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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 Wednesday, 11th February 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 94)

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

1 Wednesday, 11th February 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 (By videolink)

4 WITNESS HIA298 (called)

5 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Just before  
6 we -- just before we turn to turn to hear our witness  
7 from Australia, let me remind everybody that when in the  
8 chamber no-one must have a mobile phone on. They must  
9 be turned off or placed on "Silent"/"Vibrate". No  
10 recording or photography is permitted anywhere in the  
11 chamber or in the premises generally.

12 Yes, Ms Smith.

13 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members. Our first  
14 witness this morning is "HIA298". That's HIA298. I am  
15 not sure if the sound is turned on. Can you hear me,  
16 HIA298? HIA298, can you hear me? I think it is. Yes,  
17 that's better. We can hear you now. Can you hear us,  
18 HIA298?

19 **A. Yes, I can.**

20 Q. That's great. Hello again, HIA298. We're going to  
21 first of all ask you -- the Chairman is going to ask you  
22 to take the religious oath. I know you have a bible  
23 there in front of you, and I will just confirm that you  
24 wish to maintain the anonymity that the Inquiry has  
25 afforded to you?

1 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, HIA298.

2 **A. Yes. Thank you.**

3 Q. Can you hear me?

4 **A. Good morning.**

5 Q. Thank you.

6 **A. Yes, I can.**

7 **WITNESS HIA298 (sworn)**

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA298.

9 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

10 MS SMITH: I see, HIA298, we are having a little problem  
11 with the delay, but we'll try to take it slowly so that  
12 you can hear everything that I say and I'll try very  
13 hard not to interrupt you when you're speaking back to  
14 me.

15 First of all --

16 **A. I'll do my best.**

17 CHAIRMAN: Ms Smith will do her best as well.

18 MS SMITH: First of all, Chairman, Panel Members, just to  
19 let you know where there are some documents relating to  
20 HIA298 in our bundle, the witness statement can be found  
21 at SNB-700 to 709.

22 The congregation's response is at SNB-1994 to 1995.

23 There is a Health & Social Care Board response,  
24 which is at SNB-6151 to 6152. It indicates that they  
25 have no records relating to HIA298's time in Nazareth

1 House and that they believe she had been put there as  
2 part of a private placement.

3 We received documents from HIA298 herself, which can  
4 be found at SNB-32840 to 32861. That includes her Child  
5 Migration Form, which I'll come back to.

6 So, HIA298, that's the formalities dealt with. Can  
7 I just confirm you are now aged 71, and you don't mind  
8 me telling people that. Isn't that correct?

9 **A. I really don't mind if anyone knows I am 41 -- 71**

10 **I mean. In my dreams I'm 40!**

11 Q. Well, can I just say you look more 41 than 71, HIA298,  
12 but however ... We'll go on. Your personal details,  
13 HIA298, are set out in your statement we have on the  
14 screen before us and I know you have a copy of it there  
15 in front of you. I'm just going to ask you if you would  
16 to go to the last page of that and confirm that you  
17 signed your witness statement on 18th June of last year.

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

19 Q. HIA298, you and your sister HIA331 were put into  
20 Nazareth House in May 1947 and you were there until  
21 March 1953. Isn't that so?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. At paragraph 2 of your witness statement here you say  
24 that you were 4 years of age. You remember going  
25 through the big gates.

1           "The picture I see in my mind all the time is of me  
2           as a little girl and HIA331 being carried through the  
3           big doors. I don't recall what happened after that.  
4           I think HIA331 was put somewhere different, as she was  
5           younger than me."

6           If I might just go to --

7   **A. That's right, yes.**

8   Q. -- paragraph 13 of your statement, you say that:

9           "One of the hardest things in Nazareth House was  
10          being separated from my sister HIA331. I didn't even  
11          know she was my sister. We didn't have any connection  
12          as a family. I knew she was my sister before I left for  
13          Australia. I found out in Nazareth House, because every  
14          time she needed help I always had to go and help her.  
15          However we didn't have sisterly feelings for one  
16          another. It was like she was just another girl in the  
17          home."

18   **A. That's right, yes.**

19   Q. Now I explained to you earlier, HIA298, we have received  
20          a response from the Sisters of Nazareth in relation to  
21          what you've said in your statement. In their statement  
22          at paragraph 2 they say that the congregation can only  
23          apologise for the separation in your family; that the  
24          congregation endeavoured to maintain sibling  
25          relationships and it was a common occurrence for the

1 children to visit their siblings whenever possible.

2 There would have been contact at play times.

3 HIA298, do you remember seeing HIA331 at play times?

4 **A. I can remember seeing her at play times, but I can't**  
5 **really say that we actually played together as sisters.**

6 Q. And she was -- how many years younger than you was she?

7 **A. 18 months younger.**

8 Q. 18 months. So you were 4 when you went into the house  
9 and she would have been then 2 and a half?

10 **A. I think so, yes. I just remember her being carried in,**  
11 **yes.**

12 Q. Now going back to your own statement, HIA298, at  
13 paragraph 3 you remember that you were taught in  
14 Nazareth House and you talk about the school and you say  
15 that:

16 "I wasn't allowed to sit with the other children  
17 when they were having lessons in Nazareth House, because  
18 they were Catholics. I had to sit in the corner by  
19 myself. When a question came up which I thought I knew  
20 the answer to, I had to bite my tongue and not say  
21 anything. I believe I was treated differently because  
22 of my religion."

23 **A. I think -- I really don't know. I mean, that's what**  
24 **happened. I used to have to sit in the corner obviously**  
25 **because I was a Protestant at that time.**

1 Q. In paragraph 4 here you speak about remembering a lady  
2 visiting you and HIA331 about three times. You now know  
3 that that was your mother, as she told you that when you  
4 finally met her. She used to bring you little gifts,  
5 including a bat and a ball attached on elastic. Do you  
6 remember where you met her at all?

7 **A. You mean when she was at the home?**

8 Q. Yes. When she came to visit, did you meet her in a room  
9 or was it outside? Can you recall?

10 **A. It was in a room and there was other children down at**  
11 **the end. We were sort of up the front with this lady,**  
12 **and the strange thing is, I mean, I can't -- I can't**  
13 **remember her face, but I do know the toys, because we**  
14 **used to get into trouble with the other girls**  
15 **afterwards, because they were jealous because we had**  
16 **someone come to visit us.**

17 Q. Paragraph 5 of your statement, HIA298, you say:

18 "There was a nun who had a long, thick, wooden  
19 stick. I don't recall her name. I think she used it as  
20 a threat. If anyone played up, they would have got it.  
21 However, I did not see her hit anyone and she did not  
22 hit me."

23 I confirmed with you that you never actually saw her  
24 use this stick on yourself or any child. Isn't that  
25 correct?

1    **A. That is -- that is correct.**

2    Q. We discussed this and we felt it had the desired effect,  
3       because you all behaved yourselves.

4    **A. Most of us. Maybe somebody did, but to me she never --**  
5       **I never saw her hit anybody ever.**

6    Q. At paragraph 6 here you talk about being made to sit  
7       until all the food was eaten. You say that:

8            "One day I was in the dining room. We were not  
9       allowed to leave the table until we had eaten every  
10      single thing that was on our plate. I was unfortunate  
11      enough to have a big piece of fat which I didn't eat.  
12      I was made to sit in the dark in the dining room. There  
13      was a little light in the kitchen and when the nun left,  
14      a lady came out and grabbed the plate and told me to go  
15      to bed. I haven't forgotten that act of kindness. I do  
16      not know that lady's name, but she was a civilian worker  
17      in the home."

18           We discussed earlier that the congregation say that  
19      they would have encouraged children to eat, but they  
20      don't accept that you would have been made to sit alone  
21      in the dining room, and while they say that food was not  
22      up to modern day standards, it was not of poor quality  
23      and no child would have been made to eat a large piece  
24      of fat. Is there anything you want to say to that,  
25      HIA298?



1    **A. All I can say that I remember the nun saying to me,**  
2        **"You're not to leave here until you've eaten everything**  
3        **in front of you". That is the honest truth and what**  
4        **happened happened, when the girl came and took it off me**  
5        **and told me to get -- "Quick. Go to bed".**

6    **Q.** Talking of bed here, in paragraph 7 you recall one  
7        occasion when you wet your bed. You said you had never  
8        wet the bed before and you think that it was after your  
9        mother stopped visiting you in the home. You said:

10        "If you wet the bed, you were not allowed to go to  
11        bed until the nun in charge gave you permission, and on  
12        this particular night the nuns were having some sort of  
13        feast, and the senior girl who was supervising us said  
14        I wasn't allowed to go to bed, as I had to wait on the  
15        nun to come. I remember standing in a very dark  
16        corridor absolutely petrified. I think I was falling  
17        asleep standing up when I received a knock on my head  
18        and the words, 'Go to bed, you stupid girl' from a nun.  
19        When you wet the bed, you received no assistance. I had  
20        to go and get clean sheets and make my own bed at  
21        a young age."

22        Now again the congregation have said while there  
23        have been issues with regard to children wetting the bed  
24        and how they were treated, this is the first time that  
25        they have heard of this type of allegation, HIA298. Is

1           there anything you want to say about this incident?

2   **A. The only thing I can say is that it did happen. The**  
3   **only thing is that I already had my bed in -- my sheets**  
4   **in my hand. I didn't have to go and find them. I was**  
5   **standing there with them, but everything else is**  
6   **absolutely true.**

7   Q. At paragraph 8 you talk about being bathed about 4.00 am  
8   one morning. Yourself and HIA331 you say were bathed in  
9   cold water. You think you were about 9 years old.

10           "The lady who was watching us -- washing us was  
11 a civilian worker called NHB33. I think she may have  
12 been in her 50s",

13           and you describe her physical characteristics  
14 there.

15           "She abused me. HIA331 was at one end of the bath  
16 and I was at the other. The woman made me kneel and she  
17 put her fingers into my vagina whilst I was in the bath.  
18 I remember the horror of it. I knew what she was doing  
19 was wrong, but there was nothing I could do about it."

20           Now again the congregation have indicated that they  
21 employed staff in good faith, although that faith was  
22 sometimes misplaced, and they say that they are shocked  
23 and horrified and devastated to learn about the sexual  
24 abuse of children in their care, and they apologise to  
25 you for that type of abuse having been perpetrated.

1           You talk here in paragraph 9, HIA298, about going to  
2           Australia. You say that before you and HIA331 were sent  
3           you were both baptised into the Catholic Church:

4           "... and the nuns took us round the old people's  
5           home and they gave us money. I never had money in my  
6           life. I had a wallet where I kept the money, and when  
7           HIA331 and I were being taken to the ship for Australia,  
8           the civilian worker, NHB33, said, 'I'll hold that for  
9           you, lovely', and I never saw it again."

10           You believe that you made your first communion at  
11           the same time as your baptism and you remember because  
12           you got peaches to eat as a treat that day.

13   **A. That's true.**

14   Q. Now you said -- in paragraph 10 here you say -- you  
15           discuss the fact that nobody ever asked you if you  
16           wanted to go to Australia, but you do remember that you  
17           were taken to doctors on your own about three times and  
18           again you were taken by NHB33. HIA331 then started to  
19           come with you on the appointments, and you remember  
20           having a dental appointment where you got a mould of  
21           your teeth taken.

22           You recall being on the playground -- in the  
23           playground on a swing one day when one of the nuns, whom  
24           you name there, Sister SR177, said to you, "Are you  
25           scared about going to Australia?"

1 "I didn't know where Australia was and I replied. 'I  
2 don't know'. No-one explained where Australia was or  
3 what was going to happen to us."

4 You discuss here your Child Migration Form. I'm  
5 just going to get that called up on our screen here,  
6 HIA298. It can be found at -- sorry; I have just lost  
7 the pages -- SNB-32855, please.

8 We can see that your full name is given there,  
9 HIA298. I know you have a copy of it yourself with you.  
10 I am just going to go through it on the screen. Your  
11 postal address is given as Nazareth House in Belfast.  
12 Your age, you were 9 and -- 9 and a half. No. 9 and  
13 2/12. Sorry. Your year and date of birth is given.  
14 Your church denomination is given as RC.

15 CHAIRMAN: Just a little bit more slowly, please.

16 MS SMITH: Sorry. The name of your --

17 CHAIRMAN: Slowly, please. Yes.

18 MS SMITH: The name of your parent, guardian or next of kin  
19 is recorded as "Mother Superior, Sisters of Nazareth,  
20 Ballynafeigh, Belfast". Your educational standard is  
21 recorded on the form and it is signed by **SR 99**  
22 **SR 99** for and on behalf of the Sisters of Nazareth".  
23 It is dated 25th November 1952.

24 The section B, which covers the parent's or  
25 guardian's consent, says that:

1 "I, SR99 , of the Sisters  
2 of Nazareth, Ballynafeigh, Belfast, the", and it would  
3 be, "guardian of HIA298, hereby consent to my ward  
4 proceeding to Australia under the Commonwealth Child  
5 Migration Scheme dated 25th November 1952."

6 She has signed it and it is witnessed by SND220, who  
7 is a Catholic priest, and an address in -- it's hard to  
8 make it out but St. Stephen's House --

9 CHAIRMAN: Westminster.

10 MS SMITH: -- Westminster is recorded there.

11 Then if we can scroll on down, he has signed that on  
12 26th November 1952. If we could scroll on down, please,  
13 then there is an entry on the form which says:

14 "Appear to be -- appears to be an average type of  
15 little girl. Clean and neat. Speech average for age.  
16 Eyesight appears normal. Education appears average for  
17 age. Nominated by Catholic Child Group."

18 You are described as a:

19 "Female, aged 9. Medical arranged."

20 It says:

21 "This child is the sister of NHB33 . Recommended A  
22 on ..."

23 a file reference number. It is stamped by the  
24 Department of Immigration in London on 9/12/52 on the  
25 first stamp by the interviewing officer.

1           So this suggests, HIA298, that you were interviewed  
2           by someone from the Immigration Department in London  
3           before you went to Australia. Have you any recollection  
4           of being interviewed by anyone?

5   **A. None at all.**

6   Q. There's a second stamp which is recorded as "Approved  
7       assisted passenger" and it says "Child migrant".

8           Again there is a signature for the Chief Selection  
9       Officer and that's dated 2nd February 1953.

10          Then the next page is a note of the medical  
11       examination, which you do remember having. Again your  
12       address is given there. At this stage it records you as  
13       age 10. It gives your weight and it records your test  
14       results there.

15   **A. Can I just interrupt for a minute?**

16   Q. Yes, please do.

17   **A. You say 10. Is that in Belfast or Perth?**

18   Q. This may well have been a medical then that was filled  
19       in on your arrival in Australia. It's recorded as 10,  
20       but you were born -- I just meant to check this, HIA298.

21       You were born in                    '43. So you weren't 10 until  
22    in '53.

23   **A. That's right, yes.**

24   Q. The age is recorded here --

25   **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- as 10 and it's -- the signature which must be made in  
2 the presence of the medical referee is a signature which  
3 reads HIA298 ". Now I know that you were called  
4 HIA298 and were never called HIA298 . Isn't that  
5 correct?

6 **A. No. They used to call me HIA298 in Belfast. It wasn't**  
7 **till I went to Nazareth House in Geraldton that I became**  
8 **HIA298.**

9 Q. So you don't recognise this as your signature, though.  
10 Isn't that correct? Do you have the medical form there,  
11 HIA298? It should be just the page after the Child  
12 Migration Form.

13 **A. I haven't got that I don't think, have I? No, I haven't**  
14 **got -- I haven't got that with me. Sorry.**

15 Q. If you go back to paragraph 11 of your statement, if  
16 I can just read that.

17 CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry. Can we scroll down to the bottom of  
18 that? Just one moment.

19 MS SMITH: Yes. It is actually filled in.

20 CHAIRMAN: Just a moment, please.

21 **A. Oh, here you go.**

22 CHAIRMAN: This medical report is dated 15th December 1952  
23 and it appears to be signed by a doctor with an address  
24 on the Lisburn Road in Belfast.

25 MS SMITH: Yes, Chairman. That's correct. You do have that

1 now, HIA298, don't you? You can see at the bottom it is  
2 signed with a Belfast address, a doctor who gives his  
3 address on the Lisburn Road in Belfast, and is completed  
4 in December of 1952. Do you see that at the bottom of  
5 that page?

6 **A. That page -- is that 11, page 11?**

7 Q. It may be you have a different page number to us, but  
8 it's headed -- the first page of it is headed -- the top  
9 of the page I should say is headed "Medical Examination"  
10 and there is a large red stamp --

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. -- in the middle of it:

13 "Copy of a document held by the Australian  
14 archives."

15 **A. No, I didn't bring that. I didn't think it was  
16 important. I'm sorry.**

17 Q. Don't apologise. It's -- I just am trying to explain to  
18 you that it appears, in fact, to have been a document  
19 that was actually completed in Belfast before you left  
20 to go to Australia.

21 **A. Oh, yes. That would definitely be, but why they would  
22 put I was 10 years, because I wasn't 10 until I went to  
23 Australia ... So that ...**

24 Q. Yes. While you say you were called HIA298 while you  
25 were in Belfast, you say that was not your signature on



1 this form.

2 **A. Well, it must be. I really don't remember signing**  
3 **anything at all.**

4 Q. I'm just referring to what you say in your statement  
5 where you say it's not your handwriting. So -- but you  
6 don't remember signing it anyway?

7 **A. I may have, because when I look at it, it looks like my**  
8 **writing. I'm a dreadful writer. I would think that it**  
9 **was mine.**

10 Q. Okay. Well, it records you were somewhat small for your  
11 age, but apparently a normally -- normal healthy child.

12 **A. Oh, I was a bonza kid.**

13 Q. Bonza. Well, coming back to your own statement, HIA298,  
14 if we may, at page SNB-703, at paragraph 12 you talk  
15 about leaving Belfast for Australia. You say:

16 "We left Nazareth House on 9th March 1953 and sailed  
17 to Australia on 10th March 1953 on the SS Maloja. I had  
18 a wonderful time on the ship. I was on the ship with  
19 HIA331 and another pair of sisters from Sussex and  
20 another girl on her own from Scotland."

21 You give her name as .

22 "There were about 18 boys from Nazareth Lodge.  
23 There was one woman", and I am going to give her name,  
24 but the name is not to be used outside, "a ,  
25 looking after us. The first time I had a meal I chose

1 tapioca and I loved it. Everyone else hated it. When  
2 the staff asked did we want sweets, I thought great. We  
3 would be getting lollies", which is the Australian word  
4 for sweets, "but it wasn't lollies. It was pudding. On  
5 the journey we stopped in Malta and were allowed to go  
6 ashore. We arrived in Fremantle on 10th April 1953."

7 So you remember the journey across to Australia with  
8 fondness as a good experience in your life, HIA298?

9 **A. Oh, yes, it was. It was really good. It was a ball.**

10 Q. Now in the next paragraphs from 14 to 28 you talk about  
11 your time in Australia after you landed in Fremantle.  
12 You were taken to Nazareth House in Geraldton, with  
13 a short stopover in Bindoon, where you sang for the  
14 Brothers, which you were angry about.

15 You then describe your time in Geraldton in the rest  
16 of those paragraphs and we have discussed the fact that  
17 that is outside the terms of reference of this Inquiry.  
18 I am just going to summarise what you want to say about  
19 your time there. You describe a regime of emotional and  
20 physical abuse and you say that you were humiliated and  
21 denigrated by some nuns and physically abused by some  
22 nuns. You had to engage in excessive labour, including  
23 having to help out with elderly residents, and when you  
24 were sent out to a family at holiday time, you were  
25 sexually abused there by the man of the household, but

1        what you want the Inquiry to know is that some of the  
2        nuns, yes, they were angry people, but not all of the  
3        nuns, and there was one nun in particular who you  
4        remember as being very good, and that not all of those  
5        nuns who were bad to you were bad all of the time. Is  
6        that fair, HIA298?

7        **A. That is very fair. That's absolutely true.**

8        Q. From paragraph 29 onwards in your statement you describe  
9        the life that you had after you left care and in  
10       paragraph 31, if we go to that, you say that initially  
11       you were angry that your mother didn't come and find  
12       you.

13       "I used to say that she gave me up so she is the one  
14       that can come and find me, but as you grow older, you  
15       realise that it is not always that easy. So I started  
16       to look for her when I was in my 40s. I wrote letters  
17       to various people, including the Salvation Army and  
18       Sisters of Nazareth. I also contacted the Child  
19       Migrants Trust for assistance. In 1990 Margaret  
20       Humphreys found our mother. We first spoke over the  
21       phone."

22       You then went to meet your mother. In paragraph 34,  
23       when you did meet her, she told you that she came back  
24       to Nazareth House to visit:

25       "... and one day when she came, she was told by the

1 nuns that there were no children here by that name.  
2 They didn't tell her that we had been sent to Australia.  
3 My mother assumed we had been adopted. I don't know how  
4 the nuns could send my sister and I away without telling  
5 our mother where we were."

6 You did visit her in 1990 and you attended a reunion  
7 with your mother and with your sister at Nazareth House  
8 in Belfast at that time.

9 You then subsequently wrote to the Mother Superior,  
10 who, in fact, wrote back to you. You have given us  
11 a copy of her letter to you, which is at SNB-32859.  
12 I not going to open that, but that was sent in  
13 June 1990, and this is a letter from SR183, who was  
14 Mother Superior in Nazareth House on the Ormeau Road at  
15 that time.

16 At paragraph 38 of your statement, HIA298, if we can  
17 go back to that, at page 708, please, you complain there  
18 that:

19 "For years I did not know where my mum had gone or  
20 why I had been sent halfway across the world. I am sure  
21 those that sent us thought they were doing the right  
22 thing. The thing I don't understand is how -- the poor  
23 standard of their record-keeping. It is terrible how  
24 people missed meeting their family because no-one kept  
25 proper records. If they had sent some information out

1 with the children, much heartache would have been  
2 avoided. I always knew I had a mother somewhere.  
3 Unlike some other child migrants, I cannot remember  
4 anyone ever telling me I was an orphan. I used to tell  
5 people my mother was dead, because it was easier than  
6 saying I didn't know where she was. It wasn't until  
7 I was older and after completing a course in healing  
8 that I started to see things a little differently and  
9 came to realise that I at least owed it to my mother to  
10 tell her side of things."

11 You say you only received your birth certificate in  
12 1985.

13 HIA298, one of the things we were talking about is  
14 the fact that you yourself received an award of money  
15 from the West Australian Government under the Redress  
16 Scheme. Are you all right, HIA298? Do you need to take  
17 a break at all or are you okay?

18 **A. Yes, I'm fine. Thank you. I'm fine.**

19 Q. This Inquiry is looking at what recommendations it  
20 should make about what happened to children in  
21 institutions in Northern Ireland and what should happen  
22 now, whether there should be a redress scheme, whether  
23 there should be an apology, whether there should be  
24 a memorial.

25 Now you as an Australian child migrant have heard

1 the apologies given by the state of Australia and by the  
2 British Government. You have also been a recipient of  
3 this Redress Scheme that was set up in Western  
4 Australia. So the Inquiry are particularly keen to hear  
5 what your experiences have been of those things and  
6 which have been more important to you than others. If  
7 you can let us know that.

8 **A. I'll do my best. Do you want me to do that now?**

9 Q. Yes, if you would.

10 **A. Yes. Well, for the British one it's just been going on**  
11 **for so long you just don't know what's going to happen.**  
12 **I think it's just very tiring to constantly have to**  
13 **listen to this, listen to that, and as for our Prime**  
14 **Minister -- not Prime Minister -- our leader in --**  
15 **sorry. I have trouble with my memory from time to time.**

16 Q. The Australian Prime Minister's apology?

17 **A. No. The ...**

18 CHAIRMAN: Premier perhaps.

19 MS SMITH: State Premier.

20 **A. State Premier. Thank you. When he took charge of the**  
21 **place, he had the money that had been offered to us, and**  
22 **it is not really just about the money as much. It is**  
23 **about -- while that would be very helpful, because we**  
24 **weren't able to have proper jobs, because we were sent**  
25 **out to work as maids to people, so you didn't really**

1        have a lot of money, and I just feel like they could  
2        have done something a bit more in -- I think to me  
3        what's more important is the fact there is no records  
4        ever kept of our family. We weren't able to get to know  
5        them and have a better life, if you like, not that mine  
6        has been bad I must admit, but I don't believe in the  
7        other -- the redress schemes. I don't think the redress  
8        schemes work at all. I think if you are going to do  
9        something, you are going to give people a little bit of  
10       money to have -- to go and meet their family and get to  
11       know them a little bit more, that would be more helpful  
12       I think for most people.

13    Q. Well, I did read to you earlier, and I will repeat it,  
14       that the congregation in their statement to us, HIA298,  
15       have said that they:

16                "The congregation has expressed its sincere  
17        apologies and deep sadness at the pain and distress  
18        suffered by so many men and women as a result of the  
19        Child Migration Scheme. We remain committed in  
20        supporting all former residents and offer HIA298 an  
21        unreserved apology for any treatment she received by any  
22        Sister which fell below the acceptable standard."

23                That's by way of personal apology to you, HIA298.  
24        I know from talking to you that you appreciate that  
25        apology.

1 **A. I do most sincerely. I thank them.**

2 Q. Now you did give us two photographs, which I am just  
3 going to call up on our screen here, when you came to  
4 see us, HIA298. The first is SNB-32847. I think if we  
5 can maybe invert that. This is a photograph of your  
6 reunion with your mother, you and HIA331 and your mother  
7 in 1990. It's got a green frame around it. You have  
8 the original at home. Certainly --

9 **A. Yes, I do.**

10 Q. -- it's a happy photograph.

11 Then if I might just look at the next one, which is  
12 on the next page, please, if we could scroll to the next  
13 page, this you have told me is a photograph of your  
14 sister, of HIA331 when she was in Nazareth House in  
15 Belfast before you went to Australia.

16 **A. Yes, that's right, yes.**

17 Q. You know that it was definitely taken there because of  
18 what she was wearing.

19 **A. Yes. That's right. I knew by her clothes.**

20 Q. Now going back to your statement, at paragraph 41 you  
21 say that it's been a difficult experience trying to  
22 recount your abusive childhood.

23 "There are things I never thought I would have the  
24 courage to talk about and have been unable to fulfill my  
25 career aspirations, despite my academic ability. I was



1           labelled as a servant and treated accordingly. I have  
2           been unable to speak up until now, because I was taught  
3           my feelings had no value."

4           You felt that you were abandoned by the State  
5           Government:

6           "... and that they failed in their duty of care and  
7           left us with individuals who didn't treat us as children  
8           who deserved to be loved and cared for."

9           Now, HIA298, I have covered everything that I want  
10          to cover with you by way of your evidence, but is there  
11          anything else that you want to tell us either about your  
12          time in Nazareth House in Belfast or as a child migrant?  
13          Now is the opportunity for you to say anything else  
14          you'd like to.

15   **A. I think the most important thing I think of, and I am**  
16   **not doing this hoping to get marks or something, but**  
17   **I never -- I always felt safe in Belfast more than I did**  
18   **in Geraldton. I was lucky insomuch as I was a very**  
19   **nervous person. So I kept to myself mostly, but I had**  
20   **a couple of good friends in Geraldton, but I wasn't very**  
21   **badly treated. I was threatened by one nun one time.**  
22   **She threatened to push my head through the wall, and**  
23   **I knew she beat -- she was tough on other girls. She --**  
24   **but she had a stick as well and she used it, but really**  
25   **I feel I have been lucky. I have managed to come**

1 through things unscathed. Like some people have, you  
2 know, suffered a lot more than I have. So, all things  
3 considered, I haven't done too badly.

4 Q. Well, thank you very much, HIA298. I'm going to hand  
5 you over to the Panel, who may have some questions for  
6 you.

7 **A. Thank you very much.**

8 **Questions from THE PANEL**

9 CHAIRMAN: HIA298, can I ask you something more about the  
10 preparation or lack of preparation for your going to  
11 Australia? You say nobody asked you if you wanted to go  
12 to Australia. We have heard from a number of witnesses  
13 who remember people, either priests or other people,  
14 coming to the homes and talking about what life would be  
15 like in Australia and asking children if they would like  
16 to go. Do you remember anything at all like that?

17 **A. No, I don't, no. No-one ever spoke to me like that, no.**

18 Q. Another thing that I would like to ask you relates to  
19 some of the forms we have been just looking at  
20 a few minutes ago. There is one that has an entry from  
21 an interviewing officer dated 9th December 1952. So  
22 that's about three months or so before you go to  
23 Australia. We know from some witnesses, but not many,  
24 that they met officials from the Australian Immigration  
25 Department in London, who came over and interviewed

1           them. Do you remember anything like that happening to  
2           you, a face-to-face interview?

3   **A. No. No.**

4   Q. Another thing which we know some children under... --  
5           underwent were what we call IQ, intelligent quotient,  
6           examinations or tests, tests, in other words, to work  
7           out how clever you were. Do you remember sitting any  
8           sort of test, filling out any sort of test paper or  
9           anything like that?

10 **A. Well, it's quite strange, because when I first started**  
11 **my search, I wasn't to the archives in Perth and they**  
12 **said that I was -- I was fine. My sister HIA331 came**  
13 **with me as well and she had a look. In the paperwork it**  
14 **said I was good for my age but HIA331 was a little bit**  
15 **slow, but no-one ever examined us to get those results**  
16 **that I'm aware of.**

17 Q. Yes. One final question. You mentioned at the  
18 beginning of your evidence that when you came into the  
19 home, you were from a Protestant background. Isn't that  
20 right?

21 **A. Yes. Yes.**

22 Q. Then you were baptised before you went to Australia,  
23 baptised Roman Catholic.

24 **A. Yes, that's right. Yes, that's right.**

25 Q. When you spoke to your mother in later life, did you

1 mention that with her, raise it with her? Was she ever  
2 asked -- asked for her consent for that?

3 **A. No. No.**

4 Q. The last question I want to ask you is you say that when  
5 you spoke to your mother years later, she described how  
6 she went to the home to ask after you and your sister  
7 and she told you that she was told at the time there  
8 were no children of that name there.

9 **A. That's what she told us. I am probably going to be  
10 a little bit unkind, but I'm not really sure if that --  
11 if that happened.**

12 Q. I see.

13 **A. That might be a strange thing to say about my mother,  
14 but it just -- just appears to me that she did perhaps  
15 just go and leave us. That's -- that was my deep down  
16 thought.**

17 Q. Well, it's something that has occurred to us from time  
18 to time with other people. So you are not alone in  
19 that. Thank you very much. My colleagues may want to  
20 ask you a question.

21 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, HIA298. That has been really  
22 helpful. Can I just ask about feelings about the  
23 redress scheme? Could you say something else about  
24 that, why you think redress isn't a good idea?

25 **A. I think it's a good idea, because I think that a lot of**

1 us would like to go back to our country where we were  
2 born to visit people, but a lot of us aren't able to,  
3 because we haven't had enough education to have a good  
4 job to be able to do it on our own. So I feel that  
5 because we haven't had the chance, then redress is  
6 a fair thing to do so that we can go, and most of us,  
7 you know, are older now. Most of us are up in -- I was  
8 going to say 40s again. Yes, I just think we could do  
9 with a bit of assistance to go across and visit our  
10 family.

11 Q. Thank you. I obviously took you up wrong. Thank you.  
12 That's helpful.

13 A. Thank you.

14 MR LANE: Just one small point to pick up on the questions  
15 the Chairman was asking you. Do you have any indication  
16 from the information you found out since as to whether  
17 the Sisters had any forwarding address for your mother,  
18 any way of contacting her?

19 A. Well, when I first started to look for my mother, I did  
20 write to some of the Sisters and the local priest who  
21 was there at that time to ask if they had any idea where  
22 my mother was and I got back a recall to say no, they  
23 didn't know anything about where she was.

24 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

25 A. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN: HIA298 -- HIA298, you will be very grateful to  
2 hear I'm sure we don't have any more questions for you.  
3 Thank you very much indeed for taking the trouble to  
4 come and speak to us. We know it's getting on in the  
5 evening now or night-time where you are in Perth, but  
6 it's been very helpful, and thank you very much for  
7 taking the trouble to speak to us. Thank you.

8 **A. Thank you very much for listening to me and I appreciate**  
9 **it. Thank you very much.**

10 MS SMITH: Thank you, HIA298.

11 CHAIRMAN: Could we thank your colleagues for providing the  
12 service for us that we can speak to you?

13 **A. Thank you.**

14 **(Videolink terminated)**

15 MS SMITH: Chairman, Mr Aiken will be taking the next  
16 witness, but perhaps if we take a short break. We will  
17 have to remove the screen for that to take place.

18 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

19 (10.50 am)

20 (Short break)

21 (11.10 am)

22 WITNESS HIA166 (called)

23 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

24 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good morning.

25 The next witness today is HIA166, formerly HIA166. She

1 is "HIA166". Chairman, she is aware that you are going  
2 to ask her to take the oath. She does have some  
3 mobility difficulties, so she's going to stay seated.

4 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

5 WITNESS HIA166 (sworn)

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA166.

7 **A. Thank you.**

8 **Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY**

9 MR AIKEN: If we can bring up SNB-288, please. HIA166, on  
10 the screen --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- is, all being well, the first page of your Inquiry  
13 witness statement. Can you just check that it matches  
14 the hard copy that you have in front of you --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- except for the black marks?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. If we go through, please, to 298 and if you look at the  
19 last page of the hard copy you have, HIA166, and if you  
20 can just check that that's the same page as is on the  
21 screen.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Can you confirm that you've signed your witness  
24 statement --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and that you want to adopt the contents of your  
2 witness statement as your evidence to the Inquiry?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You are aware of the reason for the black marks, which  
5 is the Inquiry's anonymity policy, and you want to keep  
6 your anonymity?

7 **A. Yes, sir.**

8 Q. Just bear with me for a moment then, HIA166, till I give  
9 the Panel some references where relevant material can be  
10 found in the electronic bundle.

11 The response statement from the Sisters of Nazareth  
12 can be found at 2059 to 2061. HIA166 is aware that that  
13 contains in paragraph 13 a personal apology to her for  
14 any occasion whenever the treatment she received from  
15 the Sisters fell beneath a reasonable standard.

16 The Health & Social Care Board statement can be  
17 found at SNB-6153 and 6154, and, as I was discussing  
18 with HIA166 earlier, that records that as far as can be  
19 identified HIA166 was a privately arranged placement in  
20 Nazareth House, and therefore the Welfare Authority were  
21 not involved in her care at any stage.

22 HIA166, you were born on --

23

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- during the Second World War



1 and are now aged 72.

2 **A. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. You are a widow --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- but with five children --

6 **A. Yes, sir.**

7 Q. -- four girls and one boy.

8 **A. Yes.**

9

19 MR AIKEN: Yes. You also have eight or nine I think

20 grandchildren --

21 **A. Yes, sir.**

22 Q. -- and now two great-grandchildren.

23 **A. Yes, and they're all healthy and fine. Thank you.**

24 Q. That keeps you well occupied .

25 **A. It does indeed.**

1 Q. You were explaining to me that although the records that  
2 we have, such as they are, which you know is only the  
3 one register entry, record you coming into Nazareth  
4 House on 31st August 1948 --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- when you would have been 5 -- I will just give the  
7 Panel the reference for that. That's at 4186 or 4184  
8 references to that can be found. You stayed there until  
9 1961, when you were aged 18.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You also believe that you were actually in St. Joseph's  
12 Baby Home --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- as a baby.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Then you stayed there until the time you moved to  
17 Nazareth House.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. We were discussing the fact that it appears from the  
20 register entry that you were a private arrangement that  
21 was made for you to go and live in Nazareth -- both then  
22 in St. Joseph's and then in Nazareth House.

23 **A. Yes, sir.**

24 Q. You explain, if we can go back to 289, please, various  
25 incidents of physical abuse that you describe in your

1 statement.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Before I begin going through some of the separate  
4 incidents if I can describe -- summarise the position in  
5 this way, HIA166, from what you have had to say to the  
6 Inquiry and your discussion with me this morning. It  
7 was the harshness of the regime, the strictness of the  
8 regime in the home, and the keeping down of the child,  
9 and the physical punishment that accompanied being  
10 perceived to step out of line, and the language that was  
11 used to characterise you when that punishment was taking  
12 place that are the main things that you remember as  
13 abusive in the home. Does that summarise it?

14 **A. Yes, sir.**

15 Q. You give the first example of that in paragraph 6, that  
16 on an occasion whenever a suggestion of a birthday  
17 celebration was taking place in April you put your hand  
18 up, because there was an Easter egg going to be  
19 available, and you were slapped for doing that, because  
20 you were told your birthday was .

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. The point you made to me earlier was that you didn't  
23 know when your birthday was.

24 **A. Yes, sir.**

25 Q. That wasn't something that was celebrated in that -- in

1           that way within the home.

2   **A. No, sir.**

3   Q. You explain that that resulted in you getting a slap  
4       around the ear.

5   **A. Yes, sir.**

6   Q. That was the main way that you were chastised other than  
7       when the stick was used.

8   **A. Yes, sir.**

9   Q. I was asking you about the stick. You mention there was  
10     a cane on one occasion that we will come to, but the  
11     stick was a solid piece of wood.

12   **A. Yes, yes.**

13   Q. Can you -- what sort of length was it? Do you remember?

14   **A. Well, it would be the length of a stool.**

15   Q. So like a --

16   **A. A leg --**

17   Q. The leg of a stool?

18   **A. -- or something.**

19   Q. I was asking you where they were kept, the sticks that  
20     were used. You were saying to me they were just -- they  
21     seemed to be everywhere.

22   **A. Yes.**

23   Q. Did you feel -- were they kept by a nun on her person in  
24     some way?

25   **A. Well, it's a possibility it was, yes.**

1 Q. But you don't know --

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. -- how they were kept. In paragraph 13 and 14 of your  
4 statement, if we move through to 290, you explain how at  
5 the week-end, particularly on a Saturday, you'd spend  
6 the day cleaning. I was asking you about that. You  
7 said it was mostly the morning cleaning --

8 **A. Yes, sir.**

9 Q. -- a few hours and then in the afternoon you'd be out  
10 playing perhaps in the yard.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. But you were explaining in paragraph 13 and 14 how if  
13 you weren't doing the cleaning quickly enough --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- or doing it sufficiently well, then you would have  
16 got a slap from --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- either a nun or an older girl.

19 **A. Yes, sir.**

20 Q. I wanted to ask you about how the older girls came to be  
21 involved. You were explaining to me that there was  
22 a hierarchy of the nuns and then they had older girls  
23 who supervised the younger girls --

24 **A. Yes, sir.**

25 Q. -- and they were involved in keeping order perhaps not

1 to the same extent as the nuns, but in a similar fashion  
2 to the nuns.

3 **A. Yes, sir.**

4 Q. In paragraph 17, HIA166, at 291 you describe seeing the  
5 doctor.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. To summarise 17, you say essentially you never really  
8 complained to the doctor, because you'd get a hiding --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- for not telling the nuns first. Can you just explain  
11 to the Panel what you mean by that? Why -- what do you  
12 mean by needing to tell the nuns first?

13 **A. If you mentioned anything to the doctor, the nun later  
14 on would -- obviously she'd be offended that you didn't  
15 tell her first, and then you would have maybe a slap,  
16 because you didn't go to her first, but that was through  
17 fear.**

18 Q. So that was something you became aware of --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- that you just didn't do --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- and the fear made sure you didn't?

23 **A. Yes, sir.**

24 Q. You make that point in paragraph 18 then --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- that there was a pharmacy in the home.

2 **A. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. You were explaining to me that that was in the workroom

4 --

5 **A. Yes, sir.**

6 Q. -- and was it SR145 --

7 **A. Yes, sir.**

8 Q. -- who was responsible for that in your time? You were  
9 recalling her dealing with a splinter in your hand.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. That involved boiling water.

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. You were saying that you were -- by going there you were  
14 disrupting her from her work.

15 **A. Yes, sir.**

16 Q. Therefore you were keen not to go and be treated.

17 **A. Yes, sir.**

18 Q. Is that the way you were caused to approach --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- needing treatment?

21 **A. Yes, sir. You'd prefer to suffer silently than go down  
22 and whether they'd say you're complaining about nothing.**

23 Q. Why did you not feel comfortable complaining?

24 **A. Because you knew that if you went, maybe the nun,  
25 whoever -- it was SR145 most times -- that you were just**

1           **bothering her. There was nothing to complain about.**

2           **You'd get a slap then. So you'd be afraid to go again.**

3    Q. You describe then in paragraph 20 as a result of that

4           fear and that not wanting to complain --

5    **A. Yes, sir.**

6    Q. -- you as an older girl now, as a 14-year-old -- so you

7           think you would have finished your schooling --

8    **A. Yes.**

9    Q. -- and you were explaining to me that at 14 after you

10           had finished school you were then given various

11           responsibilities in one of the other departments in the

12           home.

13   **A. Yes, sir.**

14   Q. That could be helping with the younger children --

15   **A. Yes.**

16   Q. -- or it could be in the laundry or different jobs --

17   **A. Yes.**

18   Q. -- that you might have been asked to do. On one

19           occasion when that happened you were scrubbing the floor

20           and got splinters in your knee --

21   **A. Yes, sir.**

22   Q. -- but you didn't go and explain that that had happened.

23   **A. No, sir.**

24   Q. You set out in paragraph 20 that as a result of that

25           your knee became infected.



1    **A. Yes, sir.**

2    Q. Do you want to just tell the Panel what you remember  
3       about that incident happening and what happened to you  
4       in the aftermath of it?

5    **A. Yes, sir. I was scrubbing the babies' dormitory floor**  
6       **and -- wooden floor and I got three splinters in my left**  
7       **knee. I managed to get two out, but one embedded, and**  
8       **thinking it might come out, instead of going down to see**  
9       **the nun about it I just left it, but didn't understand**  
10      **that it would become infected if it was left in the leg.**

11       Of course, a few days or so after or a week I did  
12      have an infection. I was being very sick and dizzy or  
13      whatever, and one of the girls saw me and told  
14      SR214     who was working in the nursery at the time.  
15      She told me to go down -- down to bed and -- which  
16      I did, but I had to go to the pharmacy first. So they  
17      put me to bed and I remember then I must have been out  
18      of it, so to speak. The infection had got too bad.  
19      I remember the doctor coming, and because I hadn't  
20      actually told the nun where I was hurting, when the  
21      doctor saw the wound, of course, then the nuns then  
22      found out. I know I was in bed for about a fortnight or  
23      so after, but I was having it dressed with a poultice of  
24      some sort, and I think about another week or so later,  
25      which would have brought it up to almost the month,

1           **before it started getting better.**

2    Q.    So --

3    **A.    So I still have a knee complaint from then.**

4    Q.    I think you describe it in your -- you have done a typed  
5           version of your story before you met the Inquiry.  You  
6           describe that section of your story as your "gammy  
7           knee".

8    **A.    Yes, I did.  I called it -- still call it my gammy knee.**

9    Q.    But you remember ultimately the doctor was called in.

10   **A.    Yes.**

11   Q.    You were treated --

12   **A.    Yes.**

13   Q.    -- and looked after until it had healed.

14   **A.    Yes.  Yes, sir.**

15   Q.    You then describe another incident in paragraph 21, if  
16           we just scroll down.

17   **A.    Yes.**

18   Q.    The Panel obviously can -- have had the opportunity to  
19           read this incident already, but you are out for a walk.

20   **A.    Yes, sir.**

21   Q.    It may be -- I might be able to -- if we can bring up,  
22           please, 18438, which is a photograph that you brought to  
23           the Inquiry.  I am not sure if it is possible,  
24           to orientate the page.  If we go down to the photograph  
25           that's in the bottom corner and if there's a way to turn

1           that round. It may be there isn't a way to turn the  
2           photograph round, but this is a photograph that shows --  
3           there we are. We have managed to. If we can then hone  
4           in in some way on that. Not that one. Sorry. The one  
5           above that shows the children out walking.

6   **A. Ah, yes.**

7   Q. The order of the line was the point you were making to  
8       me from the photograph, that you had a nun in front and  
9       a nun behind and then the children walking.

10 **A. Yes, sir.**

11 Q. That's what you were doing on this particular day --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- whenever, in paragraph 21, if we go back to 292,  
14       please, you describe seeing --

15 CHAIRMAN: Could we have that photograph minimised to some  
16       extent, because it appears to lose its accuracy when  
17       it's blown up?

18 MR AIKEN: In fact, you have the original I think with you.

19

20 **A. Oh, it's in there.**

21 Q. -- we could give the Panel ...

22 **A. All right.**

23 Q. If you just hand the original to the Panel, HIA166, if  
24       that's okay --

25 **A. Yes, sir.**

1 Q. -- to allow them to see the ... Do you think was this  
2 photograph of the children from Nazareth House --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- or is this another different convent walking?

5 **A. Oh, no, no, no. It is Nazareth House --**

6 Q. It is Nazareth House?

7 **A. -- because I can still see it, and I've been back a few  
8 times myself and I actually know the site.**

9 Q. You know where that is that that walking is taking  
10 place.

11 **A. Yes. The wall inside the Ormeau Road.**

12 Q. Were you -- does this photograph show you dressed to go  
13 --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- to something in particular?

16 **A. It may have been the May procession, which was called  
17 the month of Mary. We'd process the four Sundays of the  
18 month of May.**

19 Q. So in the month of May each Sunday --

20 **A. Each Sunday.**

21 Q. -- you would have gone out in your best Sunday outfit,  
22 as it were --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- in a procession?

25 **A. Yes, sir.**

1 CHAIRMAN: Just so we can get this clear for the transcript,  
2 we have a very large number of children.

3 **A. Yes, sir.**

4 Q. There must I'm sure be forty, fifty children at the very  
5 least.

6 **A. There could be more.**

7 Q. Could be more. Most of the girls are very small, but  
8 they're all in white dresses --

9 **A. Yes, sir.**

10 Q. -- with veils, and then there's a group of perhaps  
11 teenagers, fully grown girls --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- again dressed in the same way, and then more small  
14 girls --

15 **A. Yes, sir.**

16 Q. -- again in the same dress. Now you think that might be  
17 one of the May processions or might it be a first  
18 communion or something like that?

19 **A. No, it wouldn't have been -- more of a May procession or  
20 it could have been the Corpus Christi procession.**

21 Q. Because the nun who is leading the procession appears to  
22 be carrying a cross.

23 **A. A big cross, yes.**

24 Q. Then there are at least two and possibly quite a number  
25 of more nuns spaced out along the line --

1 **A. Yes, sir.**

2 Q. -- so to speak --

3 **A. Yes, sir.**

4 Q. -- walking with the children as if it's a long  
5 procession.

6 **A. Yes, sir.**

7 Q. There's a high wall here.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Did that sort of procession go round the grounds then?

10 Is that the way --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. We've heard that --

13 **A. Only -- only around the grounds.**

14 Q. Yes.

15 **A. We would process out of the church, down the stairs and  
16 out through a side door and process up around to the  
17 front gardens and back in the side door, along the  
18 corridor and back up the stairs to the church.**

19 Q. Thank you very much, HIA166. That's very helpful.

20 **A. Thank you, sir.**

21 Q. Much clearer than the blown-up version.

22 **A. Thank you, sir.**

23 MR AIKEN: HIA166, what you're describing in paragraph 21  
24 then of your statement --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- is an occasion whenever the Sunday walk that went  
2 outside the premises --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- is taking place.

5 **A. Yes, sir.**

6 Q. You came across -- and you describe it I think in your  
7 typed version of your own --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- a pig in a blanket.

10 **A. Pig in a jacket.**

11 Q. Pig in a jacket. You -- it appears to have been a man  
12 who was relieving himself --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- and that came as a shock.

15 **A. Yes, sir.**

16 Q. It wasn't something you'd any knowledge of --

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. -- because anatomy was not something you had had any  
19 teaching about.

20 **A. No, sir.**

21 Q. You caused quite some disruption in the line, the type  
22 of line we saw in the photograph.

23 **A. Yes, sir.**

24 Q. You describe then how, when you were back in the home,  
25 you got hit with a stick.

1 **A. Yes, sir.**

2 Q. You say:

3 "She used a stick to beat me and I was bruised. She  
4 preached the gospel to me, highlighting the evils of the  
5 world, meaning that I was basically evil."

6 You didn't realise, as you say, until later life  
7 what you were actually seeing, but I was asking you  
8 then, "Could you remember who the nun was who dealt with  
9 you on that day?" --

10 **A. Yes, sir.**

11 Q. -- and you were able. Who was the nun?

12 **A. SR189.**

13 Q. SR189?

14 **A. Yes, sir.**

15 Q. She -- you can remember initially when you were there  
16 SR112 --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- was in charge --

19 **A. She was --**

20 Q. -- and then after she moved on SR189 was in charge.

21 **A. Yes, sir.**

22 Q. I think when I asked you about that, you said that SR189  
23 was the one who would have given you the most beatings  
24 --

25 **A. Yes, sir.**



1 Q. -- when that happened to you.

2 **A. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. You describe a particular incident in paragraph 27 of  
4 your statement, if we go through to 293 --

5 **A. Oh, yes.**

6 Q. -- and we scroll down. You say:

7 "I remember one morning a girl two beds down was  
8 crying and I went to see her. She said she was sick and  
9 I got her a bucket from the bathroom."

10 **A. Yes, sir.**

11 Q. "I was caught getting back into bed and one of the older  
12 girls told the nun that I was running around the  
13 dormitory waking everybody."

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. "The nun hit me a few times with her bare hands. Then  
16 she picked up my studded shoes, hitting me so hard."

17 You were saying to me that the stud was to keep the  
18 heel lasting as long as possible.

19 **A. Yes, sir.**

20 Q. "She caught me with the stud just across the right eye  
21 and it split open, causing blood to go everywhere."

22 **A. Yes, sir.**

23 Q. "She took me to the bathroom to wash the blood and put  
24 a bandage and plaster on it, and I was told if anyone  
25 asked what happened, I was to say I'd fallen out of the

1 bed and knocked my head on the corner of the bedside  
2 locker."

3 **A. Yes, sir.**

4 Q. Just take your time, HIA166. There's no -- no problem.  
5 There's water there as well, HIA166, if you want to have  
6 some.

7 **A. Okay.**

8 Q. Are you okay to continue, HIA166, or do you want to take  
9 a ...?

10 You were --

11 **A. Yes, I'll be all right, sir, now.**

12 Q. You were describing this to me earlier, HIA166, as --  
13 you call it your third eyebrow --

14 **A. Yes, sir.**

15 Q. -- because you still have a mark that you can see --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- above your actual eyebrow on your right eye --

18 **A. Yes, sir.**

19 Q. -- your right eye, the left-hand side of your face as  
20 I'm looking at you.

21 **A. Yes, sir.**

22 Q. I asked you, "Who -- who was the nun who engaged in this  
23 incident?" Can you tell the Panel who that was?

24 **A. Yes. SR189.**

25 Q. You explain then in that paragraph, HIA166, that you

1 weren't to go to the classroom.

2 **A. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. Why was that? What had you to do instead?

4 **A. I had to go down to the -- stay in the recreation hall**  
5 **out of the way.**

6 Q. When it came to meal times, where did you have your --  
7 did you come up to the refectory to eat?

8 **A. No, I was -- yes, I was allowed into the refectory to**  
9 **eat.**

10 Q. Did you do your schooling -- had you books then down in  
11 the recreation hall?

12 **A. Down in the recreation hall, yes, sir.**

13 Q. Then can you remember how long you were kept separate  
14 before you returned --

15 **A. Well --**

16 Q. -- to the classroom normally?

17 **A. Well, I suppose it could have been a week or a fortnight**  
18 **till the worst of the injury had gone.**

19 Q. Did you ever feel able to report that to anybody? Was  
20 there anyone in the home that you could ...?

21 **A. No, you couldn't -- you couldn't tell anyone.**

22 Q. You describe in paragraph 31, HIA166, if we go down to  
23 29... -- just if we stop there, you describe working in  
24 the laundry --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and on this occasion, if we just scroll slightly  
2 further down --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- you fell when you were bringing the laundry back  
5 over.

6 **A. Yes, sir.**

7 Q. You got the laundry covered in mud.

8 **A. Yes, sir.**

9 Q. You knew you were going to get in trouble. So you tried  
10 to hide your involvement in it --

11 **A. Yes, sir.**

12 Q. -- but you were caught.

13 **A. Yes, sir.**

14 Q. I was asking you, "Who was responsible for punishing you  
15 on this occasion?" You weren't sure whether it was  
16 SR189 or SR134.

17 **A. Yes, yes, I wasn't too sure about that.**

18 Q. Can you remember what happened to you? How were you  
19 punished when you had caused dirt to get on the laundry?

20 **A. There again it was probably a crack with a stick, pot,  
21 stick or a cane.**

22 Q. Now in paragraph 32, if we just scroll slightly down,  
23 you discuss here a particular occasion, HIA166, whenever  
24 you are in the recreation hall and there was too much  
25 noise.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. In paragraph 33 you explain that SR145 --

3 **A. Yes, sir.**

4 Q. -- got very upset about the noise --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and said that you were disrespectful and needed to be  
7 taught a lesson.

8 **A. Yes, sir.**

9 Q. She took you to the work room. That's where she was  
10 based. That was also where the pharmacy was.

11 **A. Yes, sir.**

12 Q. You say she took a stick and started battering you --

13 **A. Yes, sir.**

14 Q. -- and then came with it was the point you were making  
15 to me earlier that you were told you were a child of the  
16 devil --

17 **A. Yes, sir.**

18 Q. -- and your soul would be damned. She kept hitting you.  
19 You say you tried to scramble away on your hands and  
20 knees, but she caught you by the ankle and continued  
21 hitting you.

22 **A. Yes, sir.**

23 Q. She kept you in the room to remain until you had stopped  
24 crying.

25 **A. Yes, sir.**

1 Q. In paragraph 34, HIA166, you then describe an occasion  
2 which you attribute to SR189 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- where you -- an older girl -- another girl had stuck  
5 a pin in you.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You were trying out to be potentially going to become  
8 a nun.

9 **A. Yes, sir.**

10 Q. That's what this group that was meeting in the church  
11 was about.

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. She stuck the pin in you and you let out a scream, and  
14 SR189 then dragged you from your seat and was extremely  
15 upset, because you shouted in church.

16 **A. Yes, sir.**

17 Q. This was an occasion when you say she used not the stick  
18 --

19 **A. Yes, sir.**

20 Q. -- but the type of bamboo cane --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- that the Inquiry will have heard about from other  
23 individuals.

24 **A. Yes, sir.**

25 Q. You -- as well as hitting you -- can you remember where

1 she hit you? If you don't remember, just say.

2 **A. Just most parts of my body anyway --**

3 Q. You say that she --

4 **A. -- in general.**

5 Q. -- also told you that you were -- you'd be a disgrace  
6 for the rest of your life --

7 **A. Yes, sir.**

8 Q. -- and you'd end up in the gutter. You said that put  
9 you off. You weren't going to be a nun --

10 **A. Yes, sir.**

11 Q. -- after that.

12 I want to ask you about bedwetting, HIA166.

13 **A. Yes, sir.**

14 Q. If we go back to paragraph 8 at 289, you describe how  
15 you were one of the children who wet the bed.

16 **A. Yes, sir.**

17 Q. You had to go round the dormitory in your wet nightdress  
18 to open the windows while the other children looked on.

19 **A. Yes, sir.**

20 Q. Was that a form of punishment?

21 **A. Yes, yes, I'd say it was.**

22 Q. What -- can you -- we're going to come to talk the  
23 device that you refer to here, but what other  
24 punishments were there for the children who wet the bed?

25 **A. Maybe you'd be left to sleep just on this rubber**

1           **mattress thing or you had to sometimes maybe wash the**  
2           **sheets out yourself before you took them to the laundry.**

3   Q.   What you describe then in paragraph 8, HIA166, is --

4   **A.   Yes.**

5   Q.   -- when you were about 8 or 9 --

6   **A.   Yes, sir.**

7   Q.   -- you were moved up to a bed beside the nun's cell in  
8       the dormitory.

9   **A.   Yes, sir.**

10  Q.   She put an object on top of the mattress --

11  **A.   Yes, sir.**

12  Q.   -- which was a tray, and you were to sleep on it, the  
13       idea of it was there was a battery attached to wires  
14       going along the tray connected to an alarm clock.

15  **A.   Yes.**

16  Q.   When you began to wet the bed, then the idea was this  
17       would go off to wake you --

18  **A.   Yes, sir.**

19  Q.   -- so you would go to the toilet.  You -- as part of you  
20       recalling your experience if we can bring up 30272,  
21       please, you have drawn a diagram with the assistance --  
22       a computerised mock-up --

23  **A.   Yes, sir.**

24  Q.   -- of what this was like --

25  **A.   Yes, sir.**



1 Q. -- to explain the different elements that were part of  
2 this system. If we can just go back then, please, to  
3 289, paragraph 8, so in addition to this device -- and  
4 you say that it gave you a stinging sensation --

5 **A. Yes, sir.**

6 Q. -- from the shock. Did it -- did it do what it was  
7 supposed to do? Did it wake you in order to help you  
8 then know --

9 **A. Yes, it did wake me. Yes, of course, because you had  
10 had the shock.**

11 Q. You were able then to get up and go to the toilet --

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. -- without as much bedwetting then?

14 **A. Yes, sir.**

15 Q. If we can scroll down on to paragraph 9, you explain  
16 that you recall being taken to the Royal Victoria  
17 Hospital to see a doctor about your bedwetting.

18 **A. Yes, sir.**

19 Q. Now you were in the home between 1948 and 1960.

20 **A. Yes, sir.**

21 Q. So if 8 or 9 is the age that this happened at, then  
22 that's around potentially 1951/'52, something like that  
23 --

24 **A. It's possible.**

25 Q. -- and you were being taken to see a doctor about your

1 bedwetting.

2 **A. Yes. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. Your recollection is that they did something with pins,  
4 but you are not sure of the -- the reason. Do you  
5 remember what conclusion was reached about your  
6 bedwetting?

7 **A. No, sir, no, because the --**

8 Q. Did you --

9 **A. -- nuns wouldn't come back and tell you what the reply**  
10 **was from the doctor. They wouldn't necessarily tell you**  
11 **yourself what the doctor's diagnosis was.**

12 Q. Did you continue to use the device then on your bed  
13 or --

14 **A. No. It was only for the period of a week or maybe two**  
15 **weeks and after that then it finished.**

16 Q. At that stage had the problem resolved --

17 **A. No, no.**

18 Q. -- or did you restart wetting the bed?

19 **A. It carried on.**

20 Q. As I was saying to you earlier, the Sisters of Nazareth  
21 have said in paragraph 3 of their replying statement  
22 that they accept they didn't deal with bedwetting  
23 properly, and various others have spoken to the Inquiry  
24 about their experience of how their bed wetting was  
25 handled, but they do refer to later medical assistance

1 without necessarily knowing the date. So if this is  
2 right, it is potentially '51/'52. Something was taking  
3 place to understand and deal medically with having  
4 a bedwetting problem.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You are clear this was definitely in Nazareth House that  
7 this was done --

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. -- where you were taken to the hospital --

10 **A. Yes, sir.**

11 Q. -- to be looked at?

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. Others have talked to the Inquiry about being beaten for  
14 wetting the bed.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Is that something that you witnessed happening for  
17 bedwetting?

18 **A. I can only speak for myself. So I'd say I probably did  
19 get a couple of hidings, because I did -- I mean,  
20 wetting the bed.**

21 Q. That was presumably to encourage you not to wet the bed  
22 anymore.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You also talk in paragraph 28, if we can go through to  
25 294, please -- I want to ask you, HIA166, about bathing

1 in the home --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- and the issue of modesty --

4 **A. Yes, sir.**

5 Q. -- because you describe you bathed twice a week --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- and you talk about the Jeyes fluid that they used --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- and the burning sensation that came with that and the  
10 carbolic soap --

11 **A. Yes, sir.**

12 Q. -- but you explain that you wore a shift dress garment

13 --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- while you were in the bath.

16 **A. Yes, sir.**

17 Q. You also -- there were other girls holding up a sheet.

18 **A. Yes, sir.**

19 Q. Was that because the nuns did not want you or others  
20 seeing naked flesh?

21 **A. Yes, sir, yes.**

22 Q. The Inquiry has heard some evidence to suggest that  
23 people were made run naked through the home. Were you  
24 ever made --

25 **A. No, I wouldn't -- no, I don't remember that.**

1 Q. From your perspective --

2 **A. From my -- talking about myself. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. You were explaining to me earlier that, in fact, you  
4 learned how to dress and undress without seeing yourself  
5 --

6 **A. Yes, sir.**

7 Q. -- and you were saying to me you still can do that  
8 today.

9 **A. Yes, sir.**

10 Q. That was because the nuns were against flesh being seen?

11 **A. Yes, sir.**

12 Q. But you do then refer in paragraph 30, HIA166 --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- to SR189 again --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- and an occasion whenever she perceived you to have  
17 a mark on your neck that needed to be cleaned.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. She took a floor scrubbing brush to your neck.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. I think you were saying to me earlier that still makes  
22 you shiver even today.

23 **A. Thinking about it, aye.**

24 Q. In paragraph 25, if we just scroll up a little, you  
25 describe your overall -- the feeling that you were

1           caused to have growing up in Nazareth House and that  
2           was:

3           "I always had a feeling of fear."

4           You say here:

5           "I felt that you had to know your place, and if you  
6           looked at the Sisters in the wrong way, you'd get  
7           slapped. It was like you always had to sit down and  
8           behave. The nuns didn't want to hear from you" --

9   **A. Yes, sir.**

10 Q. -- but it was that overall sense of fear --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- that characterises your time in Nazareth House for  
13       you?

14 **A. Yes, sir.**

15 Q. You also describe, if we move through to paragraph 43,  
16       please, at 297 --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- that -- if I can just characterise what you're saying  
19       in paragraph 43 is there was a lack of love --

20 **A. Yes, sir .**

21 Q. -- that you weren't shown love or emotion while you were  
22       there. I was asking you, "Was there some nuns or were  
23       there some nuns who were kind to you?" and you said  
24       there were one or two that you can think of --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- who were certainly much kinder than others --

2 **A. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. -- although even those kinder nuns were not loving in  
4 the sense you would understand it with your children.

5 **A. Yes, sir.**

6 Q. You describe in paragraphs 35, 36 and 37 of your  
7 statement on 296 when you reached 18 --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. So you had been working in the home from 14 to 18 doing  
10 various tasks and then you went to work in the Mater  
11 Hospital.

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. You worked for a period there. You describe how you and  
14 others would have returned to Nazareth House on a Sunday  
15 --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- to meet up. You were known as "The Situation Girls".

18 **A. Yes, sir.**

19 Q. I was asking you what that meant. Just can you describe  
20 for the Panel what "The Situation Girl" was?

21 **A. It was what we called ourselves. We went out to  
22 a working situation outside.**

23 Q. That group then would have met on a Sunday?

24 **A. Yes, because there was a kind of a little club for us  
25 in -- in Nazareth House.**

1 Q. You were welcomed back --

2 **A. We'd meet.**

3 Q. -- to --

4 **A. Yes. Yes, sir.**

5 Q. -- to meet on the Sunday.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. I was asking you, "Occasionally did nuns join with you?"

8 **A. Yes. They might come in and say "Hello" and have**  
9 **a chat, find out how you were getting on.**

10 Q. I want to ask you then about paragraph 41, HIA166, which  
11 is on 297. You explain how you left Belfast, because --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- one of the nuns got you a job in Nazareth House in

14

15 **A. Yes. Yes, sir.**

16 Q. Can you remember which nun got you the job?

17 **A. I think it was Sister --**

18 Q. Sister --

19 **A. -- or .**

20 Q. -- or . You went to Nazareth House and you  
21 worked there with the children.

22 **A. Yes, sir.**

23 Q. I was asking you about that. It was a domestic role  
24 that you had --

25 **A. Yes, sir.**



1 Q. -- but your experience there was that it was less harsh

2 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- than your recollection of being in Belfast --

5 **A. Yes, sir.**

6 Q. -- and --

7 **A. It was a different -- totally different environment --**

8 Q. The words you used to me earlier --

9 **A. -- to what I was used for.**

10 Q. -- was you didn't feel chained down.

11 **A. No, sir.**

12 Q. Now obviously you weren't -- you were there working --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- as opposed to living as a child there --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- but do you think the children were less chained down  
17 there as well?

18 **A. No, no. As I say, it was a totally different  
19 environment all around.**

20 Q. So the children were more free --

21 **A. Yes, they were.**

22 Q. -- and the atmosphere --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- was different for you from what you'd experienced in  
25 Belfast?

1 **A. What I -- yes, sir.**

2 Q. You mentioned to me that working there, you were  
3 a civilian member of -- you weren't a nun --

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. -- but you were saying to me there were also civilian  
6 nurses --

7 **A. There was.**

8 Q. -- worked in the --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- premises.

11 **A. Yes, sir.**

12 Q. That wasn't the experience you had in Belfast.

13 **A. No, no.**

14 Q. In Belfast it was --

15 **A. Totally different.**

16 Q. Were there some -- were there some civilian staff  
17 working in Nazareth House in Belfast while you were  
18 a child doing domestic duties?

19 **A. No, there was no outsiders. There was no outsiders at  
20 the time. It was just the children ourselves --**

21 Q. And the nuns?

22 **A. -- did all the work, yes, and the nuns.**

23 Q. HIA166, there are two questions -- I explained to you --  
24 I explained to you earlier there are two questions that  
25 we ask people at the end of their evidence.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. The first one is about recommendations, and the Panel at  
3 the end of its work has to consider what recommendations  
4 it might make to the Northern Ireland Government --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- in three areas: some form of apology -- and you are  
7 aware the Sisters have personally apologised to you --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- perhaps some form of memorial of some kind --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- or some other means of redress.

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. We ask each witness whether there's anything they want  
14 to say that would assist the Panel with their thinking  
15 about recommendations.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Is there anything you want to say to the Panel about  
18 that?

19 **A. Excuse me a wee minute. Sorry. Am I allowed to ask**  
20 **...? Well, it was -- I had mentioned about in regard to**  
21 **my health at the moment was there any compensation plans**  
22 **or just if, you know ...**

23 Q. So you think some provision should be made for  
24 compensation --

25 **A. Well --**

1 Q. -- for the children who lived in the homes?

2 **A. Oh, sorry. I'm talking about myself. I thought that**  
3 **was the question.**

4 Q. The recommendations that the Panel have to make are  
5 generally --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- about the children who suffered abuse in the homes --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- and whether there was anything you wanted to say  
10 about that in terms of apologies or memorials or  
11 redress. Compensation is one of the things you have  
12 mentioned. Is there anything else you want to --

13 **A. Well, as -- I'd add on to it I have had an apology and,**  
14 **you know, I quietly accept that, and I think that --**  
15 **I'll leave it at that.**

16 Q. The last question, HIA166, that we ask each witness is  
17 whether there's anything else that they want to say  
18 about their time in the home that we're looking at,  
19 which is in this case Nazareth House. Maybe it's  
20 something I haven't covered in the right detail, or I've  
21 got something wrong, or I maybe haven't covered it at  
22 all. Now is your time if there's anything else you want  
23 to say that I maybe haven't touched on.

24 **A. No, no. I think you have asked the right questions**  
25 **today and I hope I've given proper answers --**

1 Q. Well --

2 **A. -- and I'm quite happy with it.**

3 Q. -- thank you for that. If you bear with us for a few  
4 moments --

5 **A. Yes, sir.**

6 Q. -- the Panel Members may want to ask you something. So  
7 just bear with us for a short time.

8 **A. Okay.**

9 **Questions from THE PANEL**

10 CHAIRMAN: HIA166, you remember us looking at the photograph  
11 which you were kind enough to show us --

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. -- with the procession in it? You mentioned in your  
14 statement that there were times when all the girls from  
15 Nazareth Lodge would be taken down in a procession --  
16 sorry -- from Nazareth House --

17 **A. Nazareth House.**

18 Q. -- would be taken in a procession to Nazareth Lodge.

19 **A. No, no, no.**

20 Q. No?

21 **A. They were in the ground. The processions were in the  
22 grounds of Nazareth House.**

23 Q. Yes, but we know that some of the girls in Nazareth  
24 House had brothers in Nazareth Lodge.

25 **A. Yes, sir.**

1 Q. Was there ever any contact between the two groups that  
2 you were aware of?

3 A. **Yes, sir. Yes. We used to walk down the Ravenhill Road**  
4 **side down to the Lodge --**

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. -- where some of the girls who had brothers there and  
7 they'd all meet up.

8 Q. What would happen when you got there? Those of you,  
9 like yourself, who maybe didn't have a brother there,  
10 what did you do?

11 A. **Yes. They had a big field there, you know. We'd --**  
12 **I learnt to play cricket I remember, or we'd have maybe**  
13 **a skipping rope or whatever, and rounders --**

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. -- or whatever we'd play.

16 Q. Well, were there some sort of organised activities or  
17 were you just turned loose in the field?

18 A. **No. We were just there free to run around -- I mean in**  
19 **the field, out in the field.**

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. **Nowhere else.**

22 Q. If a girl or two girls had a brother or brothers, were  
23 they expected to find their brothers themselves or was  
24 there some --

25 A. **No. The boys --**

1 Q. -- formal meeting?

2 **A. No. The boys would be out there ready to meet the**  
3 **sisters out in the field.**

4 Q. Assuming, of course, I suppose that they wanted to meet  
5 them, because brothers don't always want to meet  
6 sisters.

7 **A. No. I know where you're going, but obviously if the --**  
8 **the girls that were with me, if they had brothers down**  
9 **there, they would have been in -- put in the same time,**  
10 **the boys. You know, say they were put in in 1943, the**  
11 **boys down the Ravenhill Road and the girls up here in**  
12 **Nazareth House. So, you know, there was always, you**  
13 **know, "Oh, glad to see you again" type of social**  
14 **greeting.**

15 Q. So there was the opportunity for them to meet up and see  
16 their brother or their sister, as the case may be.  
17 That's what you were saying. Whenever they went down,  
18 they were able to see their sisters.

19 **A. Yes, sir.**

20 Q. Right. Thank you very much.

21 **A. My hearing aid.**

22 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, HIA166. That has been really  
23 helpful. Can I just ask you when the nuns used to  
24 punish you, physically beat you or hit you, did they do  
25 that in front of each other? Was it in public places or

1 did they --

2 **A. Sometimes there would be another nun around.**

3 Q. Okay, and the other nun wouldn't intervene or --

4 **A. No, not in my case --**

5 Q. No.

6 **A. -- but I can't speak for anybody else.**

7 Q. But sometimes it was public? It wasn't -- it wasn't  
8 always done in private?

9 **A. Oh, I -- sometimes it was public. Maybe a Saturday when**  
10 **we'd all be in the hall and you'd have your socks**  
11 **inspection, your underwear inspection, and then the main**  
12 **nun would -- would call some of us out, saying that she**  
13 **had reports about us from other nuns that we had -- were**  
14 **naughty, let's say, during the week, and maybe we might**  
15 **have a slap for that --**

16 Q. Right.

17 **A. -- but that would happen on Saturdays.**

18 Q. Right. That's very helpful. Thanks, HIA166. Can  
19 I just ask about the older girls?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Were they given free rein? Could they like hit you as  
22 they felt?

23 **A. Yes, I would say they had free range to do as they**  
24 **wished.**

25 Q. Okay, and the nuns would observe that. That wouldn't --



1   **A. Yes, the nuns would probably observe it, but then again**  
2       **maybe the -- if the nuns had other business to do, the**  
3       **older girls would be in charge. So the nuns wouldn't**  
4       **always be around if the older girls were slapping you**  
5       **about.**

6   Q. Okay. Can I just ask finally just maybe for you to say  
7       a wee bit about what impact you think your time in  
8       Nazareth House has had on you in your adult life, on you  
9       as a mother.

10  **A. Yes. I get what you mean. There were times -- there**  
11       **were incidents that happened to me after I moved over to**  
12               **and it would bring me back to Belfast. I don't**  
13       **want to go into the incidents.**

14  Q. Okay. That's fine. No, no, no. That's fine.

15  **A. Okay?**

16  Q. That's fine. That's --

17  **A. But things had happened --**

18  Q. Okay.

19  **A. -- and I would think back to --**

20  Q. To what happened then.

21  **A. -- to what happened then in Belfast.**

22  Q. Okay. So it would -- it would stay with you. There's  
23       times it would -- something would happen --

24  **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

25  Q. -- and it would come back to you again.

1   **A. There would be --**

2   Q. That's fine.

3   **A. -- a smell, a sound or somebody said something and it**  
4       **would take me back.**

5   Q. Back, back. Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate  
6       it.

7   **A. Okay. Thank you.**

8   MR LANE: You mentioned some fairly severe beatings that you  
9       had --

10  **A. Yes, sir.**

11  Q. -- and being called things like "child of the devil" and  
12       so on.

13  **A. Yes, sir.**

14  Q. Did you see yourself as being one of the worst behaved  
15       girls or were they all treated that way?

16  **A. Well -- oh, they were all. All around it was. Everyone**  
17       **had the same.**

18  Q. So you weren't being picked on in particular?

19  **A. No, I wasn't.**

20  Q. No.

21  **A. I would just say that I would have thought myself as**  
22       **a highly spirited child. It is what I wouldn't -- what**  
23       **my own children have done when they were younger, you**  
24       **know, I think back and I think, "You know, I would have**  
25       **had a crack for that" --**

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. -- you know, but yes, I wasn't the only one.

3 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

4 A. Yes, sir. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA166, I'm sure you'll be glad to hear  
6 that those are the last questions we want to ask you  
7 today. Thank you very much indeed for coming to speak  
8 to us --

9 A. Thank you, sir.

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So thank you again for

12

coming.

13 A. Thank you, sir.

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(Witness withdrew)

15 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the -- we have  
16 another videolink that will take place at 2 o'clock.

17 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will rise now until 2 o'clock.

18 (12.07 pm)

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(Lunch break)

20 (2.20 pm)

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(By videolink)

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WITNESS HIA149 (called)

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Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

24 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the next witness  
25 today is HIA149, who is "HIA149". HIA149 gave evidence

1 to the Inquiry on Day 67 of its public hearing on 17th  
2 November of 2014. On that occasion HIA149 took the  
3 oath, and I have made him aware that he remains under  
4 oath, and he has the bible with him today and has that,  
5 wishes to keep his hand on it he has indicated to me,  
6 and he has confirmed that he wants to keep his anonymity  
7 in the way that he did whenever he gave evidence on the  
8 last occasion.

9 HIA149, can you hear what I'm saying?

10 **A. I can, yes. I can.**

11 Q. Thank you. If you bear with me for a few moments,  
12 HIA149, I'm just going to give various references to  
13 documents to the Inquiry Panel, and I explained to you  
14 earlier that the Panel has had the opportunity to see  
15 and read this material in advance of hearing from you  
16 today, and I'm just going to publicly acknowledge where  
17 those documents are. So bear with me, please.

18 HIA149's witness statement is at 648. If we can  
19 bring that up on the screen. HIA149, you remember you  
20 met the Inquiry team in Maghaberry and prepared your  
21 witness statement?

22 **A. They were very nice and very considerate and very**  
23 **understanding and they had a tape. So I told them every**  
24 **single detail that I suffered to these people.**

25 Q. I will pass on those very kind remarks to the legal team

1 that you met and I'm grateful for them.

2 The statement that you made you proved whenever you  
3 were giving your evidence in Rubane, and that's the  
4 witness statement that the Inquiry Panel have had the  
5 opportunity to read, an d--

6 **A. It's actually -- it's actually called Kircubbin,**  
7 **Kircubbin.**

8 Q. Yes.

9 **A. Kircubbin in County Down.**

10 Q. Yes, and you --

11 **A. County Antrim or County Down.**

12 Q. As we discussed on the last occasion, you made a number  
13 of statements to the police and --

14 **A. Yes, I did.**

15 Q. -- you made, as you know, a statement to the police in  
16 May of 1980, whenever you were reporting to your social  
17 worker and to the police what **DL 509** had done to  
18 you and your brother.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. The Panel have had access to that document. That's in  
21 the RUB bundle, Members of the Panel, at 60115.

22 Then you remember, HIA149, that you met with the  
23 Police Service of Northern Ireland in January of 2012  
24 and had with them in January, April and August very long  
25 interviews and --

1    **A. Well, I actually -- I actually went to the Ormeau Road**  
2       **Police Station and I asked to see a person from the Rape**  
3       **Crisis Unit, and a detective lady with blondy hair --**  
4       **I don't -- I can't remember who, because of my mental**  
5       **health damage. 5% of my brain is damaged from the fall**  
6       **at that time with Smyth. Because of that and my mental**  
7       **-- he has left me brain damaged. I can't remember that**  
8       **police officer's name. All I can remember she has long**  
9       **blond hair and she works for the Rape Crisis Unit in the**  
10      **Ormeau Road, and I told her exactly everything, and**  
11      **I broke down in tears with anger.**

12    **Q. That's -- as I said to you, emotion, anger or tears,**  
13       **that's perfectly fine, HIA149, and the Inquiry Panel**  
14       **have access to the very substantial transcripts. I was**  
15       **showing you earlier the two lever arch files of material**  
16       **that I have with me that relates to you. You will**  
17       **remember me showing you it earlier on today.**

18    **A. I did and I'm very grateful as well that you have them,**  
19       **'cos it's all the truth.**

20    **Q. The Inquiry Panel have the relevant parts of your**  
21       **material in relation to your time in Nazareth Lodge and**  
22       **have had the opportunity to consider those. So when you**  
23       **gave your long interviews to the police in January of**  
24       **2012, I am just going to give the Panel the reference**  
25       **for that. So bear with me. That's at 60863 to 60894.**

1 That part of the interview is where HIA149 describes his  
2 time in Nazareth Lodge and the abuse he says he suffered  
3 at the hands of Father Brendan Smyth.

4 Then he gave interviews -- that was in January of  
5 2012. You gave another one in April 2012, where you  
6 talked about Kircubbin, and that was -- that's in the  
7 RUB bundle at 64433 to 64567.

8 Then you gave a third interview to the police, where  
9 there's a detailed transcript available, in August of  
10 2012. That's in the SNB bundle at 61136 through to  
11 61161.

12 There then are statements that we have received in  
13 the Inquiry as it has gathered its evidence. The  
14 statement from the Sisters of Nazareth is at 2178 and  
15 2179, and then the Health & Social Care Board statement  
16 is at 5537 to 5538 with exhibits from 5539 to 5552.

17 As you were explaining to me earlier, HIA149, when  
18 we were consulting, you came into Nazareth Lodge via  
19 a court order.

20 **A. It started off -- I'd like to start it off right from**  
21 **the beginning. Right? I was taken off my father and**  
22 **mother because my father and mother , but**  
23 **they were also alcoholics. They used to live in**  
24 **up beside the . That**  
25 **was the only house they could find from the council. It**

1           **was a small detached house.**

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**So the council had to give**

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**them a house in                   . I can't remember**

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**the number, because I was only 6 months, a baby, 6**

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**months old baby.**

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**Q.** That's no problem at all, HIA149, and, in fact, what you

8

are describing is in the large files that I was showing

9

you, and the Panel have the relevant pages that explain

10

the difficult family background that you came from and

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then the decision to bring you and your siblings to

12

Nazareth House and Lodge via a court order, and the

13

Panel have had the opportunity to see that court order

14

and can see you being transferred to Nazareth Lodge,

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where you then spent a number of years before you moved

16

to Kircubbin.

17

**A. Yes.**

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**Q.** In addition, you explained to me earlier, and you have

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made reference to it in passing, that you have had

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mental health difficulty and psychiatric difficulty and,

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as I said to you on the last occasion, the Panel have

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access to the medical reports from the doctors who

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have -- whom you have had the opportunity to see at

24

various times.

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**A. I'd just like -- I'd just like to state at the start of**



1 the beginning of when Smyth was at his carry-on, it was  
2 1971. My brother DL56 was playing the piano. There  
3 used to be a piano in the place I was staying in,  
4 Nazareth Lodge Children's Home, on the ward they put me  
5 on. I can't remember the ward, but it was over into the  
6 left, like this side here that I'm showing you with my  
7 hand, over into the left. There was a square patch of  
8 grass with flowers growing. There was the main entrance  
9 in Nazareth Lodge, Nazareth House and there used to be a  
10 nun -- the Head Mother used to be in charge of that part  
11 of the section. Over at the section behind that  
12 section there was a little hut. Then there was also  
13 a little bit of grass and chalet 1 and chalet 2 was  
14 there and SR62 was in charge of chalet 2. I was in  
15 chalet 1 right -- if you put a nail in a corner, like it  
16 in a corner, two joints of a wall, that's where my  
17 chalet was. There was big long bit of glass. As soon  
18 as you went in the side door there's a wall going like  
19 that there. There used to be a kitchen right there.  
20 This part was the dining hall and in here was the hall.

21 At this time my brother was standing -- my brother  
22 DL56 used to love playing the piano, which -- the nuns  
23 used to tell him, "DL56, man, stop playing that piano.  
24 You have to go to school and you have to do this". We  
25 were in our shorts, as you can imagine. In 1971 at the

1 time we used to wear shorts. We didn't use to wear  
2 trousers.

3 I was standing at this location. I was standing  
4 right behind my brother and I was saying, "Our DL56 ,  
5 you are brilliant at playing the piano. Go on, son!  
6 You are brilliant at playing the piano. Will you teach  
7 me some day how to play it?"

8 This was on a Sunday after mass. We ran down from  
9 mass after getting mass, which Smyth -- which Father --  
10 I state to the court which Father Brendan Smyth was  
11 saying. I always wanted to be an altar boy. My  
12 favourite vision was to be an altar boy -- right -- to  
13 help with the priests and all. I didn't know these  
14 things were going to happen.

15 I left the church to come down with my brother, and  
16 Smyth started fondling me in the place where you change,  
17 the vestry, where you take off your altar boy clothes  
18 and you hang them up across from the little Catholic  
19 Church about -- about that much distance, about that  
20 much distance that I am showing you, where my finger  
21 mark is about that much distance from the church to  
22 where the vestries were, exactly the level of my  
23 fingers, from my thumb and my finger about that much  
24 distance.

25 I was in that vestry and Smyth came in and he

1        started fondling my penis. He started putting his hands  
2        down my trousers. I said, "Please leave me alone,  
3        mister. Stop it. Stop it. Stop it. What are you at?  
4        What are you at?" That was my reaction. If you can  
5        imagine a child trying to push back a big, fat, heavy,  
6        small, 4'2" grown man. I was underneath -- I was  
7        the baby that was underneath being smothered. He  
8        started trying to touch me.

9            My sister DL103 came in. She was only a kid at the  
10        time. She started -- she came up behind Smyth and says,  
11        "Here, what are you at, Smyth? Leave him alone. Leave  
12        him alone. Like, that's my wee brother. Leave him  
13        alone", and so with that I started panicking. I started  
14        taking convulsions and panicking. I tried to get past  
15        where your arm is there, your shoulder, arm beside the  
16        computer. I tried to push past him and I couldn't. He  
17        was in front of me, and when he turned round and he seen  
18        my sister DL103, it was only then and only then did he  
19        stop sexually abusing me.

20    Q.    Okay.

21    A.    So --

22    Q.    HIA149, let me pause you there to say that the medical  
23        reports, as I was explaining to you, from the --  
24        demonstrate to the Inquiry the difficulties that you  
25        have explained from getting psychiatric damage. They

1 are available to the Inquiry and the Panel have them and  
2 have access to them, and the references for those are --

3 **A. Well, that's good, that's good, and I'm glad that's**  
4 **there, that's there.**

5 Q. Bear with me -- bear with me one moment, HIA149, just  
6 till I give the Panel the references. They are at 71096  
7 to 71117. That's Dr Curran in January of '13, and  
8 Dr Harbinson in September of '11 at 71118 to 71128.

9 HIA149, you explain -- and you have got ahead of me  
10 by explaining what happened to you in Nazareth Lodge --  
11 you explain in your Inquiry statement that you were in  
12 Nazareth Lodge from December '68. Essentially you were  
13 a young baby essentially, 2 years of age, when you went  
14 in and then --

15 **A. I went -- I --**

16 Q. -- you lived there until --

17 **A. Go on. Sorry.**

18 Q. -- 29th April 1977, when you were aged 10. Then you  
19 moved to Kircubbin, because your older brother DL41  
20 was already there --

21 **A. Yes --**

22 Q. -- and you --

23 **A. -- because they started to realise that I was being a**  
24 **confused -- what they covered up, they came out with,**  
25 **"This child will never learn nothing. This child will**

1 never learn nothing". The nuns used to grab me and  
2 shake me. "This is a gypo." This is what they said.  
3 "This is a gypo." They treated me like as if I was  
4 a piece of dirt, as I was to blame of everything. "This  
5 child will never learn anything" and they gave me a clip  
6 around the ear. "Come on, you!", like this here. They  
7 used to drag me. "Come on, you! Come on, you!" and  
8 I said, "No, Sister, I want to go with my brother DL56 .  
9 I want to go with my brother DL56 ", and they said,  
10 "You're not going with him. You're coming with me".  
11 That was their attitude back then towards us and many  
12 other children. That was the attitude.

13 Q. During your time then in Nazareth --

14 A. They used to pull us by our ears.

15 Q. During --

16 A. They used to pull us by our ears.

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. Sorry about that. I'd just like to state that the nuns  
19 used to pull us, actually pull us by our ears. Now if  
20 that's not abuse, what is, to a child at that age?

21 Q. Now in addition, HIA149, as I was explaining to you, the  
22 large files that I have show the social work records and  
23 show the social workers coming to visit you and your  
24 family, your brothers and sisters in Nazareth, and I am  
25 just going to give the panel the references for that

1 social work involvement, which was during your time in  
2 Nazareth. I am not sure whether you remember the social  
3 workers coming or not, but the Inquiry has the records  
4 to show them coming and checking on how you were getting  
5 on and how things were progressing for you.

6 **A. One of my social workers had black curly hair. I can't**  
7 **remember the social worker's name, but I stated and**  
8 **I told her -- she brought me out to the beach while**  
9 **I was in Kircubbin when they transferred me. It was**  
10 **like they were trying to shut me off, trying to shut me**  
11 **up from what they -- the evilness that they done on me**  
12 **and my family. They tried to throw me away down the**  
13 **countryside to cover it up so I wouldn't be able to tell**  
14 **the police. It was like I wouldn't be able to tell the**  
15 **police they thought if they put me down there, that I**  
16 **wouldn't -- my voice wouldn't be heard to the police.**

17 So in that time I was down there I met a social  
18 worker. She had curly black hair and she was in charge  
19 of me, and she brought me out to the beach. She seen me  
20 crying in her car. She'll even state it herself. I was  
21 crying in the back seat of her car. She was trying to  
22 cheer me up. She says, "HIA149 , what's wrong? What's  
23 wrong?" and I started to get emotionally in tears.  
24 I said, "Love, I don't know how to tell you", I said,  
25 "but they're doing dirty things to me in that home".

1           How could I explain to a woman that I was being buggered  
2           and abused and touched in violent ways by these people  
3           and getting slapped around the head by BR18 in the  
4           dining hall and BR3 --

5    Q.   HIA149, let me --

6    A.   -- (inaudible)?

7    Q.   -- let me pause you there, because, as you know, when we  
8           -- we discussed Kircubbin in November and we -- I with  
9           you helped the Panel understand what happened to you  
10          while you were there.  What I want to do --

11   A.   Yes.

12   Q.   -- is just give the Panel the references to the social  
13          work visits that took place in '74.  They can be found  
14          at 32268; in '75 at 42013 and 4; and in '76 at 42015 and  
15          6.

16                Then, as I said, HIA149, you transferred to  
17          Kircubbin in April '77 to be with your brother, your  
18          older brother, DL41 .  Reference to that is at 42000.

19                HIA149, the Panel have had the opportunity to read  
20          -- if we just scroll down, please, to 649, paragraphs 6  
21          through 10, the Panel have had the opportunity to read  
22          your Inquiry witness statement about what you describe  
23          Brendan Smyth doing to you in Nazareth House -- sorry  
24          -- Nazareth Lodge, and also they have had access to the  
25          transcript of your police interview where you explain in

1 considerable detail what you say he did, and the Panel  
2 have had --

3 **A. All these things -- all these things that I have said in**  
4 **the statement, if I was lying, why would I put them in**  
5 **a statement and hand them to the police authorities for?**  
6 **No stupid person would do that if they were lying. I'm**  
7 **telling the truth. Everything I have said in them**  
8 **statements is all true. I handed them to the police.**  
9 **The police will tell you. The police were real nice to**  
10 **me. They said, "HIA149 , that's where your anger's**  
11 **coming from". I said, "Yes, it is. If you were me as**  
12 **a baby, wouldn't you be angry? Wouldn't you be angry?"**

13 **Q. The Panel, HIA149, have that material available to them**  
14 **and will have the opportunity to consider any aspect of**  
15 **that that they require to know more about. They have it**  
16 **in your Inquiry statement that you prepared with the**  
17 **lawyer who came to see you from the Inquiry**

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19 **A. Yes, yes. Everything that you are saying is true.**  
20 **Everything you are saying is true. All these things**  
21 **happened. Yes, yes.**

22 **Q. As I was saying to you --**

23 **A. That statement I gave to the police is the truth. All**  
24 **these things happened, yes.**

25 **Q. As I said to you, the Inquiry's purpose isn't to cause**



1 any more distress for anyone than they already have,  
2 HIA149. So I am not going to go over the detail of that  
3 with you, because the Panel have that material and have  
4 the opportunity to read it.

5 What I want to ask you about, I was discussing with  
6 you beforehand that at the end of the Inquiry's work the  
7 Inquiry has to consider what recommendations it might  
8 make to the Northern Ireland Government about the  
9 children who were abused when they were in care. That  
10 might be some form of apology, some form of memorial of  
11 some kind or some other means of redress. We ask each  
12 witness whether there's anything they want to say about  
13 the recommendations that the Panel might consider  
14 making. Is there anything you want to say about the  
15 recommendations?

16 **A. I would like -- on behalf of closure on my family**  
17 **I would like my -- a recommendation to Northern Ireland**  
18 **that my family be compensated for the damages they have**  
19 **suffered at the hands of these people and at the hands**  
20 **of the staff that used to work in it, like the likes of**  
21 **NL19 . She was one of the staff. She was**  
22 **an alcoholic. How she got a job there I just don't**  
23 **know. I'd like to say on behalf of wee HIA93 , who**  
24 **used to be there at the time -- she used to be my friend**  
25 **-- her little sister -- I watched NL19 scald her**

1        **little sister with a kettle in the kitchen when I was**  
2        **only 4. Now I have to live with them memories. So**  
3        **that's what I live with.**

4    Q. All right. HIA149, the last question that we ask each  
5        witness is whether there's anything else they want to  
6        say about their time in the home that we're looking at  
7        at the moment, which is Nazareth Lodge, and bearing in  
8        mind that, as I said to you, the Inquiry Panel have read  
9        your statement and have had access to all the material  
10       that I've shown you today, including your police  
11       transcripts, where you explain exactly what you say  
12       happened to you, is there anything else that you want to  
13       add to that material than what you've already said?

14    A. Well, I'd just like to state to the court and to  
15       Northern Ireland on behalf of my family -- I'd just like  
16       to state if you check up on     NL19     , because she was  
17       another DL509. While DL509 was doing that to me,  
18       **NL 19** was doing it to the girls, and the nuns knew  
19       it but turned a blind eye to it. Now why -- my family  
20       want to know why did the nuns turn a blind eye to it and  
21       they were letting these things go on? That's where my  
22       anger comes from. Why?

23    Q. HIA149, I am not going to ask you any more questions  
24       today, but if you bear with me for a moment, the Panel  
25       Members may want to ask you something. So will you just

1 bear with me for a short time?

2 **A. Right. Right. Okay. I appreciate that.**

3 Q. Just bear with me for a moment.

4 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA149, you will be relieved to hear I am  
5 sure that we don't have any questions for you today.

6 I appreciate you have had to come and speak to us now  
7 twice. I am sorry that that has been necessary, but, as  
8 we explained the last time, we simply have to divide up  
9 what we are hearing into different parts and that's why  
10 we have had to ask you to come back and speak to us  
11 again today. Thank you very much for doing so. Thank  
12 you.

13 **A. You're welcome, your Honour. No problem. Any time.**

14 MR AIKEN: Okay, HIA149. The staff who are with you will  
15 look after you now, because the link will be cut off.  
16 So Ms Turley, who has been working with you and keeping  
17 in contact with you, she is beside me, as you know, and  
18 wishes you well, and the link will come down now and  
19 they will help you back to your living quarters. All  
20 right?

21 **A. Is that it over now? The Inquiry's -- I can go now, is  
22 it?**

23 Q. You can, HIA149.

24 **A. Well, I'd like -- I'd like to say thank you to the  
25 court. At least I am being honest, you know.**

1 . It's because of -- that's why  
2 I'm on -- one of the reasons why I've hit the drink and  
3 maybe smoked a few joints and got aggressive in all my  
4 life is because of that and trying to blank out the bad,  
5 evil memories of these people and what they done, but  
6 I don't think I ever will. I will be damaged for the  
7 rest of my life because of this. This should have never  
8 happened in the first place.

9 Q. Okay, HIA149.

10 **A. I apologise.**

11 Q. That's perfectly all right. Let me wish you all the  
12 best, and the link will come down now. Take care.

13 (Videolink terminated)

14 Q. Chairman, Members of the Panel, that concludes the  
15 evidence for today.

16 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, we will resume tomorrow, ladies and  
17 gentlemen, at the usual time. Thank you.

18 (3.00 pm)

19 (Hearing adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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