glad about that, HIA112, and I'm glad that  
15 you've felt that speaking to the Inquiry has given you  
16 some relief and some comfort.

17 There is one final question that we ask everybody  
18 before I hand you over to the Panel, who may have some  
19 questions for you. That is that the Inquiry at the end  
20 of its work has to make recommendations about what  
21 should happen in respect of those children who were  
22 abused in children's homes.

23 Is there anything -- I know you thought -- you spoke  
24 to me the last day, but is there anything that you have  
25 thought of since that you want to say about that?

1 **A. I want to say "sorry" would be a nice thing, just**  
2 **"sorry", and like a monument to them, what happened.**  
3 **I am sure there are thousands like me, thousands. I am**  
4 **not the only one. There is people here. Thousands.**  
5 **Just say "sorry".**

6 Q. Okay, HIA112. Well, thank you very much. I know this  
7 has been very difficult for you, but the Panel Members  
8 may have some questions for you.

9 Questions from THE PANEL

10 MS DOHERTY: HIA112, thanks very much for coming. I just  
11 have one question. When you talk about the officer in  
12 charge feeling you up, you know, in the home as opposed  
13 to his wee house, did that happen in front of staff?  
14 No? So it was --

15 **A. No, no, somewhere else, because it happened in the**  
16 **bathroom, in the toilet.**

17 Q. Right. So --

18 **A. He used to say, "I'm your daddy. I'm your daddy".**  
19 **I always remember, "I'm your daddy. I'm your daddy".**  
20 **"You're not my daddy." He thought he was, but he's not.**

21 Q. But that was his way of just --

22 **A. "Oh, I'm your new daddy."**

23 Q. -- uh-huh -- dealing with it?

24 **A. That's what he kept saying.**

25 Q. And he would choose to do that when there wasn't anybody



1 -- when he got you (inaudible)?

2 **A. Yes, because he was in charge. He would just take you**  
3 **where he wanted to go.**

4 Q. Okay. Thanks very much, HIA112. That has been really  
5 helpful.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 MR LANE: Just a couple of things. You mentioned about the  
8 way that when you were at school, you were in shorts and  
9 there was the division between the home boys and so on.

10 **A. It was snowing on the ground. I remember the snow. It**  
11 **was freezing. We had to go to school in shorts and they**  
12 **said, "That's the home boys".**

13 Q. Did the home boys keep separate from the others or were  
14 you all mixed?

15 **A. We all sat at the back of the class. That's how we used**  
16 **to sit, the home boys.**

17 Q. Right. Were there fights between --

18 **A. No. It was more just more verbal, you know. It was**  
19 **never any real -- but it was just, you know, verbal, you**  
20 **know.**

21 Q. Right. Okay.

22 **A. "You're bad boys. You're bad boys."**

23 Q. The other thing I wanted to ask you about was -- is the  
24 strange thing that you allege that you got spat on by  
25 a member of staff.

1 **A. Yes, in the bathroom.**

2 Q. What was -- what was the point of that?

3 **A. I don't know.**

4 Q. It just happened?

5 **A. It was just -- I just remember that tall, skinny man,**  
6 **BM4, BM4, whatever you call him. He always used to grab**  
7 **me there or there, you know. The time I -- well, I wet**  
8 **my bed, he just rubbed my face in it, went to the**  
9 **bathroom, into the bath.**

10 Q. Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA112, you'll be glad I'm sure to know  
12 that's the last question we want to ask you. We can see  
13 it hasn't been easy for you coming to tell us about your  
14 experiences today, but we're very grateful to you for  
15 doing that. Thank you very much.

16 **A. Thank you very much. Thank you.**

17 **(Witness withdrew)**

18 MS SMITH: Chairman, if we could have just a five-minute  
19 break, then we'll be ready for the next witness.

20 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well.

21 (2.10 pm)

22 (Short break)

23 (2.25 pm)

24 WITNESS HIA532/B1/R13 (called)

25 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members. Our

1 next witness is HIA532. HIA532 is "HIA532/B1/R13", but  
2 I think we'll just refer to the HIA number from here on  
3 in. HIA532 wishes to take a religious oath and he also  
4 wishes to maintain his anonymity.

5 WITNESS HIA532 (sworn)

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA532. Please sit down.

7 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

8 MS SMITH: Now HIA532's statement is at BWN016-030. It is  
9 also in the Kincora bundle, as HIA532 spent time in both  
10 institutions. It is at KIN015-029 in that bundle.

11 There are two Health & Social Services -- Health &  
12 Social Care Board responses. In respect of Bawnmore  
13 it's BWN275-310 and in respect of Kincora it's at  
14 1474-1479.

15 HIA532 also gave a statement to the Hughes Inquiry  
16 and that can be found in the bundle at BWN26513-26518.

17 Now, HIA532, you'll see that we have given you  
18 a rather long reference number, because we are using  
19 both the reference number for this Inquiry and those  
20 numbers that were used in the Hughes Inquiry in respect  
21 of your evidence. You will see that we have blocked out  
22 anything that can identify you in your statement, but  
23 can I just ask you to confirm that that is the statement  
24 that you have given to this Inquiry and that you signed  
25 that statement on the last page? That was 28th April

1 2016.

2 **A. That's correct.**

3 Q. Now if we go to the first page, you are also now 60. Is  
4 that right?

5 **A. A good looking 60, yes.**

6 Q. And your personal details are set out in paragraphs 1  
7 and 2 of your statement that's on the screen. You were  
8 in Bawnmore from 16th May 1966 until 3rd March 1972  
9 between the ages of 10 and 16, and there's a document in  
10 the bundle, which I don't think we need to call up, that  
11 confirms those dates. That's BWN7637. You subsequently  
12 went to Kincora.

13 Paragraph 3 of your statement, if we can scroll down  
14 to that, please, you say what you remember about the  
15 employees and the layout of Bawnmore. You say the  
16 Superintendent was BM3. He was -- the Assistant Head was  
17 BM4. Henry Clarke was there for the first few years only  
18 and he filled in on occasions as Assistant Head when BM4  
19 was away. The matron was BM2, who is now dead. The  
20 housefathers you recall were BM1 and S1 and BM14. I think  
21 that's right. You also recall Robert Elder. You say  
22 there was a football manager, who you named, and Peter  
23 Bone was not a member of Bawnmore staff but used to call  
24 up to the home and was there as a volunteer.

25 **A. That's right.**

1 Q. You say the office was on the ground floor. That was  
2 BM3's office. Down the corridor there were two massive  
3 dorms on the ground floor with five beds in each.  
4 Beside those there was the store and there was BM1's  
5 room, a bathroom and a separate toilet, and past those  
6 was the launderette. The first floor dorms were at the  
7 top of the stairs and you could go through them or past  
8 them on the corridor. So if I have understood you  
9 correctly, there were doors from the dorms on to the  
10 corridor, but there was like a connecting door between  
11 each dorm internally?

12 **A. Yes, that's right. That's right.**

13 Q. Beside the fire escape was the housemaster's room.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. In -- when you were in Bawnmore, you name three men who  
16 you say abused you. Those were Robert Elder --

17 **A. Correct.**

18 Q. -- Peter Bone and Henry Clarke. You know who I am talking  
19 about when I say Henry Clarke --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- and we will come back to that.

22 You were sexually abused by Robert Elder, who you  
23 say was a ginger-haired man and spoke with an accent  
24 that you thought was Scottish.

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. You knew him then as Mac Elder. That was -- you thought  
2 he was a part-time fireman at that stage.

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. But, in fact, the Inquiry knows that he was actually  
5 a student on placement from Rupert Stanley College. The  
6 first time that he abused you was when you would have  
7 been around ten years old. It was in the early hours of  
8 the morning. You woke up in his arms, having been  
9 lifted out of bed at the top of the stairs, and he was  
10 carrying you to his bedroom, which was known as the sick  
11 bay.

12 "I was in the first dorm, which had four beds in it.  
13 I had been stripped naked of my pyjamas. This was the  
14 first in a number of occasions over a period of several  
15 weeks when I was taken by Mr Elder to his room to be  
16 abused."

17 You say you were abused by him when -- at night when  
18 he was doing night guard or sleeping in the home. He  
19 wasn't there every night. He took off your pyjamas and  
20 stripped himself naked.

21 "He made me masturbate him and tried to force me to  
22 perform oral sex on him. He masturbated me and  
23 performed oral sex on me. There wasn't any anal sex.  
24 I was upset and crying and he told me not to tell anyone  
25 about it. This happened on a number of occasions and

1 I didn't really understand what was actually happening.  
2 I never knew what was right and what was wrong. I was  
3 just so young. I cannot recall how many times that that  
4 happened."

5 Now I am going to pause there and say that we know  
6 that he was in Bawnmore for about a period of five or  
7 six weeks on placement and you -- I mean, you thought he  
8 was some sort of part-time fireman. Is that --

9 **A. That's the impression he gave.**

10 Q. Was this as a result of some conversation that he had  
11 with you?

12 **A. Yes. That's what -- so I -- he's a part-time fireman  
13 and he's doing this as part-time work, working in the  
14 home.**

15 Q. In your room you told me when we spoke last week or the  
16 week -- just over a week ago there were four beds.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. And there were two five-bed dorms. Is that correct?

19 **A. Five bed were down the stairs and most of them were all  
20 four dorms up the stairs.**

21 Q. And you also told me that when you arrived in Bawnmore,  
22 you tried to run away the first day.

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. And you were beaten for doing that by the supervisor --  
25 by the Superintendent I should say?

1 **A. Yes. That was -- that was the form of punishment for**  
2 **trying to run away, yes.**

3 Q. Paragraph 8 and 9 here you speak about also being  
4 sexually abused by Peter Bone.

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

6 Q. He was a cub scout leader from Scouts.  
7 Bawnmore was attached to their own cub scouts, which was  
8 the 65th cubs. The leader of Bawnmore cubs was BM1.  
9 Again that's a name that the Inquiry knows who I am  
10 talking about.

11 "I first came across Peter Bone around the time  
12 I tried out for the Northern Ireland cub scouts football  
13 team. There were a lot of boys were trying out and  
14 I was one of the last to get picked. He may have been  
15 there that day, but I can't recall exactly. He took  
16 a particular interest in me after I played in the  
17 winning match for the Northern Ireland cub scout  
18 international football team. I can't recall exactly how  
19 long this was after I was picked for the team. I have  
20 since been told that this game was on 5th May 1967 and  
21 the prize presentation was held in Dublin on 17th May  
22 '67. All the players got to take the trophy home -- the  
23 trophy for one month each and I got it first. Peter  
24 Bone took photos of us with the trophy. After we won  
25 the trophy Peter Bone took me back to see my parents."



1 I should say that there is certainly some Social  
2 Services material --

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. -- history sheets that indicates that you had attended  
5 at your parents' home --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- with, as they described it, the scout leader.

8 "Peter took me back to see my parents. When I was  
9 in Dublin, I got my father a small lighter and a present  
10 for my mother, which was a little statue of a mother and  
11 baby. I didn't know it was of the Virgin Mary and, of  
12 course, we were staunch Loyalists. When my father saw  
13 what I bought my mother, he went mad and it ended up in  
14 a huge row. I cried my eyes out.

15 Peter Bone witnessed this rejection by my parents  
16 and saw how bad my home life was. He took me back to  
17 Bawnmore. When I got the trophy, he took photographs of  
18 me in Bawnmore holding it. He then told me that he  
19 needed better photographs and he took me to his house.  
20 He told me to go into the bathroom and have a bath. He  
21 took photos of me in the bath and then led me to his  
22 bedroom where he dried me and then abused me. This was  
23 the first time that he abused me.

24 After that he was forever taking pictures of me and  
25 paid me a lot of attention. He regularly took me out of

1 the home and took nude photographs of me and abused me  
2 at his home."

3 Paragraph 10 you say that he often took you out of  
4 the home and used those opportunities to abuse you. He  
5 was an architect and travelled throughout Northern  
6 Ireland visiting various hospitals and on several  
7 occasions took you with him.

8 "He sometimes took me on drives in his car and on  
9 many occasions to his home.

10 Certain days he asked me if I wanted to go out with  
11 him and other times it seemed to have been arranged in  
12 advance through whoever was in charge. If someone  
13 wanted to take you out, permission was usually given.  
14 He was there probably every week and my contact with him  
15 was very regular. He took his camera with him  
16 everywhere.

17 I do not if Peter Bone abused other boys, but  
18 I think he took other boys out" -- if we can scroll  
19 down, please -- "out too. He did, however, seem to have  
20 a particular interest in me. I believe that I was easy  
21 prey for him because of my family circumstances.

22 Peter Bone also sexually abused me when he took me  
23 for drives in his car. I recall this was around the  
24 time the M2 opened. Bawnmore sat on the edge of the M2  
25 and railings were put up where building work was going

1 on."

2 You say that you were told during The Hughes Inquiry  
3 that that was in October 1966.

4 "I don't know if that date is right, but I do have  
5 a recollection of work being done on the M2 in those  
6 years. He had arrived at school in a new car. He knew  
7 that I was fascinated by cars and I asked him to teach  
8 me to drive. He let me sit partly in the driver's seat  
9 and I steered the car and operated the accelerator.  
10 Whilst I was doing this, he rubbed his hand over my  
11 clothes, over the inside of my legs and round my  
12 genitals. He drove into a lay-by, tipped the recliner  
13 of my seat, opened my zip and rubbed my penis and then  
14 performed oral sex on me. He then took out his own  
15 penis and made me masturbate him.

16 The same abuse happened again in the car during  
17 drives on a number of other occasions. It mostly  
18 happened on motorway lay-bys. It happened on almost  
19 every occasion that he took me out in his car, which was  
20 very regularly. I remember an occasion when he took me  
21 to Altnagelvin Hospital with him and I needed to go to  
22 the toilet. So he stopped the car and I went into the  
23 bushes. Before I knew it he had followed me in and was  
24 trying to interfere with me again.

25 He also took me out during the evenings. It was

1 usually a Monday or Wednesday. He also took me out  
2 during the day at weekends, because I didn't go home at  
3 the weekends. On Mondays he had a photography club and  
4 he dropped me into town to go to the cinema. He wanted  
5 me to go into the photography club with him, but  
6 I always refused to go. I think now he wanted to push  
7 me on to the others in the club. I wanted to go to the  
8 pictures and he used to give me the money for it. On  
9 Wednesdays his wife was out playing bowls and on these  
10 evenings he took me to his house and I think he had  
11 children.

12 He abused me on every occasion he had the  
13 opportunity to when I was at his house. He was very  
14 into photography and he had a dark room in his house.  
15 He took me into his bedroom and took photographs --  
16 photos of me undressing. When I was naked, he then sent  
17 me into the bathroom and I had a bath. He would take  
18 photos of me in the bath, which were mostly close-ups of  
19 my genitals. Then after I got out of the bath he dried  
20 me and got me to lie on the bed and he would undress and  
21 lie beside me naked. He wouldn't let me dry myself. He  
22 had preset his camera to automatically take photographs  
23 of us on the bed. He masturbated and performed oral sex  
24 on me and made me masturbate him. He tried on many  
25 occasions to force me to have anal sex, but it was very

1 painful and made me squeal and cry. He stopped trying  
2 to penetrate me, because I was so sore and crying so  
3 much, but he continued to abuse me anyway. This abuse  
4 occurred regularly over a period of two to three years  
5 up until I was around 13 or 14. He showed me some of  
6 these photos. Some were colour, but most were black and  
7 white.

8 He used to give me sweets and cigarettes and he gave  
9 me a watch I think on my 13th birthday. He also gave me  
10 money, a pound or two pounds, and paid for me to go to  
11 the cinema. I thought he was treating me in a normal  
12 father and son way by giving me presents and the odd bit  
13 of money. He bought me things that I wanted like  
14 football boots.

15 Around a year or so before I left Bawnmore I stopped  
16 the incidents of abuse with Peter Bone as I was getting  
17 older and realising that it was not right. I learned  
18 from my school friends phrases like 'queer' and learning  
19 that what was happening should not have been happening.  
20 When I was about 14, I was in trouble with one of the  
21 school teachers and I was thrown out of the class.  
22 I went to the toilets with another lad for a smoke and  
23 he told me that the teacher was gay, that he had sex  
24 with other men. This was the first time I learned about  
25 anything like this and I caught on that what was

1       happening wasn't normal. It was extremely difficult to  
2       break away from Peter Bone. I told him that I wanted  
3       him to stop and he used to promise that he wouldn't do  
4       anything like that again, but because he took  
5       an interest in me, I used to spend time with him again.  
6       However, the same things would happen and he would try  
7       to abuse me again. So if I cut it off with him  
8       completely -- so I cut it off with him completely. He  
9       still called at the home and asked for me, but I refused  
10      to go with him.

11             When I was around 15 years old, I would normally  
12      have left Bawnmore, but I got permission to stay for  
13      an extra year, as I had enrolled on a             course at  
14      college. After college Peter Bone would regularly wait  
15      for me at the end of the day and used to offer me a lift  
16      back to Bawnmore or to take me to his house. I used to  
17      leave the back way, which was a longer way round to get  
18      home. When I was in class, I could see him through the  
19      window outside waiting for me in his car. It was very  
20      difficult to settle at the course and I got fed up with  
21      Peter Bone's unwanted attention and I eventually left  
22      tech.

23             I told BM3 that I wanted to give up on the course  
24      and go back to live at home. I think BM3 was shocked  
25      and indicated that he didn't think it was a good idea.

1 Deep down I didn't think it was a good idea either, as  
2 my life at home was very unsettled.

3 I didn't tell BM3 the real reason for leaving tech,  
4 which was that I was trying to avoid Peter Bone.

5 I never reported Peter Bone's actions to BM3 or anyone  
6 else in Bawnmore when I was there. I had contact with  
7 two social workers whilst I was in Bawnmore, a man and  
8 a woman, but I didn't have any kind of close  
9 relationship with them and I cannot recall their names.  
10 I felt that they had no interest in me. My parents  
11 visited me twice during my time in Bawnmore."

12 You go on to talk about your sister.

13 "Those are the only times they ever visited me and  
14 it was only because they were going to see" the sister  
15 where she was. "I did not want to go home and I did not  
16 tell them anything about what was going on with the  
17 abuse at Bawnmore. I was embarrassed to even think of  
18 it and just could not face actually telling anyone."

19 I am just going to pause there. You go on to say  
20 that:

21 "The first my family found out about this was when  
22 [someone] told your father. This was after it came out  
23 in The Sunday World. I told Chris Moore of The Sunday  
24 World what happened to me, but I didn't receive any  
25 payment for what I told him. My dad was raging. He

1           went mad about it and wanted them all shot. I got a lot  
2           of abuse after I told Sunday World. That is the way  
3           that people react to you."

4           Now you did tell BM1 about the abuse by Peter Bone  
5           after BM1 had left Bawnmore and gone to Palmerston. BM3  
6           took over Palmerston, and you used to call in for past  
7           members of staff as you had grown up with him and had  
8           been happy in Bawnmore apart from the abuse. You'd  
9           friends there and got to play football all the time.  
10          You got money at Christmas in Bawnmore and you got  
11          nothing at home. Bawnmore was home to you. You  
12          happened to be talking to BM1 one night at Palmerston.  
13          You told him what had gone on with Peter Bone. He told  
14          you that he had a vague recollection that he suspected  
15          something was going on, because Bone was persistently  
16          buying you things.

17          "I don't know if BM1 did anything about what I told  
18          him."

19          Now when you spoke to BM1 that was as an adult after  
20          you had left care. Isn't that right?

21          **A. That's right, yes.**

22          Q. You never told anybody during your childhood about what  
23          was happening?

24          **A. No.**

25          Q. You were saying that -- I have read out quite a lot of



1        what you were saying there, HIA532, but one of the  
2        things you were saying was that you didn't realise that  
3        what was being done to you as a child was in some way  
4        wrong.

5        **A. No. As I said, the only time was through**  
6                , the school teacher, and it was actually -- I had  
7        a row with him or something over the books. What had  
8        happened was he threw me out of the classroom. So  
9        I went and lucky enough there was a fella in one of the  
10       toilets having a smoke. So I had a smoke and I was  
11       saying to him what happened in the class and he said,  
12       "Ah,                , he's queer", and all this, which  
13       I didn't know what it was at the time. Then I realised  
14       what he was talking about was actually happening to me.  
15       So that's when I started to stand back from all this  
16       here, what was going on and Bone and stuff like that  
17       there. You know what I mean? There was no sex  
18       education. There was nothing -- you know what I mean --  
19       to tell kids what was right and what was wrong, you  
20       know, but through the rejection with Bone, he seen it  
21       all that night, the wee statue, you know, that I bought  
22       my mother, you know, from Dublin and that, but that's  
23       when he, arms round the neck, "Come on! I'll look after  
24       you", you know, sort of thing, you know. So ...

25       **Q.** He took advantage of the situation.

1     **A. He took advantage of the situation -- you know what**  
2     **I mean -- and with me being into football, you know,**  
3     **playing for Northern Ireland, that there's the only**  
4     **reason that he sort of way took on to me. You know, he**  
5     **seen a way, "Right. Come back to my house". You know**  
6     **what I mean? "Away and get a bath and we'll get nice**  
7     **photos, get nice hair-do and all that there" and then**  
8     **next he's sitting taking photographs of you in the bath.**  
9     **Then he'd lift me out. Well, it shows you how small**  
10    **I was then, like. He wouldn't do it now (inaudible),**  
11    **but put the towel round you, lift you, put you in the**  
12    **bedroom and then the abuse started, and then that was**  
13    **his opener to continue doing that.**

14    **Q. Well, paragraph 23 you go on to talk about another man.**  
15    **I'll come back to say something more about the people**  
16    **you have spoken about so far.**

17            You say you were also sexually abused on two  
18    occasions by Henry Clarke, who was in -- a member of  
19    staff in Bawnmore.

20            "On the first occasion it was when I was in my first  
21    year at secondary school and I cut my right hand. I had  
22    to go to the doctor's during school hours to get the  
23    stitches removed. This was according to my medical  
24    records on 17th February 1968."

25            That's when you got the stitches in I think, and you

1 still have a scar on your hand.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. You were feeling unwell after having the stitches  
4 removed, which I think from the evidence the transcript  
5 of the Hughes Inquiry they reckoned was about March --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- about a month later, and so you didn't go to school.  
8 Robert Elder instead -- he had taken you to get the  
9 stitches out.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. He brought you back to Bawnmore. You were sent to your  
12 bedroom by Henry Clarke, who was in charge that day.  
13 Robert Elder came up to your room with you, but then he  
14 left. You were lying down on top of your bed when Henry  
15 Clarke came into the room and lay down beside you. He  
16 started to rub his hands all over you, but you turned  
17 away from him to the wall. He rubbed your penis through  
18 your trousers. However, someone came up the stairs -- you  
19 thought it was Robert Elder -- and disturbed him, so he  
20 stopped, got off the bed and left the room. If we can  
21 scroll down, please, after a while Robert Elder returned  
22 and you now suspect that Elder and Henry Clarke were in  
23 cahoots, but you can't be sure.

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. This is just something as an adult looking back on what

1           happened that you think --

2     **A. Yes, but it seemed funny at the time -- you know what**  
3     **I mean -- him leaving the room and then next minute Henry**  
4     **Clarke coming in. Sorry. I shouldn't have mentioned**  
5     **him, but I don't care now. The next minute he came in --**  
6     **you know what I mean -- and then Henry Clarke left. You**  
7     **know what I mean? It seemed to me very funny that these**  
8     **two people could -- you know what I mean -- walk in and**  
9     **walk out when ... Sorry about mentioning names there.**

10    **Q.** Don't worry. The names can be used. We know it's  
11       difficult for people when we use designations.

12    **A. Uh-huh.**

13    **Q.** We just ask they're not used outside this room here.

14    **A. No, but that's ... (inaudible).**

15    **Q.** You say after Robert Elder returned to your room, he  
16       then showed you graphic pornographic photographs. They  
17       depicted children, young girls and young boys, with  
18       bottles inserted inside them, which at your age seemed  
19       like horror scenes, and this incident occurred after  
20       Robert Elder had started the regular abuse of you in his  
21       room. He told you to keep the photographs and then give  
22       them back to him later and not to let anyone see them.  
23       However, he came back a few minutes later to get them  
24       off you and he counted them to make sure you had given  
25       them all back to him. You thought there were nine in

1 total -- nine photos in total.

2 "He told me not to tell anyone what had happened and  
3 told me that this was going to happen to me. He  
4 threatened me that he was going to get me involved in  
5 scenes like that to pose for photographs with things  
6 sticking out of me, which terrified me."

7 Sorry. Just -- yes.

8 "The next day that I was shown the pornographic  
9 photographs by Robert Elder I saw one of the senior  
10 boys", who you name there, and he was two or three years  
11 older than you. I should say that whenever he gave  
12 evidence to the Hughes Inquiry, the Superintendent of  
13 the home, BM3, said that this boy whom you name there  
14 was actually -- you were bigger than him and you were  
15 older than him.

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. You said that --

18 **A. He was one of the senior boys, sure.**

19 Q. Well, you said you told him about the photographs, this  
20 boy, first of all, and he brought you to see BM3 in his  
21 bungalow that evening. You can't recall whether the boy  
22 was still with you when you had the conversation with  
23 BM3, but you think he had gone. BM3's wife and children  
24 were in the kitchen and he told them to leave. Whilst  
25 in BM3's kitchen you told him first about the

1            photographs, and I think when you spoke to the Hughes  
2            Inquiry you accepted that your focus was on these  
3            photographs --

4    **A. Uh-huh.**

5    Q. -- because they had upset you, and that was really what  
6            you were wanting to tell him about --

7    **A. Yes.**

8    Q. -- is what you had seen. Did you tell him -- can I just  
9            ask: did you tell him what the content of the  
10           photographs was?

11   **A. Yes. I told him it was children with bottles sticking**  
12   **out of their private parts and it was wee boys and wee**  
13   **girls. Now I could go into what you have said to me**  
14   **about that if you want me to.**

15   Q. I don't think -- I don't think there's any necessity,  
16            but he, as you know, spoke to the police --

17   **A. Yes.**

18   Q. -- and said that all you told him was that they were  
19            dirty photographs.

20   **A. Yes, they were dirty photographs of children. In our**  
21   **day sexual things and all, you were dirty. It's not**  
22   **like these days now. In them days if you done anything,**  
23   **you were dirty. You know what I mean? It is different**  
24   **in these days. You know what I mean? They could tell**  
25   **you now it was sexual photographs or -- you know what**

1           **I mean -- or pornographic photographs.**

2       Q.   That was an expression that you would have used to --

3       **A.   Yes.  I told BM3 what was actually on the photographs**  
4           **and he --**

5       Q.   That's what I wanted to be clear.

6       **A.   Yes, and he actually --**

7       Q.   You actually told him what the contents --

8       **A.   Yes, I told him what the contents were and he actually**  
9           **said to me, "If you can get them -- get any -- if he**  
10          **brings them back, try and get them to me".  Do you know**  
11          **what I mean?**

12      Q.   You say the photographs, as you said to Hughes, were the  
13          reason that you went to speak to him, as Robert Elder  
14          had expressed an intention to get you to take part in  
15          similar activities.

16      **A.   Uh-huh.**

17      Q.   It was your fear about that that made you refer to what  
18          Elder was doing to you.  At the time you didn't know  
19          what Robert Elder was doing -- that what he was doing  
20          was wrong.

21      **A.   I was only a child.**

22      Q.   You can't remember now specifically what you said:

23               "... but I told him about the photographs, and he  
24          would have known from what I said that I was being  
25          abused by Elder."

1           So you can't remember exactly what you said, but,  
2           I mean --

3   **A. No. I told him what was on the photographs --**

4   Q. Yes.

5   **A. -- but the abuse and all going on with them -- you know**  
6   **what I mean -- this actually feared me more than the**  
7   **abuse, because I didn't want to go and get these things**  
8   **done to me, you know.**

9   Q. HIA532, I just want to be clear, though. You didn't  
10   only tell BM3 about the photographs and what was in the  
11   photographs, but you also told him something that made  
12   it clear to him that Elder was abusing you or  
13   interfering with you?

14   **A. Well, I was thinking with them kind of photographs and**  
15   **all maybe I was thinking that he would have thought**  
16   **something else was going on. You know what I mean? If**  
17   **I was telling him about pornographic photographs of**  
18   **children being abused on this, why was he showing me --**  
19   **why was Elder showing these to me? You know what**  
20   **I mean? BM3, he was a great guy like. Don't get me**  
21   **wrong. I liked BM3, but to me I thought he might have**  
22   **caught on to something else was going on.**

23   Q. What I wanted to be clear was, HIA532, did you say  
24   something more than, you know --

25   **A. I don't really -- I can't really be honest and say**



1       **"Yes". You know what I mean? I can't really say**  
2       **I actually said that he was abusing me too, you know,**  
3       **but I know for definitely, like, I went to his bungalow**  
4       **and told him about the photographs.**

5       Q. Yes, and you said that you thought he would have known  
6       from what you said --

7       **A. Yes.**

8       Q. -- that you were being abused by Elder. You didn't tell  
9       him about Henry Clarke abusing you and -- in your room,  
10      nor about Peter Bone, and you think that this was because  
11      you were young:

12             "... and I didn't really know what they were doing  
13      was abuse and was wrong. I just thought it was all part  
14      of growing up."

15      **A. It was all part of growing up.**

16      Q. Now just to be clear -- and I have discussed this with  
17      you -- BM3 is now deceased and he made a statement to  
18      the police. That's at BWN26949, and the Inquiry looked  
19      at that earlier today, and said that you only told him  
20      about dirty photographs, that he spoke to Elder about  
21      that and told him not to bring them into Bawnmore, and  
22      he also gave evidence to the Hughes Inquiry about what  
23      you said. I'll just -- there it is. He said he could  
24      not remember whether there was another boy with you or  
25      not. He said the conversation took place in the hallway

1 of the main house. It didn't happen in his bungalow.  
2 He got the impression that you felt they were wrong to  
3 be shown to you. He thought that by saying "dirty  
4 photos" you meant photos of naked women. He spoke to  
5 Elder, who described photos of native people partially  
6 dressed and he accepted that. He asked to see the  
7 photographs. Elder said he didn't have them on him.  
8 They were at home. He told him to keep them there. He  
9 says that if he had been told anything more by you, he  
10 would have pursued the matter. So that's essentially  
11 what he said to the Hughes Inquiry about that, although  
12 Robert Elder in his statement to the police indicated  
13 that he had been spoken about more --

14 **A. About the photographs.**

15 Q. -- about -- not just about the photographs, but he  
16 indicated that he spoke to him about interfering with  
17 you in some way and that he denied that also.

18 **A. Well, I must have told BM3 then.**

19 Q. Well, you certainly -- you personally have no complaints  
20 to make about BM3. Isn't that right? As far as you  
21 were concerned --

22 **A. See this "BM3"? I'm sorry. (Inaudible), you know.**

23 Q. Sorry. That's Superintendent.

24 **A. Well, you say this now. Well, BM3, no.**

25 Q. Yes, yes.

1 **A. I loved BM3 and I was even very surprised when you told**  
2 **me last week he had passed away. You know what I mean?**

3 Q. Yes. You certainly -- you thought he was a good man.

4 **A. I thought he was okay.**

5 Q. You did say to me when we were talking that, you know,  
6 he might have given you a good beating like the time you  
7 ran away.

8 **A. Oh, aye. He gave you a good one. It done me no harm at**  
9 **the end of the day is the way I looked at it.**

10 Q. You got on well with him and you got on --

11 **A. It was actually the cane. You were getting the cane in**  
12 **them days, you know. So ...**

13 Q. The other thing he said was that there was a pamphlet  
14 that he would give to some boys if they were having some  
15 sort of sexual difficulties. This is something he said  
16 --

17 **A. But I think them pamphlets were RC --**

18 Q. This was something --

19 **A. -- more than, you know, coming to us as Protestants and**  
20 **stuff like that. Now there's -- I think, if I can**  
21 **remember right, there's a bookcase with pamphlets and**  
22 **all, but I think it was more for the RC part of the**  
23 **kids, you know.**

24 Q. This was something -- I actually wrote down the name of  
25 it. He referred to the name of it in his evidence to

1 Hughes. He said it was something about "Into Adulthood"  
2 or something. It was for boys that he described were  
3 having sexual problems.

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. And that he would sometimes give this to some of the  
6 boys, but you never certainly received anything like  
7 that --

8 **A. No, no, no.**

9 Q. -- from him or from any other member of staff?

10 **A. I think it was more the other -- as I say, the**  
11 **Protestants and Catholics all grew up together, but**  
12 **I think it was more coming from their side than our**  
13 **side, any -- any pamphlets or anything like that.**

14 Q. You said he never came back to you or spoke to you again  
15 about what you had told him and you never heard anything  
16 further.

17 Now in his evidence to Hughes he said that he would  
18 have said to you that he had spoken to Elder and what  
19 Elder had said.

20 **A. The only thing I remember -- it was what I heard -- now**  
21 **whether it came from BM3 or not I don't know -- but it**  
22 **is still in my head he was told not to get too close to**  
23 **the boys or something in that manner. You know what**  
24 **I mean? Why I say it's come -- it's in my head, but**  
25 **I don't know whether BM3 had said that till him or came**

1           **and told me he told not to get too close to the boys or**  
2           **involved with them.**

3    Q.   Is that something you maybe remember from giving  
4           evidence to the Hughes enquiry?

5    **A.   It could be too.  You know what I mean?  It's there.**  
6           **You know what I mean?  I'm not here to hammer anybody,**  
7           **only the ones that abused me, but at the end of the day**  
8           **I'm not going to tell lies on anybody that -- you know**  
9           **what I mean?**

10   Q.   Well, you know that certainly a short time after you  
11           reported this in whatever way you reported it Robert  
12           Elder left Bawnmore and think he subsequently -- he got  
13           a job as a binman you thought.  You didn't know anything  
14           about why he left, and, I mean, as far --

15   **A.   I didn't know anything from him, you know.  I was just**  
16           **glad.**

17   Q.   You go on to say about the second occasion when Henry  
18           Clarke abused you and you say it was just before he got  
19           married.  He was packing to leave.

20   **A.   Yes.**

21   Q.   You cannot recall how long this was after Robert Elder  
22           left Bawnmore, but he invited you to his parents' house  
23           in                    --

24   **A.   Correct.**

25   Q.   -- where you met his parents.  He asked you to help him

1 to pack. You think you stayed for one night and you  
2 were already in a double bed and he got in beside you  
3 naked.

4 "I was wearing pyjamas and pretended to be asleep,  
5 lying on my side. He started to touch me again and was  
6 trying to masturbate me", and you froze. "He took my  
7 hand and made me masturbate him by holding my hand."

8 Again you didn't really know at that time that it  
9 was abuse. It wasn't until you were older, probably  
10 around third year in school, that you became aware that  
11 behaviour was wrong. There was no-one really you could  
12 confide in. The only thing you talked to other boys  
13 about was football. Boys used to try to get you to join  
14 their gangs, but you didn't. One of the older boys shot  
15 you in the face with an arrow and you fought them off  
16 one day. I think there is certainly some evidence of  
17 you being able to stick up for yourself --

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. -- in some of the social work papers, HIA532, if I can  
20 put it that way.

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. But you go on to say that you were never abused by S1,  
23 who was a housefather and coached the football. He was  
24 kind to you, took you to Tyrella beach and away camping,  
25 trained you in running and football. He knew how much

1       you loved football and trained you a lot. That was your  
2       thing. He said he wanted to adopt you and you wanted  
3       that too. You told your dad, but he refused. That was  
4       when you were about 15 and 16. He left to go somewhere.  
5       You wanted to go with him. You were very fond of him  
6       and were actually very shocked when you heard that there  
7       were allegations against him. You think you must have  
8       been told that by the police.

9               Now just to be clear, HIA532, about the two men S1,  
10       the other -- the third person -- yes. Both Elder and  
11       Bone were subsequently convicted in respect of offences  
12       in respect of you in 1981 when they pleaded guilty.  
13       This was after you had spoken to police and I will come  
14       to that in a moment.

15               At paragraph 34 here you say you were:

16               "... asked to give witness evidence on behalf of the  
17       Crown prosecutions of Peter Bone and Robert Elder and as  
18       far as I know they were convicted on a number of sexual  
19       -- of charges of assault against children."

20       You say as far as you know Henry Clarke was never prosecuted  
21       because he had emigrated and police told you that it  
22       would cost too much to go and get him.

23               Now you spoke to police in 1980 and you gave  
24       a police statement, which the Inquiry has looked at, and  
25       it is very much in keeping with what you have said to us

1 and what you said to The Hughes Inquiry.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 **Q.** You gave evidence to the Hughes Inquiry. First of all,  
4 you said that you gave evidence. You didn't actually  
5 turn up at court to give evidence, because these men  
6 pleaded guilty. Isn't that right?

7 **A. No. What happened on the day was -- the night before**  
8 **I was sitting in the pub and it came on the news that**  
9 **McGrath was pleading not guilty. So I took it on myself**  
10 **to go myself the next day. Nobody asked me to go or**  
11 **anything. I just -- was that right? Pleading not**  
12 **guilty. So I went to the Crown Court on the Crumlin**  
13 **Road.**

14 The police stopped me, "What are you doing here?"  
15 I says, "I hear McGrath is pleading not guilty". He  
16 says, "Oh, they've all been sentenced and that".  
17 I looked behind him and there happened to be Mac Elder  
18 trotting along. I says, "What happened to him?" "Oh,  
19 he got a suspended sentence. He used the excuse, 'Oh,  
20 this was the first time I ever abused anybody'." You  
21 know what I mean? So that's why he got off with it,  
22 which I can't believe to the day, because I still  
23 believe in them photographs.

24 I don't care what anybody says. These photographs  
25 with these kids on it, to me he was abusing other kids



1           **God knows where, but I know in my own heart and**  
2           **I maintain that, that he was still abusing children**  
3           **other than me.**

4    Q.    Certainly, and I think, to be clear, the situation is  
5           that on the first day of the trial --

6    A.    **Uh-huh.**

7    Q.    -- everybody pleaded guilty --

8    A.    **They all pleaded guilty, yes.**

9    Q.    -- with the exception of McGrath, and he was due to  
10           start -- there was an opening given by Mr Creaney, QC at  
11           his trial, and then it was adjourned overnight, and the  
12           next day he pleaded guilty, but in respect of Bone and  
13           Elder, they both pleaded guilty in relation to offences  
14           about you.

15   A.    **Yes.**

16   Q.    So they accepted that they had abused you in the way  
17           that you described.

18            You gave a witness statement to the Hughes Inquiry  
19            about your abuse and you gave evidence on 7th March and  
20            that is in our bundle.

21            In paragraph -- you left Bawnmore, went home to live  
22            for a few months, but that didn't work out and that's  
23            how you came to be in Kincora.

24   A.    **Uh-huh. Yes.**

25   Q.    Paragraph 37 you were there from the age of 16 to almost

1 18. You were in and out on three occasions and, in  
2 fact, the dates that you were in would have been  
3 9th April '72, when you were aged 16, to 26th August,  
4 '73, when you were 17, so it's a year and four and  
5 a half months at that point. You were in from  
6 7th September '73 to 29th October '73 for a period of  
7 three weeks. That can't be right. A bit more than  
8 that. Then you went back in on 6th December to February  
9 '7... -- 25th February '75.

10 Now you go on to say that you remember the names of  
11 the members of staff, but the abuse you suffered was  
12 only at the hands of William McGrath. You were older,  
13 a bit more mature when you came to Kincora, and you had  
14 learned from your experiences at Bawnmore that this sort  
15 of attention was wrong. You were extremely wary of  
16 McGrath. You say he was the reason that you were in and  
17 out of the home, because you were desperate to get away  
18 from him.

19 I was looking through some of the social work papers  
20 and we were talking about this just briefly earlier --

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. -- where it's recorded that you absconded from the home  
23 and got yourself digs, but then had to go back to  
24 Kincora --

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- because you were not old enough to be allowed to do  
2 that at that point.

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. You shared a room with a boy who you name there, who is  
5 no longer with us. You went to work at the yard  
6 early -- he went to work at the yard early and you  
7 worked late nights. You didn't start work until 10.30  
8 as you worked in an off-licence, so you slept in in the  
9 mornings, and you got a job in a off-licence through Joe  
10 Mains and he arranged for that for you. There were  
11 various jobs that you had and you had a row with the  
12 foreman. You went back to Belfast.

13 You say almost every morning that McGrath was on  
14 duty, which was very regularly, he came into your room.  
15 He put his hands under your blankets and tried -- would  
16 try to rub your penis. You would tell him to stop and  
17 leave you alone. You got angry and chased him away. He  
18 did stop, but he would then just walk away laughing and  
19 he had a constant smirk on his face. He persisted with  
20 these attempts to abuse you in the mornings the whole  
21 time that you were in Kincora and it was always in the  
22 mornings. One day you eventually lost it with him and  
23 you completely lost your temper and wrecked the bedroom.

24 You remember one occasion when he tried to rape you.  
25 You say you were in the bathroom naked with a towel

1 round your waist and he came into the bathroom and  
2 locked the door. He locked his arms round you and  
3 grappled with you to try to remove your towel. You  
4 remember you tried to stop him, but he persisted and  
5 tried to masturbate you. You had a violent struggle and  
6 you thought he was going to rape you. You were finally  
7 able to fight him off by pushing him away and managed to  
8 open the door and get out of the bathroom. He gave up  
9 and left, and you went back into the bathroom and you  
10 had your bath.

11 You found it hard to cope with his behaviour and, as  
12 you say, you often stayed away out of Kincora when  
13 possible. There were occasions when you wouldn't go  
14 back, as you hated the place because of his behaviour.  
15 You left twice. Once you went back home and once you  
16 got a flat, but you had to go back. You eventually left  
17 when you were nearly 18.

18 You got word from the Army that you could join and  
19 you passed all the tests, but you eventually got word  
20 that you couldn't join. You said it was McGrath who  
21 told you that you couldn't join. I was saying to you  
22 that there was certainly -- it looks like you applied to  
23 go into the Army twice. A social worker had recorded  
24 that, in fact, you seemed to be relieved that you hadn't  
25 got in, but you never got a letter. It was McGrath told

1 you and he took great satisfaction in telling you. It  
2 made his day. He said there was no room at Army college  
3 and laughed in your face. You said it broke your heart,  
4 because your brother is in the forces and that is what  
5 you wanted to do.

6 You go on to describe getting involved with the UDA  
7 and you said that that -- you thought that might  
8 encourage McGrath to leave you alone. You had no active  
9 involvement until after you left Kincora. You hated  
10 McGrath and you wanted to kill him.

11 Not long after he tried to rape you in the bathroom  
12 you tried to get hold of a gun and you borrowed a pistol  
13 from an old sailor that you knew and you hid it in your  
14 room. The boy you shared a room with went to work and  
15 as usual as soon as you heard him close the door you got  
16 out of bed, got the room (sic) from your locker, hid it  
17 under the covers and got back into bed. When McGrath  
18 came into the room, you say you were shaking and your  
19 heart was pounding. You were facing the windows, and he  
20 came towards you and as usual tried to put his hands  
21 under the blankets. You pulled the pistol, jumped out  
22 of bed and pointed the gun at him and told him that if  
23 he touched you again, you would blow his head off. He  
24 walked away laughing. You think that he thought it was  
25 a fake gun. You then gave the gun back to the person

1 you had got it from. He never came near you again after  
2 that.

3 You go on to say in paragraph 45 that you were never  
4 aware at the time you were in Kincora of McGrath having  
5 any involvement with paramilitaries and you later  
6 learned that he had some involvement with a group called  
7 Tara.

8 You say it was generally known amongst the boys that  
9 McGrath -- what McGrath was like. You told some of the  
10 boys, including your brother, to watch out for him.  
11 I think your brother was leaving -- was arriving in  
12 Kincora as you were leaving. No-one told you about  
13 anything happening to them. You never reported the  
14 abuse to anyone in Kincora, as you were too embarrassed  
15 and it was not something you wanted to talk about. You  
16 don't remember the name of the social worker, but you  
17 never told him about the abuse. You say that the  
18 contact with the social worker was mainly general  
19 conversation when he asked about your situation at home  
20 and your relationship with your family.

21 Your parents didn't visit you, although you did  
22 visit them, and you felt distant from your parents and  
23 certainly not able to tell them about any of the  
24 instances of abuse. Your brother, you say you warned  
25 him and told him to tell you if McGrath ever touched you

1 (sic).

2 You do talk about going to Ian Paisley's house in  
3 Cyprus Avenue.

4 **A. Yes. That was over food.**

5 Q. Yes. You brought -- actually you were complaining about  
6 the food that you were being given in Kincora. You went  
7 round and brought a plate of food to show him how small  
8 and bad the meals were. He got on the phone to Kincora  
9 after you did that, but nothing changed and the meals  
10 didn't improve.

11 You talk about speaking to police in March 1980 and  
12 you gave a statement of 28th March 1980. When we were  
13 talking earlier, you had never any intention of speaking  
14 to police --

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. -- about what happened to you in either of these homes.

17 **A. It's not a very nice thing to talk to anybody about, you  
18 know, police or anyway. You know what I mean? You  
19 grew up. You thought you could move on, but it was when  
20 my kid brother was going in, I just told him, "If  
21 McGrath does anything till you, let me know".**

22 Q. And, I mean, your brother never ever alleged to you that  
23 something had happened to him?

24 **A. No. Well, he was only going in. He was going to get  
25 into Kincora as I was leaving it.**

1 Q. Yes, but what I'm saying is in later years he didn't say  
2 that anything had happened to him?

3 **A. No. I'm sorry. No.**

4 Q. Police approached him -- if I have understood what we  
5 talked about, police actually traced him, spoke to him  
6 and asked him if anything had happened to him in Kincora  
7 and he said, "No, but the person you want to speak to is  
8 my brother".

9 **A. That's right, yes.**

10 Q. That's how police came to make contact with you, HIA532.

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

12 Q. At paragraph 49 you said that you were called as  
13 a witness, but you were explaining that, in fact, you  
14 were not actually a witness against McGrath as such.

15 **A. No, I wasn't. It was just -- I was saying it's just the  
16 way the words are.**

17 Q. Yes.

18 **A. I took it into my own bat to go when I heard on the news  
19 that night that he was pleading not guilty. I thought  
20 I would have been needed.**

21 Q. And you spoke to police -- a further statement to police  
22 on 13th May 1982. Now that -- you say that it was to  
23 the RUC, but, in fact, it may well have been to police  
24 from Sussex that you spoke to in 1982.

25 **A. It could have been. I couldn't tell you.**



1 Q. You don't remember.

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. It was someone you thought with -- I mean, at that stage  
4 you were saying that RUC men often had English accents  
5 as well. So you took it to be the RUC.

6 **A. Uh-huh. You know what I mean? In them days it was all  
7 mixed.**

8 Q. That statement is at KIN40682. If we could just look at  
9 that briefly. You say -- this is dated, as I say,  
10 13th May '82:

11 "Everything I said in my previous statement is true.  
12 I have read the recent newspapers about Kincora. I was  
13 surprised to read of prostitution and boys being used by  
14 men outside Kincora. During the time I was there  
15 offences were committed on me as I have described in my  
16 previous statement. I have no knowledge of anything  
17 happening to any other boys and no knowledge of any men  
18 being involved other than the men who have been put  
19 inside over the Kincora business. I was there, I knew  
20 what was happening whilst I was there and if there had  
21 been any prostitution and that, I would have known about  
22 it."

23 I take it you still hold to that today, HIA532?

24 **A. Yes, I still hold that, yes.**

25 Q. You do talk in paragraph 51 of your statement, which is

1 at BWN028, you do remember people coming from outside  
2 into Kincora. Just there you say that:

3 "People came. I don't know who they were or why  
4 they were there. They were suited and booted."

5 You thought they were officials of some kind or  
6 parents --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- but you didn't pay them any attention as they didn't  
9 come near you. As you say, you had no knowledge of  
10 anything happening, no knowledge of any men being  
11 involved other than those who were prosecuted. You  
12 didn't know about Joe Mains or Raymond Semple at the  
13 time and you were surprised when allegations came out  
14 about them. You talk about the witness statement that  
15 you gave to I think The Hughes Inquiry.

16 Just to be clear, there was no talk -- I mean, you  
17 talked about -- I wanted to know about the boys in  
18 Kincora. I mean, a lot of the boys there, they went out  
19 to work during the day. So you really would only have  
20 got together as a group, if at all, during the evenings.

21 **A. Very rarely -- as I've said, very rarely I seen them.**  
22 **I started work, as I say, 11 o'clock in the morning,**  
23 **finished at 3.00 and then started at 7 o'clock until**  
24 **11.00 at night. When I got home, there was never really**  
25 **anybody up and about. You know what I mean? I would**

1 sit there. Joe Mains would probably sit there. He had  
2 a terrible habit of putting his leg over and setting his  
3 coffee or tea, whatever it was, on his knee. You know  
4 what I mean? Sat there, smoked his pipe, chatted away,  
5 you know, normal. Then the next I was away to my bed,  
6 because I was getting up -- you know what I mean -- the  
7 next morning again. That was practically seven days  
8 a week I was working in that off-licence. You know what  
9 I mean? So I never really bothered with any of the  
10 boys.

11 Q. Well, I mean, when you spoke to The Hughes Inquiry, you  
12 told them that boys warned each other about the men in  
13 Kincora.

14 A. Well, warning is watching. You know, "Watch him. Watch  
15 him", you know. My policy in Kincora was McGrath. He  
16 was the only one. Joe Mains or Raymond Semple and that  
17 there didn't bother me, never came anywhere near me. It  
18 was just McGrath. Maybe, you know, odd things are said  
19 about odd people -- you know what I mean -- on the  
20 stroke of being unlucky at the time, you know. I don't  
21 know why. You know what I mean? It's just to me it was  
22 only McGrath, and if anybody had said anything to me  
23 about McGrath, I would have said, "Watch him". You know  
24 what I mean? I didn't turn round and say, "He's  
25 interfering with me" or anything. I just, "Just watch

1           **him. Keep you eye and keep him at arm's length" or**  
2           **something.**

3       Q.   HIA532, just one thing about giving evidence to the  
4           Hughes Inquiry. You found that a very difficult  
5           experience.

6       A.   **Oh, dear! I thought I was the guilty one.**

7           **I actually -- you know, the way they handled -- I even**  
8           **said to you, you know, "After all this don't be coming**  
9           **into a wee room later and saying 'Sorry. I had to do**  
10          **all this'", which they done that with me and I -- you**  
11          **know, I just -- I felt that low about it all, you know.**  
12          **It was very hurtful the way they got at you in that**  
13          **Inquiry.**

14       Q.   Well, two men pleaded guilty in respect of you. The  
15           third person that you named and that was --

16       A.   **Henry Clarke.**

17       Q.   Yes. Henry Clarke.

18       A.   **Sorry. Just can't -- it's all this confusion about**  
19          **numbers.**

20       Q.   Don't worry about that, but he -- as I was explaining to  
21           the Inquiry earlier, in later years police tracked him  
22           to where he was living in 1982 and spoke to him there.  
23           He denied, in fact, that he had abused you, but admitted  
24           that he had shared a bed with you at his home.

25                   He then in 1985 was back in Northern Ireland and

1 spoke to police again and gave them a statement that he  
2 wrote out himself, and in the body of that statement he  
3 admitted that he had abused you and felt that he had  
4 been unable to -- that he had lied -- he admitted to  
5 having lied to police in 1982.

6 Now when I spoke to you the last time I hadn't gone  
7 through all of the material --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- as I have explained to you, but now today for the  
10 first time you are aware that he as well as the other  
11 two men who you accused of abusing you has put his hands  
12 up to it.

13 **A. I am just glad I came here and I found the truth. I was**  
14 **telling the truth all my life and that was the biggest**  
15 **one, you know, him going away to Canada, getting away**  
16 **with it and the next day -- as I was told then in the**  
17 **early days that there was too -- they couldn't afford to**  
18 **get him back from Canada and stuff like that there. So**  
19 **you had it in your heart that nobody is going to believe**  
20 **you anyway. You know what I mean? But then I found out**  
21 **today the truth has been told. I have been telling the**  
22 **truth the whole way through this. Thank God it's now**  
23 **I can put my head to rest with it. Just happy at that.**

24 Q. Well, HIA532 in paragraphs 53 to 58 you talk about your  
25 life after care. I am not going to go into the details

1 of that. I know that you brought a civil claim and you  
2 received £7,500 at that time.

3 Is there anything that we haven't said -- I know  
4 I read out most of what was in your statement about the  
5 allegations that you make, but is there anything that  
6 I haven't said or anything more that you want the  
7 Inquiry to know about your time in either Bawnmore or  
8 Kincora?

9 **A. Well, I left home. I was in hell. I left hell and**  
10 **I thought I would have got a life, but I didn't. My**  
11 **whole life has just been hell, hell, hell. Now it is**  
12 **starting to pick up, because I went till -- I became an**  
13 **alcoholic, fifteen years, whatever. I'm lucky enough**  
14 **now I was -- I went into the Northern Ireland addiction**  
15 **and got help there. I don't drink vodka now. I haven't**  
16 **drunk vodka in five years. I still take a beer, watch**  
17 **the football and stuff like that, but it was my life.**  
18 **I was sent there to be looked after and cared for in the**  
19 **both homes, but no, just one hell after another I went**  
20 **to.**

21 **Q. Well, HIA532, the final question that I have for you is**  
22 **that this Inquiry will be making recommendations at the**  
23 **end of its work to the Northern Ireland Executive. We**  
24 **ask everybody who comes to speak to us and tell us about**  
25 **their time in institutions what they think the**

1 recommendations should be. So what do you feel this  
2 Inquiry should be recommending?

3 **A. Sex -- sexual education of children. I was telling you**  
4 **the other week there I heard -- it was on TV-am or**  
5 **something -- that this woman had wrote a book for kids**  
6 **for primary school. Every child should have one of them**  
7 **books to make sure they know what's right and what's**  
8 **wrong whereas I didn't.**

9 Q. Well, HIA532, thank you very much for that. There is  
10 nothing more I want to ask you, but the Panel may have  
11 some questions for you.

12 Questions from THE PANEL

13 CHAIRMAN: HIA532, can I ask you to go back to the beginning  
14 of your evidence?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. But before I do that, you said that you got on all right  
17 with BM3, the Superintendent of Bawnmore?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You said he was a great guy.

20 **A. I used to call him "dad" and most of the kids called him**  
21 **"dad" and stuff like that, because he was your dad. You**  
22 **know what I mean? I was a child ten years old and that.**  
23 **All right. He gave me a wallop the first day.**

24 Q. Well, that's what I just wanted to ask you about. You  
25 said that you had try to run away.

1 **A. Yes, because it was new to you --**

2 **Q. Yes.**

3 **A. -- you know what I mean -- and it was scary. That big**  
4 **house alone was scary like, but ...**

5 **Q. I know your view is that you think it didn't do you any**  
6 **harm in the long run, but what exactly --**

7 **A. No, it didn't. A good beating. You know what I mean?**  
8 **When you were at school, if you were caught smoking,**  
9 **you'd get caned. Bawnmore you'd get caned. You know**  
10 **what I mean? I was caught smoking and I was made to run**  
11 **round the pitch with a pipe full of tobacco ten times.**  
12 **You had to smoke a full pipe and run round that pitch**  
13 **until you collapsed. You know what I mean? That was**  
14 **just -- it was growing up. BM3 was -- you know what**  
15 **I mean? I was shocked when Christine had told me that**  
16 **he had died there the other week. I was at BM2's**  
17 **funeral --**

18 **Q. Uh-huh.**

19 **A. -- because BM3 came to me and asked would I represent**  
20 **the home to go to BM2's funeral and I went there. If**  
21 **I had known BM3 had died, I have would have went to his**  
22 **funeral, you know.**

23 **Q. When he beat you, were you caned on the hand or on the**  
24 **behind?**

25 **A. No, my underpants and shorts -- you only wore shorts at**



1           **the time -- they were put down and a good skelp and got**  
2           **sent to bed.**

3    Q.   How many strokes of the cane?

4    **A.   After the third I think I was just -- started crying and**  
5           **forgot about how many he gave me, you know.**

6    Q.   But do you regard it as being an unusual number of  
7           strokes of the cane that you were hit with?

8    **A.   Not really.   You got six of the best.   That was always**  
9           **the quota --**

10   Q.   Yes.

11   **A.   -- six of the best, you know.**

12   Q.   Yes.   That was the traditional number anyway.

13   **A.   That was the tradition then, yes.   Maybe if they had it**  
14           **in the schools today, they wouldn't be as bad.**

15   Q.   Did you ever see any sign in the way BM3 behaved to  
16           anybody else that he might have had any sexual leanings  
17           towards boys?

18   **A.   No, not really.   Not personally with me now.   Whether he**  
19           **did with other boys and stuff like, I couldn't tell you,**  
20           **but personally with me I found him a very fair man.**

21   Q.   Because you've described in Kincora, for example, that  
22           you would warn other boys about McGrath and sometimes --

23   **A.   Yes, McGrath.   He was one evil man, but you knew that.**

24   Q.   -- boys have told us that they recognised that the  
25           person was homosexual and they would warn the other

1 boys. Did you have any feeling like that about BM3 when  
2 you were in Bawnmore?

3 **A. No, no.**

4 Q. And then you have described the photographs that  
5 Mr Elder showed you.

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. You never -- excuse me -- you never heard anything more  
8 about that after you told BM3?

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. Then you went home for a period after you had been in  
11 Bawnmore. That didn't work out and you went to Kincora.  
12 Now you have explained to us what happened as far as  
13 McGrath was concerned.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. And that you went to court of your own volition --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- thinking there was going to be a trial I suppose. Is  
18 that right?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. But when you were in Kincora and you said to -- in fact,  
21 it was the Sussex Police that took that statement from  
22 you, Superintendent Harrison -- you said that you were  
23 surprised when you heard the allegations about Mains and  
24 Semple.

25 **A. Mains and Semple. I was. I was surprised.**

1 Q. Was there any talk during your time in Kincora amongst  
2 the other boys about --

3 A. No. Then --

4 Q. -- "Watch out for Mains" or "Watch out for Semple"?

5 A. No. At the end of the day I very rarely was there with  
6 any of the boys -- that's what I'm saying -- the way  
7 I worked.

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. I started off painting and decorating. I started off  
10 doing this and stuff like that, different jobs.  
11 I couldn't hold jobs down, because -- well, I blame  
12 myself, but McGrath was always -- but Semple -- Joe  
13 Mains, you very rarely seen Joe Mains. You would see  
14 Joe at night there coming in. He had the wee flat  
15 attached to Kincora.

16 Q. At the back?

17 A. That was his flat. He would come in and he would sit  
18 there, sit there and watch the TV. I would have my  
19 supper or whatever, then went to bed. You know what  
20 I mean? But Joe and Raymond Semple -- Raymond -- to me  
21 Raymond Semple, as in the name, was a bit -- you know  
22 what I mean -- the boys would say he was a bit simple.

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. "Simple Semple". You know what I mean? But I never  
25 really had any dealings with them, to tell you the

1 **truth.**

2 Q. Well, you were in Kincora for three spells.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. The first time was just about a year near enough and  
5 then just under two months, and then the next time just  
6 over two months, and --

7 **A. So you had to be 18 before you could get out of the  
8 welfare system.**

9 Q. Yes. When you were there, if I followed you correctly,  
10 the point you are making is your work pattern took you  
11 out of the home a lot of the time --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- both in the day and in the evenings. Is that right?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Did the other boys who were there at the same time as  
16 yourself, did they have, most of them, a job to go to?

17 **A. Well, most of -- you see, it was a working home, you  
18 see. The reason why -- I'll tell you, the food, why  
19 I went to see Mr Paisley, I thought McGrath was actually  
20 taking it out on me, you know, taking -- you know, when  
21 you'd come home for your dinner -- you know what I mean  
22 -- you didn't get a big plate of dinner for the money  
23 you were paying. Don't forget your wages was going into  
24 them. You were paying for your keep. But he was on you  
25 a wee -- "What -- what's that?", you know, and I got fed**

1 up with him.

2 Now the dinner was always set. If you were still  
3 working, it was in the oven, and you got your dinner  
4 when you came in, and I got fed up with it, and I just  
5 went over to Mr Paisley and said, "Look, I am paying X  
6 amount of pounds", or whatever it was then, "and this is  
7 the dinner I'm getting". So Mr Paisley apparently got  
8 in touch with the home or welfare or something like  
9 that, but nothing was ever done. You know what I mean?  
10 You got a big dinner the next day and then nothing after  
11 that.

12 Q. You said you went round to Dr Paisley's house. He lived  
13 quite close to you -- to Kincora. Isn't that right?

14 A. Yes. He lived in Cyprus Avenue. Kincora is in the  
15 Upper Newtownards Road. Cyprus Avenue is just round the  
16 corner.

17 Q. So it would be, what, a five-minute walk at the most?

18 A. Well, it would be, yes.

19 Q. When you were in Kincora, you said that you saw people  
20 coming in. You said they were booted and suited.

21 A. Well -- you know what I mean -- it could be fathers. It  
22 could be some officials or anything. Any time I -- you  
23 know what I mean? They weren't there to see me -- put  
24 it that way -- you know.

25 Q. But were they coming in during the day or the evening --

1 **A. Any time.**

2 Q. -- or was there any pattern? Any time?

3 **A. Any time. You know what I mean? To me they were just**  
4 **people -- probably kids' fathers or something like that**  
5 **or, you know, officials of the welfare or -- you know**  
6 **what I mean?**

7 Q. If I may put it this way, had you any reason at the time  
8 or since to be suspicious about why those -- why those  
9 people were there or did it just seem normal?

10 **A. It could be, yes. There's been a lot of rumours and**  
11 **stuff and talk about this and that there.**

12 Q. That's what I'm asking about. If you can put the  
13 rumours out of your mind for the moment, I know it is  
14 difficult to think back all those years, but as far as  
15 you were concerned, did it seem a normal enough sort of  
16 thing?

17 **A. It seemed normal. It just seemed normal to me. You**  
18 **know what I mean? It is somebody's father, maybe**  
19 **well-to-do or whatever like that there.**

20 Q. So may we take it from that that none of them ever  
21 propositioned you or anything like that?

22 **A. No, nobody came near me, no. I had enough with what was**  
23 **going on in my own life.**

24 Q. And were you aware of anything that people might in  
25 Northern Ireland have described as an English accent

1 from any of these men?

2 **A. Not really, no. I couldn't really --**

3 Q. So if somebody had said, "Are they local people,  
4 Northern Ireland people?", would you have said, "They  
5 are", you know, if you heard them talk?

6 **A. Oh, I could tell you any accent that was coming. You  
7 know what I mean?**

8 Q. Yes.

9 **A. Anybody's accent I could have said, "Well, they are  
10 English or Irish or Northern Irish or country". You  
11 know what I mean? But to me, no, there was never any of  
12 that.**

13 Q. One of the allegations that was made about Kincora is  
14 that there were what are generally described as  
15 prominent people. Now what that means may be a bit  
16 difficult to work out in detail, but did you see any  
17 people coming in whose faces you recognised from the  
18 local paper or the television or anything like that?

19 **A. No, I wouldn't. To me it never interested me, you know,  
20 anybody going in and out of the home, because if I was  
21 going to work, I just down and got the bus, or if I was  
22 going out, if I finished early, I went up to The Hack  
23 and I had, you know, a couple of drinks with the mates  
24 and stuff like that. It was never really my thing.  
25 I wanted out of Kincora as quick as I could get out of**

1           it. When I was 16 years old, I couldn't wait till I was  
2           18 to get out. You know what I mean? I just -- nothing  
3           else went that way, only McGrath. The only thing in my  
4           term was McGrath. You know what I mean?

5    Q. When you say "going up to The Hack", you mean going up  
6           --

7    A. To Ballyhackamore.

8    Q. -- the road to Ballyhackamore, which again is, what, two  
9           minutes' walk maybe, three, five?

10   A. Well, it depends how much drink I had on me.

11   Q. Well, that would be coming back I suppose, but during  
12           the time that you were in Kincora were there other boys  
13           who seemed in any way to be favoured by McGrath or Mains  
14           or Semple in the sense that they would maybe get extra  
15           treats or some -- some privilege that you didn't get?

16   A. No, I couldn't say. I couldn't say anybody --  
17           I couldn't see -- you know what I mean? As I say,  
18           I very -- sorry. This is -- the asthma is working on my  
19           lung here. As I say, the only thing to me was getting  
20           to work, going to bed, going to sleep, getting up and  
21           getting out. The only thing ever interrupted all that  
22           was McGrath. You know what I mean? Nothing really --  
23           Sorry about this. It's just my --

24   Q. That's quite all right. Don't worry about it.

25   A. -- a cramp in my lung.



1 Q. What I wanted to ask you about, the way McGrath  
2 approached you, it always seems to have been when -- in  
3 the morning time --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and at that time, as you have explained how you  
6 didn't have to be at work until 11 o'clock --

7 **A. Yes. Well, the other boys --**

8 Q. -- would you have been on your own more or less?

9 **A. Yes. That's what I am saying. Most of them were**  
10 **apprentices down in the shipyard and all, a couple of**  
11 **boys I knew of, but there was one of them in my room --**

12 Q. They'd have to be there --

13 **A. -- but he had left for a 7 o'clock or 7.30, 8 o'clock**  
14 **start, whatever.**

15 Q. Because they would need to be there at 8.00, wouldn't  
16 they?

17 **A. Yes. I was left there in that room on my own. You know**  
18 **what I mean?**

19 Q. And we've heard --

20 **A. That's when he came in and started his acrobatics.**

21 Q. We've heard there were two ladies. One was a cook and  
22 the other was a cleaner.

23 **A. There was a wee Elizabeth Smyth and I can't remember the**  
24 **other one. I remember the wee tiny one and there was ...**

25 Q. Was it Elizabeth McCullough?

1 **A. Elizabeth McCullough, yes.**

2 Q. And --

3 **A. They were down -- they were more canteen and cleaners,**  
4 **cooks and that.**

5 Q. Yes, and did they just come in for the breakfast and tea  
6 and then go?

7 **A. Yes, that's correct. You see, McGrath would be there.**  
8 **Sometimes he would sit -- you know, stay overnight**  
9 **I think -- you know what I mean -- because you had the**  
10 **attic up the stairs where Joe Mains -- Joe Mains had his**  
11 **flat -- Raymond Semple. Sorry about this. It is just**  
12 **annoying me, this lung at the minute.**

13 Q. Did McGrath stay overnight, do you think, because he  
14 lived not very far away?

15 **A. No, most nights he went home.**

16 Q. Yes.

17 **A. Sorry. I'm just trying to get this ...**

18 Q. Whatever you feel easiest. Because he lived really  
19 pretty well just up the road.

20 **A. Yes, that's right. He lived up the road. He was**  
21 **usually in in the mornings if kids had to get out, you**  
22 **know, to work and that to get their breakfast and stuff**  
23 **before Elizabeth Smyth -- I think it was Elizabeth Smyth**  
24 **you called her -- came in. They didn't come in until**  
25 **8.00, 8.30, 9.00, you know.**

1 Q. Yes. By the time you got up would they have gone and  
2 left you your breakfast or something?

3 **A. No, no. They were there during the day. You know, when**  
4 **I got up, my breakfast -- go down and get my breakfast**  
5 **and then away.**

6 Q. I see. Well, thank you very much. I have asked you  
7 a lot of questions and my colleagues may have some  
8 questions for you as well.

9 MS DOHERTY: I will try not to take too long, HIA532, with  
10 your ... Thanks very much for your evidence.

11 Can I just go back to Bawnmore? Would BM3 have been  
12 around when Mr Bone was collecting you and taking you  
13 out for trips?

14 **A. Yes, he was -- he was the head man.**

15 Q. So he would have seen that happening? He would have --

16 **A. Yes. Him and BM4 were there at the time. It was**  
17 **through that Henry Clarke came in as the Assistant Head,**  
18 **you know, but they were -- I was -- since 10-year-old BM3**  
19 **was there. So BM3 would know about.**

20 Q. And, I mean, it was very regular, wasn't it? Like it  
21 was very regular during the week. Did they ever comment  
22 on that, how much time you were spending out?

23 **A. They thought they -- no. They thought more that he was**  
24 **looking after me.**

25 Q. That it was a good interest, that he was showing a

1 good interest in you?

2 **A. Yes, it was a good interest he was showing, because**  
3 **I joined the cubs, you see.**

4 Q. Aye.

5 **A. That was BM1 out of the home. He actually was the cub**  
6 **leader --**

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 **A. And Peter Bone I thought automatically was just friends**  
9 **with him being a scout leader, you know, at**

10 .

11 Q. And then when you got a bit older and you wanted to stop  
12 seeing him and didn't want to be going out with him and  
13 he was still coming up to the house to try to see you,  
14 did they ask you why you didn't want to go out? Were  
15 they interested in your --

16 **A. No. I just put it down, "I want to play football".**

17 Q. Right. So you gave an excuse that saved you --

18 **A. Yes. I gave an excuse not to be anywhere near him, you**  
19 **know. That's why I left college and all, because he was**  
20 **constantly sitting outside the college and all.**

21 Q. No, but I can see you actually suit -- in a way you gave  
22 an excuse to the other staff about changing the way?

23 **A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. Can I ask in relation to Kincora did -- was McGrath and  
25 Mains and Semple -- did they ever be on duty at the same

1 time?

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. So it was always just one of them?

4 **A. Well, you would see McGrath -- McGrath was mostly there**  
5 **-- and Semple. Mains you very rarely seen. As I say,**  
6 **you would see Joe Mains the odd night. He would come in**  
7 **and sit in the living room --**

8 Q. With you.

9 **A. -- as I was saying, and set his cup of tea or coffee on**  
10 **his knee -- this was his thing -- and smoke his pipe.**  
11 **But that was -- you know, you very rarely seen him.**

12 Q. Seen him?

13 **A. It was mostly split between Raymond Semple and McGrath.**

14 Q. And when you say "split", it would have been one or  
15 other of them?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. They wouldn't have been both on duty at the same time?

18 **A. No. It was always like a circle.**

19 Q. Okay, and just the last one. You say about handing over  
20 your money. Did you get some money back in an allowance  
21 or what way ...?

22 **A. You got your pocket money.**

23 Q. You got pocket money?

24 **A. I couldn't even tell you how much I got. I tell you**  
25 **what. I spent more -- paid more in than I got back out,**

1       **you know.**

2       Q.   And another person has talked about, you know, some  
3       money being put in a savings account for them. Do you  
4       remember that?

5       **A.   No.   If they did, I never got it.**

6       Q.   You never got it. Okay then. That's great. I won't  
7       keep you.

8       **A.   That's fine.**

9       MR LANE: When you went out with people, you said that you  
10       got -- were given permission each time by a member of  
11       staff.

12       **A.   Yes.**

13       Q.   So would it have been different staff who gave  
14       permission?

15       **A.   Yes.   There was always different staff, you know, in the  
16       home.   You know what I mean?   As I say, they were the  
17       same.   You'd so many housefathers.   You had the head  
18       man.   Well, BM3, he lived in the bungalow.   BM3 would  
19       sort of a way mostly be over there and the staff run the  
20       who house.**

21       Q.   So it was whoever was on duty?

22       **A.   Whoever was on just.   "Aye.   That's okay.   Away you go",  
23       you know.**

24       Q.   Just to clarify then about the food at Kinchora, if I can  
25       switch to that, it was breakfast and teas that you were

1 given, was it?

2 **A. You got your breakfast. If you weren't working, you got**  
3 **breakfast, lunch and tea, but it was mostly breakfast**  
4 **and tea.**

5 Q. And at weekends what happened then?

6 **A. Well, there was always a lunch made. You know what I**  
7 **mean?**

8 Q. Right. Okay.

9 **A. You always had -- you know what I mean -- something, or**  
10 **if I was away playing football and came in, you always**  
11 **got your tea -- you know what I mean -- that way.**

12 Q. Why did you think that Dr Paisley would be able to help  
13 you with that?

14 **A. With the food? Because he was the MP of the area.**

15 Q. Ah, right. Okay.

16 **A. You know what I mean? He was the MP. You always go to**  
17 **your MP if there's something wrong. That's what I was**  
18 **taught.**

19 Q. Had you seen him visit Kincora at all? Did he know  
20 about it?

21 **A. No, never. No, I went to him.**

22 Q. Right. Okay. Thank you very much.

23 **A. You're welcome.**

24 CHAIRMAN: Well, I think Dr Paisley may have been the MP who  
25 lived nearest you.

1 **A. Yes. Well, that was -- you know what I mean?**

2 Q. It was somebody else -- somebody else who was the MP at  
3 the time. Mr Robinson I think by your time. No, maybe  
4 not.

5 **A. Aye, Peter Robinson actually it was.**

6 Q. No, I think Mr Robinson came later.

7 Well, HIA532, thank you very much for coming to  
8 speak to us today.

9 **A. You're welcome.**

10 Q. We are very grateful to you for taking the time to do  
11 that. Thank you.

12 MS SMITH: Chairman, that concludes today's evidence.

13 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will sit tomorrow at the usual  
14 time.

15 (3.30 pm)

16 (Inquiry adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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