
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

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Banbridge

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Counsel to the Inquiry.

1 Monday, 7th September 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. For the
4 benefit of those who are not familiar with our
5 procedures may I just remind everyone to please ensure
6 that your mobile phone has either been turned off or
7 placed on "Silent"/"Vibrate" and also to remind you that
8 we do not allow any photography either here in the
9 chamber or anywhere on the Inquiry premises.

10 Good morning, Ms Smith.

11 WITNESS HIA229 (called)

12 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and
13 gentlemen. Our first witness today is HIA229. He is
14 "HIA229". HIA229 wishes to affirm and he also wishes to
15 avail of the anonymity afforded to him by the Inquiry.

16 WITNESS HIA229 (affirmed)

17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA229. Please sit down.

18 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

19 MS SMITH: Now, HIA229, as I explained to you, before we
20 start to talk about your evidence --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- I am going to indicate to the Panel where there are
23 various documents in respect of you in our papers and
24 I am actually going to look at some of those documents
25 so that the Panel can get an idea -- I am using you as

1 an example --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- of some of the standard documents that would have
4 been used in the training school.

5 **A. Okay.**

6 Q. So HIA229's witness statement can be found at 009 to
7 015. That's SPT.

8 The DLS response can be found at SPT262 to 291 and
9 the supplementary response is at 737.

10 There is also a response statement of BR42, which is
11 at SPT2166 to 2172.

12 I should have said, Chairman, that there is
13 a representative of BR42 in the chamber today.

14 Mr Collins I think wishes to announce his appearance.

15 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

16 MR COLLINS: Chairman, Members of the Panel, my name is
17 Seamus Collins of PJ McGrory & Company Solicitors.

18 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Collins.

19 MR COLLINS: I represent BR94, BR26, BR42, BR96, former
20 Brother BR50 and BR92.

21 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. I am not sure that we will
22 be referring to all of them this morning, but we note
23 what you say about all of them. Thank you, Mr Collins.
24 So there is no need to repeat it later on.

25 MS SMITH: The Health & Social Care Board response in

1 working out from school on and he was
2 licensed on before ultimately having
3 the Training School Order discharged on .
4 Subsequently he was admitted to borstal on
5 .

6 If we could also scroll down to the next page,
7 please, now this is a document of information -- a
8 record of information on the Training School Order.
9 It's -- you will see there that it is transmitted by the
10 juvenile court to the managers of St. Patrick's Training
11 School signed by the clerk of the court on
12 . This is a document that obviously would have
13 been used and sent with HIA229 when he was sent to the
14 Training School from the juvenile court.

15 If we can just scroll down through it, please, you
16 will see that there is details of his health and then
17 other information, information of previous offences,
18 religious denomination, and it says here that:

19 "He was a member of the Boy Scouts but stopped by
20 parents who wanted him", I think, "indoors earlier, and
21 he was inclined to keep", something, "type of company."

22 MR LANE: "The wrong."

23 MS SMITH: "... wrong type of company."

24 Thank you. It is hard to make out. If we can just
25 scroll on down, please, you can see the details are

1 given there of his parents and guardians, including the
2 earnings of his father.

3 "Parents were recorded to be both upset about the
4 present trouble, but now realise that there is little
5 they can do with HIA229, and Mr McMahon has requested
6 a report on HIA229 from the Child Guidance Clinic."

7 CHAIRMAN: Mr McMahon I think was the probation officer.

8 MS SMITH: Yes, I believe that's correct. I should say that
9 this document appears to have been compiled from
10 information contained within the probation officer's
11 report. It seems to have been distilled from that.
12 That report is at SPT48201.

13 It is not terribly clear, but if you can just scroll
14 down through that, it's not a terribly good copy, but it
15 gives the history of HIA229's involvement with the
16 Probation Service there, and if we can just scroll on
17 down, that goes right on up to what happened. This is
18 the report that would have been prepared for the
19 juvenile court before the Training School was made
20 (sic). You can see there that it is signed by
21 Mr McMahon on .

22 There is then a -- the Training School Order itself
23 can be seen at SPT48199. The offence for which he is
24 dealt with is recorded there. I am not going to go and
25 open that in any more detail, but that's an example of

1 the kind of Training School Order that was used to admit
2 children into the training school.

3 If we can just scroll on down through it, please,
4 and it is signed by Mr Mills, the resident magistrate at
5 the time. His father was fined 2 pounds to give
6 notice -- well, he would have had to give notice of any
7 change of address subject to a penalty of 2 pounds if he
8 did not do so.

9 There is a letter from the Probation Service to
10 BR46, who was then principal of the training school, at
11 48219 and you will see there that it is again signed by
12 Mr McMahon. It says:

13 "The above boy appeared at Belfast Juvenile Court on
14 a number of charges of housebreaking and larceny and was
15 committed to St. Patrick's Training School.

16 I enclose copy of home surroundings report and also
17 a copy from Child Guidance Clinic, hoping these may be
18 of some assistance to you. The learned magistrate
19 expressed a hope that arrangements could be made that
20 the boy continues to attend at the Child Guidance
21 Clinic."

22 Then there is a Child Guidance Clinic report to the
23 probation officer, which can be seen at 48225, which
24 indicates that HIA229 was seen that morning with his
25 mother:

1 "He has attended for some time but it has become
2 increasingly clear that treatment is not having any
3 effect in stabilising him as far as his anti-social
4 behaviour is concerned. His mother has had many talks
5 with us here about HIA229 and she has consistently done
6 her best to help him, but there are various tensions and
7 anxieties at home which prevent him from achieving the
8 necessary sense of security. As I wrote to you before,
9 he has no signs of mental illness or psychopathy and he
10 is of average intelligence. It may well be that
11 a period in a training school at this juncture would be
12 in his best interests, but I should like to continue to
13 see him at intervals to give him some additional help."

14 Now HIA229 and I discussed this morning that I would
15 be referring to this document and he has said that, in
16 fact, he didn't continue to see the Child Guidance
17 Clinic. Isn't that correct, HIA229?

18 **A. Yes, sir, it is indeed.**

19 Q. There is a Child Personality Guide, which can be seen at
20 SPT48208. I think it is just the next page if we scroll
21 down. No. Sorry. It's not at all. Sorry. If we can
22 go -- sorry -- first of all, to 28207, this is HIA229's
23 individual record of his time in St. Pat's. You see
24 that certainly it is typed -- the details are typed at
25 the top of it, but then it is recorded there, for

1 example, on 17th September he went home on Saturday,
2 17th . He was warned about
3 bullying on 9th October. He went home at Hallowe'en and
4 at Christmas and at Easter. He went to camp for two
5 weeks in July. I think that would have been . He
6 was noted as working in October of and then it is
7 recorded that he went back to class and I think that's:

8 "Check to Sister."

9 CHAIRMAN: "Cheek to Sister."

10 MS SMITH: "Cheek to Sister", etc.

11 "Out to a wedding. Back by 3.00 pm. Kept in.

12 Wrote note about SPT23 ."

13 I think that's just the signature of the Brother.

14 "Hallowe'en home.

15 Cinema."

16 Sunday to Wednesday he was home for Christmas.

17 Then he went to the senior side on 4th January .

18 He is recorded as being:

19 "Very quiet but doing well. Kept in today for being
20 late St. Patrick's Day (90 minutes late) and being ..."

21 I don't know what that is.

22 Then he went out in May

23 "Returned from two weeks' summer camp. Reasonably

24 well-behaved. Doing well , but comes back

25 late very often. Out to work pending licence."

1 26209.

2 There is also civil claim material at SPT30703 to
3 30732, and we see at SPT12422, if we could look at that,
4 please, that's 12422, this is a notice of release on
5 licence from a training school that would have been
6 a return made to the Ministry of Home Affairs. You see
7 there that he was committed from to

8 He was released on licence on

9 , when he was aged to live with the
10 mother -- to live with mother and commence employment.

11 CHAIRMAN: Commence employment.

12 MS SMITH: That's known as a form TS1.

13 There is one other document, which is at SPT17773.
14 This appears to be -- this is -- appears to have been
15 the court record books. You will see here that HIA229's
16 name is on it. If we can just scroll on down, please,
17 because the next page has the other side of that, you
18 will see here that it says -- maybe we could go to the
19 next page down just. I think it is clearer. No.
20 Sorry. Can we just scroll back up? Yes. If you
21 just -- where it says:

22 " , court order 20 shillings",

23 which suggests that HIA229's father was required to
24 make a financial contribution of 20 shillings in respect
25 of the Training School Order. When I was speaking to

1 HIA229 earlier, he felt that his father had made such
2 a contribution. The reason I say that is because if you
3 scroll on down to the next page there, at the top of
4 that you will see the headings for each column and it
5 says "Payment per week".

6 Now, HIA229, that took us a little time to go
7 through. I am going to now come back to your statement,
8 which is at 009. Can I just confirm with you, HIA229,
9 that, together with whatever else you tell us this
10 morning, this is the evidence that you want the Inquiry
11 to consider about your time in St. Patrick's?

12 **A. Yes, it is indeed, sir.**

13 Q. Now in paragraph 1 there you set out your personal
14 details, and you are now aged . Isn't that correct?

15 **A. That's correct, sir.**

16 Q. Then you say you were in St. Pat's -- and we were
17 looking at the reasons you were in St. Pat's -- because
18 you got into trouble. There was a Training School Order
19 made in when you were caught breaking into
20 a house and stealing from it?

21 **A. Yes, indeed, sir.**

22 Q. You were in St. Patrick's from until

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

24 Q. Paragraph 3 of your statement you remember that there
25 were about a few hundred boys when you went there. You

1 said that you didn't learn anything new while you were
2 there. The teachers were teaching things that you had
3 been taught outside. You said the education was basic
4 and it seemed that many of the boys in the class had not
5 had much of a previous education. You thought that
6 there were a large number of them there because they
7 were truanting.

8 **A. That's correct, sir. When we spoke, you know, we asked,**
9 **"Well, what are you in for?" and some of them said they**
10 **were mitching school or beating school -- well -- and**
11 **other ones were in for criminal offences too.**

12 Q. And you were one of those boys?

13 **A. Oh, I was one of those and I deserved it.**

14 Q. Well, you told me when we were speaking earlier that you
15 felt -- that the school was boring. You had been
16 learning French before you went in here, but really the
17 concentration was just on the basics of education?

18 **A. It seemed to be on the basics. I seemed to be in**
19 **advance of what they were teaching there and I felt**
20 **possibly that well, I had learnt maybe what they were**
21 **teaching. So they didn't bother too much. That was**
22 **what it was it seemed to me. Also, as you can see from**
23 **some of the records, I spent a bit of time in ,**
24 **and when I went to school there -- I was in 1A here and**
25 **they put me into 2A in , because the education**

1 here must have been a bit higher. So it kind of
2 correlates, you know, the both of them, and I seemed to
3 be -- maybe knew more and I didn't have to learn as
4 much.

5 Q. You felt that the teachers then concentrated on the boys
6 that did need more help?

7 A. Yes, I did, yes. I think so, yes.

8 Q. In paragraph 4 you talk about your parents visiting you
9 every Wednesday night and you being allowed to visit
10 them on a Sunday --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- although when we were looking through one of those
13 documents, you seemed to get out on a Saturday as well?

14 A. As I explained to you earlier on, at first it was always
15 a Sunday, and then as the periods of time went on, they
16 started letting you out on Saturday, because every
17 Saturday we used to go to the cinema. Then they started
18 letting you out. First of all, it was occasional
19 Saturdays, if I remember. I can't remember everything,
20 but then gradually they started letting you out on
21 a Saturday, and then when you went to the senior side,
22 well, you got more freedom I think.

23 Q. Well, you say if you misbehaved during the week, the
24 Brothers would not have allowed you to leave. So that
25 was something -- that privilege was removed if you had

1 misbehaved?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You say you also received pocket money or a half crown
4 every Sunday?

5 **A. Usually. I remember that.**

6 Q. In half a crown was quite a lot of money, HIA229.

7 **A. It was quite good, yes, but that depended on how good**
8 **you were. Sometimes you might not have got as much, and**
9 **depended on what work you might have been doing too.**

10 Q. So there was deductions made from it --

11 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

12 Q. -- but that was the baseline for people?

13 **A. That was -- I think that was round about. I remember**
14 **getting half a crown, because, as you say, it was quite**
15 **a lot of money in those days, yes.**

16 Q. You also recall that you were allowed home for four days
17 or so at Christmas and Easter?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Again the papers show that that is the position. You
20 don't remember anyone from Welfare or Social Services
21 ever inspecting St. Patrick's when you were there?

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. You say you were just thrown into that environment and
24 left on your own. I just want to be clear, HIA229, that
25 there were key workers or what we would now call key

1 workers. There were houseparents in St. Patrick's who
2 would have had care for you. Some of them might have
3 been social workers. Do you remember?

4 A. Well, no. The only ones that I remember would have
5 been -- I remember BR42. He was a .. -- well, a
6 housemaster. He seemed to be -- there were certain
7 Brothers who had a room in each dormitory and they
8 seemed to be like the main one for that particular job,
9 shall we say, but I didn't know them as being --

10 Q. Houseparents?

11 A. -- as a houseparent or whatever it would be. As far as
12 we knew they were all Brothers and they was all there,
13 but these boys that may have been looking after us were
14 more involved there all the time, you know. I didn't --
15 I wouldn't have known what exactly if they were like
16 a social worker nowadays --

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. -- and in those days I didn't even know what a social
19 worker was.

20 Q. Okay. Well, you said that you didn't have anybody there
21 to check on how you were doing. You mean someone from
22 outside?

23 A. Not that I -- no knowledge from me, and I remember from
24 when I was at school you used to get inspectors that
25 came in each -- you know, occasionally, because you were

1 **told you had to be on your behaviour. "The school**
2 **inspector is coming", but I don't ever remember anything**
3 **like that in St. Patrick's.**

4 Q. You say there that:

5 "The only thing I learnt in St. Patrick's was more
6 criminality and it was a bit like Oliver Twist."

7 You and I were talking about this earlier. You said
8 that what you meant by that was, you know, as you were
9 saying, boys would ask each other, "What are you in
10 for?" and then when somebody says, "Oh, well, I stole
11 purses from handbags" --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- then that person would then be asked, "Well, how did
14 you do that?"

15 **A. Yes. That was kind of -- it was speaking between**
16 **ourselves, "What did you do?" and "Oh, I done this" and**
17 **"I done that", you know, a bit of the bravado or**
18 **whatever, and then they explained what they were doing.**
19 **So you were kind of learning how to go --**

20 Q. From the other boys.

21 **A. -- from other boys, you know.**

22 Q. When you say it was a bit like Oliver Twist, what you
23 meant by that was there was pickpocketing that was
24 explained to you and that was --

25 **A. Yes. Some of the boys explained how they pickpocketed**

1 **and things like that.**

2 Q. That was really what you meant rather than saying that
3 the home itself was like Oliver Twist?

4 A. **Oh, no, no, no, no, no. It was just between ourselves**
5 **it was a bit like Oliver Twist. You know, you were**
6 **among thieves, shall we say, and learning things.**

7 Q. Okay. Well, at paragraph 5 you go on to describe the
8 regime as brutal, because a number of the Brothers were
9 very violent:

10 "I was terrified of them. On many occasions
11 I received a beating with a leather strap and was
12 punched and kicked. It went far beyond any chastisement
13 for misbehaving."

14 You name a Brother here. I am going to use the
15 name, but you will see from the screen we have given him
16 a designation, BR4. That's BR4.

17 "He slapped me frequently and he used a strap most
18 of the time. I remember on one occasion when I was
19 standing in the corridor and he was carrying a bunch of
20 keys in his hand. For no reason at all he hit me on the
21 head -- the side of the head with the keys. I couldn't
22 hear properly for about a week, but I didn't receive any
23 medical attention. I was too afraid to ask for help."

24 You go on to name BR42, who is BR42:

25 "... was violent towards me and the other boys as

1 well. It was a very violent regime and there was
2 punishment even if you had not done anything wrong."

3 Now you know from when we were speaking that the
4 De La Salle Order have given the Inquiry a response
5 statement. They said, first of all, that the strap --
6 I wonder could you describe the strap?

7 **A. It would have been -- well, some of them were anything**
8 **from this to that (gesturing). Some of them were fairly**
9 **rigid. It was like sewn leather together, and some of**
10 **them were more flexible, the longer ones, and they would**
11 **whip them out like a sword out of their -- their dress,**
12 **whatever they wore, and it was not a wee slap. It was**
13 **very, very sore, very sore.**

14 **Q. Well, the Order have said that the strap would have been**
15 **kept in the tuck shop and a Brother would have had to go**
16 **and get it if he wanted to use the strap.**

17 **A. That's absolute rubbish. Even when I was at school --**
18 **before I went to St. Patrick's I was taught by Christian**
19 **Brothers, and they used the strap too, and they always**
20 **had it in their pocket, and I wouldn't think that with**
21 **hundreds of boys there, and a lot of them misbehaved and**
22 **all, that they would say, "Stand there and wait till**
23 **I go and get the strap to chastise you". No, no, no.**
24 **That's wrong. I am not saying every Brother carried it,**
25 **but quite a lot of them did.**

1 Q. Now they also say BR4 was a . That is correct,
2 isn't it?

3 A. Yes, I think he done a bit of too.

4 Q. He wasn't the . Now the Inquiry has heard the
5 law actually required the to mete out corporal
6 punishment in the school. At your time that was BR46.
7 Were you ever sent to BR46 for punishment?

8 A. I was never ever sent to BR46. I could have been
9 slapped in a corridor and the -- just part of what
10 I said there about, you know, the report from the school
11 about bits of bother that I got into, one of them was
12 writing something about SPT23 . He was a kind of
13 , etc, and sometimes he worked at night, and
14 I remember it as well. I wrote -- he had a nickname
15 'cos you called him . I wrote on a bit of
16 paper - right -- and stuck it on the
17 dormitory door and what do you call it. He saw it and
18 he wasn't too pleased. I remember this as clear, and he
19 came up and there was another boy in the bed beside me
20 in the dormitory, and he kind of -- I think he blamed
21 him on it, you know. He was a nice big fella and that,
22 and I said, "No, no, it was me", and that's how they
23 found out that I was the perpetrator, and if I remember
24 rightly, I got slapped for that, but --

25 Q. And when you say you got slapped for that, that was by

1 BR46?

2 **A. No, no, no. I was never punished by BR46. I never have**
3 **known anybody when I was at school to be sent to BR46 to**
4 **be chastised, you know, physically.**

5 Q. Uh-huh.

6 **A. Usually what happened was you would get what they call**
7 **stewed. You didn't get out on Sunday. You didn't get**
8 **your pocket money, but definitely I was never ever sent**
9 **to BR46 for punishment. The Brothers meted it out there**
10 **and then.**

11 Q. Well, one of the other Brothers that you name in this
12 paragraph is BR42. He has given a statement to the
13 Inquiry and that can be found at SPT2166. At
14 paragraph 5 of that statement he talks about what you
15 say about him and he says that he doesn't actually
16 recall you.

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. He was interviewed by police about allegations that you
19 made when you spoke to the police, and you have claimed
20 that he was violent towards you and other boys. What he
21 says is you could have received a slap from him, but it
22 wouldn't have been regular and he didn't use excessive
23 force on any other boy -- you or any other boy. Is
24 there anything that you want to say about that? He said
25 the same thing -- I should say when the police

1 interviewed him, he said the same thing in his police
2 interview.

3 A. He slapped me and it wasn't gently and it wasn't only
4 me. He -- he was very -- very, very fast and he would
5 come up the corridor like a whirlwind, and if there was
6 maybe a group being too noisy, the strap was out and
7 there was slaps.

8 Q. You were telling me that you, in fact, met BR42 some
9 five years ago?

10 A. I did. Some years ago I -- just I was working in
11 and in -- I knew the school or the holiday
12 home was up from , and I always wondered when
13 I was driving past, "I wonder is it still there?" and
14 I drove down, and there was people about, and I didn't
15 know what it was about, you know, the people in it, and
16 they says -- I says,
17 and a boy said, "Oh, yes". I says -- one of
18 them said to me, "Oh, BR42 is out there in the garden"
19 and I went out and said "Hello" to him and he had got
20 very old and that, and he says, "Oh, yes. St.
21 Patrick's. St. Patrick's", he says, "Oh, you used to
22 have a nickname for me", and I said, "We used to call
23 you ' , ' , because you used
24 to go round and say, ' '

25

1 **and that's where he got his nickname.**

2 Q. Now he didn't remember you personally at that stage?

3 **A. No, probably not. There was quite a few hundred.**

4 **I don't think that he would have singled everybody out**
5 **like me particularly, but he was aggressive and he meted**
6 **it out.**

7 Q. Now paragraph 6, going back to your statement, if we
8 can, at 010 --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- at paragraph 6 there you say:

11 "There was once my mother asked the Brothers if
12 I could return late from home one Sunday evening because
13 my brother was playing in a concert at the local church
14 hall. It was agreed that I could return after the
15 concert, which I did."

16 You then name a Brother:

17 "BR91 removed my mattress and my bedding and I was
18 forced to sleep on the springs. I was told that that --
19 that it was because I had abused my home leave privilege
20 even though my mother had agreed it in advance. This
21 was the type of punishment for no reason which some
22 Brothers really enjoyed."

23 Now I am going to explore a couple of things about
24 that if we can, HIA229.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. The first is that we saw a record of you returning about
2 an hour and a half late one time. Is that the time you
3 think this happened?

4 A. I think that was -- it said 90 minutes. Possibly,
5 and -- well, that's the only thing that I can remember.
6 Also it said about the , about me
7 and coming back late, but that -- what happened one
8 night was -- I think I got into a bit of bother. We
9 were up in , me and another chap.
10 They had a bit of an and we were lent to them
11 for a couple of nights for their .
12 Instead of us going on home we called into our house on
13 the way home. That's why we were a bit late back, and
14 possibly they -- but it was an innocent thing. It
15 wasn't --

16 Q. You weren't up to no good at the time?

17 A. Pardon?

18 Q. You weren't up to no good at the time?

19 A. Oh, no, no, no. We just called in. We had our
20 and our . A bit of a show-off, you know.

21 But the other episode was -- the 90 minutes or
22 whatever -- I don't know -- I remember coming back late
23 that night, because that would have been about an hour
24 and a half late, yes, if I went to the concert and got
25 up to the school, but I went in and everybody was in the

1 dormitory, and I went in and then the Brother came in
2 and he pulled all the clothes off the bed. Actually he
3 made me do it and pull everything outside the door and
4 left it, and I think took my clothes too, and I had to
5 lie on those springs all night and it was freezing cold
6 and I can remember it to this day.

7 Q. Now you named the Brother there as a BR91.

8 A. To my knowledge it was a Brother called BR91.

9 Q. Because you are aware from the conversation we had --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- that the Order have said that there was no BR91.
12 There was no Brother named BR91 at that time in the
13 home.

14 A. Well, that's -- possibly I could be wrong with that
15 name, but --

16 Q. But you just --

17 A. -- it's just the name. I think -- thought it was BR91.

18 Q. You also said to me when we were talking that you can
19 remember him as a bit of an oddball, as you described
20 it?

21 A. He seemed to be a very, very quiet Brother. To be
22 honest, I don't think he was involved too much, you
23 know, as BR42 would have been. I think he might have
24 been just covering that night. What you had was one of
25 the Brothers all slept in a wee room at the end of the

1 dormitory. You had -- I think it was four -- was it
2 four dormitories, two floors, two on each floor, and
3 I think one of the Brothers used to be --

4 Q. On each?

5 A. Well, you had to be I suppose watched during the night,
6 because sometimes if you were talking or whatever it
7 was, they used to put you out on what they called the
8 square, made you feel on the floor for maybe an hour or
9 two hours, and then the Brother would maybe come in and
10 hit you a slap on the head and tell you to get back into
11 bed.

12 Q. Just in respect of that, HIA229, we have heard from the
13 Order, not necessarily in respect of you, but that there
14 were night supervisors, lay staff who came in and looked
15 after the boys at night. Do you remember that?

16 A. Yes, I think there was people that came in every few
17 hours and walked around, you know, walked in on the
18 dormitories, probably checking, yes. Just whenever you
19 say that I do remember that, yes.

20 Q. And while the Brothers would certainly have been on
21 site?

22 A. Oh, they -- yes, they --

23 Q. But they wouldn't have really had much to do with the
24 boys at night-time. Would that be right?

25 A. Who would that be? The Brothers? No, no, no, no. It

1 see a film. BR1 always asked me to sit beside him and
2 on a number of occasions he abused me in the cinema. As
3 I got older, I would try to sit further away from him or
4 pretend to have to go to the toilet, and I also remember
5 that some of the other Brothers had boys sitting beside
6 them as well. At the time I didn't realise it was
7 wrong, because I was young and impressionable, although
8 now I can see how wrong it was. At the time I was just
9 having a hard time and felt very lonely."

10 You go on then in paragraph 10 to describe that:

11 "At the end of the dormitory there was an area
12 called the 'pigeon holes', which was where the boys hung
13 up their suits. If you were in that area, you could not
14 be seen from the dormitory",

15 and you were buggered by BR1 at the pigeon holes on
16 three separate occasions. He also forced you -- forced
17 you to perform oral sex on him and masturbate him. You
18 remember a specific incident when you were sexually
19 assaulted in the store where all the stores were kept.
20 You remember it clearly because it was unusual for BR1
21 to be in the store as there was another Brother who you
22 name there, BR86 -- BR86 I think -- was normally in
23 charge of it.

24 **A. I don't think he was.**

25 Q. "I also remember that I was sick one day and stayed in

1 the dormitory and BR1 came to see me on the pretence
2 that he was checking how I was feeling. It was in the
3 evening time and no-one else was there. He forced me to
4 perform oral sex on him."

5 Now you go on, and I am just going to go through all
6 of this, HIA229:

7 "If anyone absconded from St. Patrick's, BR1 and
8 some of the other Brothers would go out to look for
9 them. The Brothers would know which area -- from which
10 area a boy was from and would drive there to see if he
11 could be located. Sometimes another boy from the same
12 area would be brought along to help."

13 As you were from a particular area in Belfast, you
14 were sometimes taken there to show the Brothers which
15 streets the boy may be in. You remember two specific
16 occasions when this happened. BR1 travelled in the back
17 of the car with you. He made you masturbate him as you
18 were travelling around the streets, and BR46 was
19 driving, but you do not believe he was aware of what was
20 going on in the back of the car. He was the
21 at the time you were there.

22 You go on to describe what happened at Kilmore House
23 that you were talking about earlier. You say that:

24 "Every summer the boys went there for a holiday.
25 The boys went there in batches for two weeks in the

1 summer. BR1 and BR46 took a group of boys there,
2 including me, just before the summer to tidy it up in
3 advance. I think there were four or five boys who went
4 to tidy up the house and gardens. We stayed there for
5 a week or so. I was sexually assaulted twice at Kilmore
6 House and I believe other boys were also a used. I was
7 bugged by BR1 and I was forced to perform oral sex on
8 a ."

9 It's named there and that will require redaction.

10 "He was a Brother who came up from Dublin to visit,
11 and he also made me have oral sex on him once at
12 St. Patrick's. I cannot describe him because it
13 happened so long ago."

14 You go on to say that you believe that you were
15 targeted by the Brothers at Kilmore House. You don't
16 believe that it was coincidence that you were one of the
17 boys selected to go there to tidy up. You were abused
18 at St. Patrick's before you went there and you are
19 adamant that that's why you were chosen to go there as
20 well.

21 Now I am just going to look at some aspects of this
22 account if we can, HIA229.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You say -- the Brothers -- first of all, the De La Salle
25 Order have said that BR1 -- generally his job was in

1 **He used to sit with his arm round you and he put it down**
2 **your trousers.**

3 Q. Well, again just coming on to the cinema then, if I can,
4 they would say that -- in this statement they say -- in
5 this response statement they say there would only have
6 been one Brother who would have gone to the cinema with
7 you. That was normally a BR47, BR94 or BR42, and they
8 say BR1 wouldn't have been one to have gone to the
9 cinema with the boys.

10 A. **He had gone occasionally. I am not saying he went every**
11 **week, but for one Brother over 40, 50, 60 children,**
12 **I don't think the law would allow that for a start**
13 **walking from the away down to the**
14 **Cinema at Beechmount, you know. There was never only**
15 **one Brother. Far from it. He couldn't watch you, you**
16 **know, because you could be juking out or whatever, you**
17 **know, which I think did happen at times. Boys kind of**
18 **juked out and then before the film was over they were**
19 **back in, you know, but some of them got off with it.**
20 **Some of them didn't. No, no, there was more than one**
21 **Brother, no.**

22 Q. In fact, just in fairness to you they have said in
23 another statement that there would have been one at the
24 head of the queue, as it were, of boys and then one at
25 the back.

1 A. One at the back. Well, that's true.

2 Q. The boys would have walked in threes -- is that right --
3 down the ?

4 A. That would be the twos and threes, yes.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. It was like a big long line every Saturday. They used
7 to call them "the home boys", because I used to see them
8 before I went into the school, you know. Before I was
9 put in St. Patrick's I used to see them wander up the
10 road, coming down, yes.

11 Q. They also say that BR1 wouldn't have had any reason to
12 be near the dormitories and the pigeon hole area, and
13 that that was an open cloakroom type area without
14 a door?

15 A. That was wrong, because there was a door on it and
16 I don't care what they say. The door was locked. The
17 dormitory doors were locked, you know. They had to have
18 security, you know, and as far as I know you come out of
19 the dormitory. On the left-hand side and the right-hand
20 side was the pigeon holes, and there was the door.

21 I think it did have a bit of glass down it, but it was
22 just there and inside it you had like boxes. That's
23 probably where you put your shoes, your good shoes, and
24 you hung up your suits and that, and that -- they really
25 only used them whenever you were going out, you know, at

1 the weekend or whatever it was, and then you had other
2 different ordinary clothes during the week.

3 Q. The ordinary clothes that you had during the week, did
4 you keep that beside your bed?

5 A. Oh, yes, they were and they went to the laundry every so
6 many days. The routine: you had your shower, you
7 changed your underwear, blah, blah, blah, you know, but
8 those -- those were only kept for on a Sunday.
9 Sometimes, you know, it had -- you know what boys are.
10 They had to be tidied up at times, although you were
11 sometimes chastised if you didn't leave it proper. You
12 know, you got told off for it. You weren't beaten up or
13 anything, you know.

14 Q. The pigeon holes area then was an area of the school
15 that wasn't in frequent use. Is that what you are
16 saying?

17 A. Oh, no, no, it wasn't. It wouldn't be -- no, no. We
18 only, as I say, used it -- it was usually a Saturday and
19 a Sunday and that was it. That's when it would be used.

20 Q. And --

21 A. So whether BR1 had any reason -- he probably maybe
22 didn't have a reason, only to abuse me. Maybe that was
23 his reason.

24 Q. Well, the other thing that they do say about the
25 clothing store, they say that that clothing store would

1 have been locked and BR1 wouldn't have had a key to the
2 clothing store.

3 **A. Well, as far as I am concerned I think BR1 had a key for**
4 **everything, because he had a big bunch, and I know it**
5 **was kept locked, yes, and it was up at the top of the**
6 **corridor and there was a gate across at night, but there**
7 **was -- it was actually -- the clothing store was next**
8 **door to the bandmaster's office and store**

9 .

10 Q. Coming now on to Glenariff and you were saying that --
11 you were sort of jumping ahead because of the
12 conversation that we had earlier.

13 **A. Oh, sorry. Yes, yes.**

14 Q. No, no. That's fine, HIA229, but you know that the De
15 La Salle have said that BR46 and BR1 couldn't have gone
16 to Glenariff because they had administrative duties in
17 St. Pat's. One was the and one was the
18 . They would have had to stay in the
19 home during that period of time.

20 **A. Well, I disagree with that, because I remember BR46**
21 **coming down, because a whole lot boys would say, "Oh,**
22 **BR 46 -- BR 46 here. BR 46 here", you know.**
23 **I do know they were down. They are bound to have**
24 **visited, you know.**

25 Q. Well, the other thing they said was that it was BR94 who

1 went up first. He took some staff and four -- five or
2 six boys from the painting trades workshop in May to get
3 Glenariff ready for the summer.

4 **A. They did. They took boys up to do different work,**
5 **I suppose renovation or thing, and we were up and we**
6 **were moving trees out of the garden. They done a lot of**
7 **work in the garden. There was old trees lying, and**
8 **that's one of the times I was down. We went down and**
9 **there was actually a couple of boys from the country**
10 **and -- which would be plausible to go down and do that**
11 **kind of work whereas I thought it was a bit strange, but**
12 **it was going down to the Glens and you were well looked**
13 **after, you know. So it was a bit of a treat, you know,**
14 **but^{BR94} in my recollection, I was very --^{BR94} was very**
15 **nice man, if I remember him. He was a ,**
16 **-- and he was young as far as I can remember, and**
17 **he used to do the and that, but he came for**
18 **a fair time after I went -- I went into the school. I**
19 **remember that and I remember him coming, because I think**
20 **that was his job. You know, he was the new man in the**
21 **.**

22 **Q. In fact, I think the records that the De La Salle have**
23 **provided suggest he came in about and you had been**
24 **there from .**

25 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. The other thing, in your police statement -- and you
2 spoke to the police in 2013, HIA229 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- and we can look at that in a moment, but in that
5 statement you didn't say anything about oral sex in that
6 statement to the police. In fact, what you said, the
7 Brother you name is BR99 . You were made to
8 masturbate him. Is there any reason why you didn't say
9 anything to the police about oral sex?

10 **A. Well, possibly I was doing both and that's possibly why**
11 **I didn't. I just mentioned that, you know. It is hard**
12 **to remember every detail going back odd years, you**
13 **know, but a lot of it is very, very fresh in my mind.**

14 Q. Well, one of the other things that we were talking about
15 is that during your time in St. Pat's there was never
16 a BR99 who worked there. You describe this
17 man as visiting Glenariff, first of all.

18 **A. Yes. I think -- I didn't see him very often, to be**
19 **honest -- thank God -- and that's probably -- I knew him**
20 **as BR99 . Why I don't know, thinking back.**

21 Q. But certainly the Inquiry has heard about a
22 BR 77 , but in that man would only have been
23 years of age. So it can't have been him.

24 **A. Well, it can't have been him, no. I can only tell you**
25 **what I remember. Now I -- it might have been like**

1 **or something. I don't know.**

2 Q. is the name that is in your head?

3 **A. is in my head, yes.**

4 Q. And you believe that you were specially chosen to help
5 with Glenariff because of what BR1 had been doing to
6 you?

7 **A. I think so, yes, because -- I think so, yes.**

8 Q. Paragraph 14, going back to your statement, HIA229, you
9 said that you never dreamt of telling your parents what
10 was happening to you.

11 "They came from a generation of people who accepted
12 what they were told by members of the church. They
13 would have thought that I was telling lies about the
14 Brothers and in all likelihood would have given me
15 a clip around the ear. I do not think that it would
16 have been an unusual response at that time, given the
17 regard my parents had for the church. I appreciate that
18 thankfully times have now changed."

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. We were talking and I was asking you would it have been
21 possible for you even to say, "Look, you know, I am
22 really unhappy here, mummy", or something like that?

23 **A. No, because I'm sure they realised I wasn't happy. Who**
24 **would be, being incarcerated, and if my family life had**
25 **been bad, you know, mistreated or whatever, it would**

1 have been like a holiday, but it wasn't. It was a good
2 family, and, you know, telling them I wasn't happy, they
3 probably would have said, "Well, you brought it on
4 yourself", you know, which would be, you know,
5 plausible, and also if I told them what was going on,
6 they would have said, "Oh, you are only saying that" or
7 whatever, you know. So you couldn't really -- they
8 wouldn't have believed you. If I had told anybody in
9 those days, they wouldn't have believed you. If you had
10 told some of the other Brothers, you would have expected
11 to get a beating or you were telling lies or something.
12 You were young, 14, and a 14-year-old nowadays compared
13 to a 14-year-old in those days are far, far more
14 streetwise and more genned up. We were a young 14, if
15 I can put it that way. You would not -- they would not
16 have believed you. In my eyes they wouldn't have
17 believed you.

18 Q. Certainly you say that you were the black sheep of the
19 family.

20 A. I was definitely, yes.

21 Q. It was something you wouldn't have talked about in those
22 days?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You do say that there was chat among the boys, however,
25 about what was going on.

1 **A. There was, yes, because they used to -- they used to**
2 **call you -- you know, if some of them suspected that you**
3 **had been involved in that, they would -- I was called**
4 **I remember on a number of occasions, "There's BR1's bum**
5 **boy". So some of them did speak about it, but whether**
6 **it was genuine or not I don't know, but I can only go by**
7 **what I say.**

8 Q. It was maybe just the kind of things that boys would
9 have said --

10 **A. Oh, yes.**

11 Q. -- when they were put together in a group?

12 **A. Yes, yes, yes, the way young people would do, you know.**

13 Q. Well, coming back to your statement, at paragraph 15 you
14 say that you remember you did speak to one person about
15 the abuse when you were in St. Patrick's. About 18
16 months after you were sent there you joined the .
17 The whose name is given there was SPT90,
18 SPT90:

19 "... and I believe he was a . He was
20 quite a strict teacher, but I enjoyed my time in the
21 with him. I told him that some of the Brothers
22 were interfering with the boys. I did not tell him that
23 I was one of the boys, because I was afraid of what his
24 reaction would be. He told me to leave it with him, but
25 I never heard another word about it. I do not know if

1 he reported it and was ordered to keep quiet or whether
2 he never reported it at all. I was certainly not aware
3 of him being involved in any type of sexual abuse. He
4 was a good man in my view, although strict, and he could
5 be violent as well. If a boy was not playing
6 properly, he would hit you hard on the
7 knuckles."

8 Now you know that you -- you spoke to the police --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and you said something completely different when you
11 spoke to the police, HIA229. If we can just look at
12 that. It is 25319. This is the police statement.
13 Maybe just scroll -- you see this is page 4 of 5. So it
14 is quite a lengthy statement that you gave to the
15 police. I am not going to go through all of it, but if
16 we can just scroll down through that page, and you say
17 that:

18 "I disclosed to SPT90, who was my , about
19 this abuse one day in a conversation about BR1. I told
20 him, 'BR1 does things to me that he shouldn't'. When he
21 asked me what this is, I told him 'Everything' and he
22 said, 'Right. Leave it with me'. I suspected he had
23 approached BR1 but was told to keep quiet. The
24 conversation took place in senior school, which is when
25 the abuse stopped."

1 Now that's very different to what you said in your
2 Inquiry statement, HIA229. Is there anything you want
3 to tell us about that?

4 **A. Well, possibly at the time, you know, I was trying to**
5 **recollect going back a lot of years, and the first**
6 **people I did speak to was the police, and then after**
7 **that things have come back to me, you know. I know**
8 **I didn't mention it in this statement, but that's**
9 **probably just a -- something missing to me, and if I did**
10 **say that I told him, I wouldn't think I did. I did tell**
11 **him that there was abuse but not me, because I would**
12 **have been afraid of him. I had -- I was working with**
13 **him and helping him with the and everything and**
14 **I would have been afraid of him maybe not believing me,**
15 **you know, and throwing me out of the wee job, which**
16 **I loved, you know. So I think that basically might have**
17 **been one of the reasons why it's different.**

18 **Q. So you don't think -- you think that you have got it**
19 **wrong in the police statement?**

20 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

21 **Q. You don't think you actually did tell him?**

22 **A. Yes --**

23 **Q. And what you're telling --**

24 **A. -- but I did tell him there was stuff going on, you**
25 **know.**

1 Q. Well, certainly the Inquiry have no recollection of any
2 complaint being made to -- sorry -- the DLS have no
3 recollection of any complaint being raised with them by
4 SPT90, and they say that SPT90 was the type of man who
5 would have acted on such a complaint. He would have
6 done something about it and wouldn't have just let it
7 go.

8 **A. Well, maybe he would; maybe he wouldn't. I don't --**
9 **I can't say that, that he would, because he seemed to be**
10 **a good sound man, but then again maybe he would be**
11 **concerned about rocking the boat or whatever. I don't**
12 **know. I can't speak for him.**

13 Q. I am just going to look at a photograph, HIA229, that we
14 looked at earlier.

15 CHAIRMAN: Before we leave this page --

16 MS SMITH: Sorry.

17 CHAIRMAN: -- what date was this statement taken on?

18 MS SMITH: Yes. Sorry. The police statement was in 2013,
19 I think, HIA229. Isn't that correct? If you can just
20 scroll back --

21 **A. Yes, a couple of years ago, yes.**

22 Q. -- please, to page 1 of the statement. If we can just
23 scroll up on back -- that's page 3 -- to -- and then --
24 yes, 28th October 2013.

25 When we were talking earlier, you were saying that

1 you actually went to speak to a solicitor first about
2 what had happened to you and the solicitor advised you
3 to go and tell the police. Isn't that right?

4 **A. Yes, that's correct, yes. I actually went and --**
5 **whenever the HIA came on news and that there,**
6 **I deliberated whether I would do anything. So I went to**
7 **a solicitor and asked them -- I wanted to know where**
8 **I stood or what I could do or what I had to do, and**
9 **that's how the solicitor --**

10 Q. That's how it is the police statement came about.

11 **A. -- you know -- the police and that came about, yes.**

12 Q. Sorry. Just when we were dealing with that -- yes, we
13 were going look at a photograph of the , which is at
14 SPT271. Now this is a photograph that was given to us
15 by the De La Salle Order. It is obviously a
16 . If we can maybe just slightly enlarge that.
17 It is not terribly clear, but the is there
18 right in the middle behind the , HIA229.

19 **A. He is indeed, SPT90, yes.**

20 Q. Now we have no idea when this was taken, but just from
21 reading it, it says that:

22 "They won the first prize in the
23 section of the
24 competitions. They also took third place with 96 marks
25 in the , and it

1 was their second win of the , and last
2 month they won the
3 competition at in Belfast."

4 Now I was wondering if you were in that photograph
5 or if the caption below it helped you to place it
6 timewise.

7 **A. No, I don't think -- I don't think I was there in the**
8 **at that time definitely. No, I don't think so.**

9 Q. You don't remember winning , for
10 example?

11 **A. No, I don't, but I remember them speaking about it**
12 **I think, you know. There was a lot of competitions we**
13 **went in for. There was a lot of engagements: Portrush,**
14 **Belfast, Dundalk, Drogheda. You know, I d an awful lot**
15 **of --**

16 Q. And you . Is that right?

17 **A. I was a and I and that too**
18 **and, well, all the .**

19 Q. You certainly remember your time in the as
20 a positive experience?

21 **A. Oh, that time, lovely. It was great, very good.**

22 Q. That brings me on to just ask you about -- you were
23 saying that I think when we were talking that certainly
24 BR94 -- and I think you said he was a good man?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. He is one that sticks -- and you said to me that most of
2 the rest of them were all right.

3 A. Yes. Most of the Brothers I do have to say, yes,
4 I found them, you know, very good and, you know, that
5 possibly because some of them wouldn't have been
6 involved with us much, you know, and that, but, no, the
7 majority of them were good people, yes, I do have to
8 say.

9 Q. You name a couple of others. There was a BR83 that you
10 remember?

11 A. BR83, yes. He was in the senior side. He could be
12 violent at times, yes, but I think, you know, that he
13 had to, because there was a lot of hard nuts on the
14 senior side, you know. He didn't take any -- if there
15 was a fight, he got into the middle of it and he soon
16 punched them up, but I wouldn't fault him for that.

17 Q. What about BR47? You mentioned him.

18 A. BR47 was a nice man, but he could have hit you a quare
19 crack on the ear at times, you know, if you stepped out
20 of line. He was distracted I think and liked.

21 Q. Paragraph 16, if we can go back to your statement at
22 013, you say that you moved to the senior side when you
23 were about and you don't certainly remember any
24 sexual abuse there.

25 A. No.

1 Q. You say:

2 "The Brothers on that side weren't averse to using
3 the strap, but as we were older, the boys would fight
4 back."

5 Now the De La Salle Order have said that:

6 "The strap was only used on the junior side, because
7 it was simply ineffective with the older boys as a means
8 of disciplining them."

9 **A. Well, I would disagree with that wholly, because they**
10 **were De La Salle Brothers and I think that was part of**
11 **their equipment; the same as when I went to school with**
12 **the Christian Brothers and the straps. They all seemed**
13 **to have a strap.**

14 Q. And you certainly weren't abused -- aware of any sexual
15 abuse --

16 **A. No --**

17 Q. -- in the senior side of the school?

18 **A. -- definitely not in the senior side.**

19 Q. I also asked you, HIA229, just when we were talking
20 about the Brothers, if you remembered any lay staff in
21 the home at all, in the school?

22 **A. Well, there was the chef and the -- two chefs in the**
23 **kitchen. I remember them and they were quite good.**
24 **They were a fair age. Well, to me they were a fair age.**
25 **Maybe they weren't, and one of them, funny enough, was**

1 up and that.

2 Q. You remember one name.

3 A. Yes. SR 216 you called her. was her
4 nickname, but she could be violent at times.

5 Q. Now you talked about how you loved being in the and
6 you see -- the working in the kitchen, you saw that as
7 a positive experience at St. Pat's?

8 A. Oh, yes, yes. That was good. I liked that.

9 Q. Now you were released on licence in ,
10 HIA229, and you then got into more trouble, and I am not
11 going to open it up, but there is a

12 where you
13 and other boys got into trouble. That can be seen at
14 SPT48235. We know from your statement here that you
15 ended up spending some time in Armagh Gaol and then you
16 were moved to Millisle Borstal.

17 A. Well, Armagh Gaol was a kind of assessment maybe. You
18 would spend I think it was three months there and then
19 you were sent down to Millisle. I think I spent longer
20 than that for the reason that there was outstanding
21 court appearances. So they didn't transfer me until
22 they were all over.

23 Q. Just in that paragraph there on the screen you talk
24 about in Millisle, but I am not going to go into that.

25 Life after care you describe here in paragraphs 18

1 to 22. Can I just confirm with you, HIA229, you haven't
2 been in trouble since . Isn't that correct?

3 **A. Correct.**

4 Q. The first time you spoke about what happened to you is
5 when you came -- you decided that you were going to come
6 to speak to the Inquiry. You spoke to the police first
7 of all.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. In paragraph 22 there you said that -- sorry.
10 Paragraph 21 you say that you have not told anyone in
11 your family about what happened to you and that includes
12 your wife, because you do not want to upset them with
13 what you consider to be your problems, even though you
14 are sure they would understand.

15 "I buried the abuse away for many years and if it
16 were not for the Inquiry, I believe that I would have
17 taken the details to my grave. I still get flashbacks
18 from time to time and have to take medication if
19 I become too panicked."

20 Now you spoke to the police, as we know, two years
21 ago, and you talk about this in paragraph 23. I just --
22 the police never contacted you. You came to them after
23 speaking to your solicitor and that?

24 **A. Yes, because over the years it was always on my mind and**
25 **that, but with my relationship with the police**

1 I reckoned that they wouldn't have even believed me, the
2 same as, you know, telling the family, and the police
3 never ever got into touch with me or anything, and to be
4 quite honest, if it hadn't been for the Inquiry,
5 I wouldn't have bothered, because they wouldn't
6 believe -- I wouldn't have thought anybody would believe
7 me, you know, because possibly if somebody came to me
8 today and told me these things, there's a lot of things
9 I would say, "No, not at all. Nobody would do that",
10 you know. That would be my thinking, but once I seen
11 the Inquiry -- and it took a long time for me even to
12 decide to do it, because, well, it was going back on
13 a lot of old things and memory, and it's a long time
14 ago, and I was going to say, "Well, sure what will come
15 out of it? Nothing, you know. Nothing will be done or
16 whatever", but then as I read a bit more about the
17 Inquiry, I thought, "Well, it has to be told" and then
18 possibly some good will come out of it.

19 Q. Well, you went and spoke to a solicitor before you came
20 to speak to the Inquiry, and one of the things the
21 solicitor did, apart from telling you to go to the
22 police to talk about it, he started a civil claim on
23 your behalf.

24 A. Well, they said -- I says like, "What do I do? I want
25 to go to this thing". She says, "Yes", but asked me

1 **a kind of a face.**

2 Q. And you went in -- you did mention them in your police
3 statement also at 25316. When we were talking earlier
4 about the fact that these two men were never in St.
5 Pat's during your time, you told me that you had
6 recently seen a photograph on the ?

7 **A. I seen a photograph of a whole lot of the Brothers. Now**
8 **I wouldn't say it's going back and I wouldn't know how**
9 **recent it would be, but they do look fairly old, and**
10 **I seen it on the just a couple of weeks ago.**

11 Q. And you think -- we are going to check that out, but
12 you think it was on a chat , the ?

13 **A. -- I think it was the .**

14 Q. We will certainly try and see if we can find it
15 ourselves, HIA229.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. But you say that when you saw that photograph, you
18 recognised --

19 **A. Oh, BR 87 .**

20 Q. The photograph, did it have names on it?

21 **A. Oh, yes.**

22 Q. Right.

23 **A. Their names were on the bottom of it.**

24 Q. You recognised him and you recognised BR 100 and you
25 recognised --

1 **A. Yes, and I recognised BR42 and BR94 who -- well, you**
2 **wouldn't -- no matter what age he would be you wouldn't**
3 **forget him, because I think he is about and he's**
4 **slim, you know.**

5 Q. Well, HIA229, when the Inquiry concludes its work next
6 year, it will be making recommendations to the Northern
7 Ireland Executive about what should happen about
8 children who were abused in care, and you say something
9 about this in paragraph 24 -- if we could just scroll
10 down, please -- of your statement. You said:

11 "I believe that the State owe an apology for the
12 lack of inspection or supervision of me once I went to
13 St. Patrick's. I was sent there and in my view it was
14 just to get me off the streets and then I was forgotten
15 about. I also believe that the church should apologise
16 unreservedly for the cover-up and for the abuse I and
17 others suffered at the hands of those who were supposed
18 to be caring for us. I also feel compensation is due
19 for my suffering."

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

21 Q. Now does that adequately sum up your view about what
22 recommendations the Inquiry should make?

23 **A. Yes, I think it does, yes, because looking back, and**
24 **putting it against modern day things, I -- as I say,**
25 **I was not aware of any supervision in the school. You**

1 were put in there just to get you off the streets. That
2 was my opinion of it, and rightly so. Don't get me
3 wrong. Any punishment I got from the law and all
4 I deserved it. I was bad, but also I didn't see
5 anything -- in St. Patrick's there was nothing there
6 that I could see to help me, because when I was young,
7 I wasn't wrong, you know, but there was nothing in
8 St. Patrick's that I could see that helped me -- right
9 -- well, that you would get nowadays. There was no --
10 the education was left to the side. I think that if
11 I had got maybe more education, I might have -- things
12 might have been different, but then once the abuse
13 happened, well, that just destroyed me, you know.
14 I hated any authority, any law, whatever it was, and for
15 many years I started drinking, etc, but I caught myself
16 on and realised that, "Well, in the world there is good;
17 there is bad". I was unlucky along with a lot of other
18 people who suffered, but thank God we -- I was able to
19 get out of it and since, as you say, many, many --
20 forty-odd years ago I stopped drinking and I'm fine.

21 Q. Well, HIA229, thank you very much.

22 A. Thank you, ma'am.

23 Q. There is nothing else that I want to ask you, but if
24 there is anything you feel you haven't had the
25 opportunity to say or anything that I have got wrong --

1 you told us --

2 **A. Yes, sir.**

3 Q. -- about the dormitories?

4 **A. Yes, sir.**

5 Q. You have described how there were nightwatchmen who
6 would come round from time to time.

7 **A. Yes. Yes. Sorry to interrupt. One of them was**
8 **SPT23 , who used to be the during the day.**

9 Q. I see, but so far as they were concerned, when they
10 weren't in the dormitory, were there older boys who were
11 put in charge of the rest of you?

12 **A. Yes. There was one who -- there was one boy -- you see,**
13 **these are the things I don't remember unless I'm asked.**
14 **There was one boy maybe in our dormitory or whatever and**
15 **he would be kind of the big boy, you know --**

16 Q. Yes.

17 **A. -- and if you were talking or misbehaving, you know, he**
18 **would put you on the square.**

19 Q. I will ask you about the square in just a moment.

20 **A. Oh, sorry.**

21 Q. This boy, was he the same sort of age group as the rest
22 of you or was he an older boy from the senior school?

23 **A. Oh, no, he was still on the junior side, but the juniors**
24 **probably went from a young age up to 14 or 15. Yes, he**
25 **would be a bit -- bit older than the boys in general.**

1 Q. So -- but he was broadly from the same age group as the
2 rest of you, broadly speaking?

3 **A. Yes, broadly speaking.**

4 Q. He was on the junior side?

5 **A. Oh, he was still on the junior side, yes.**

6 Q. Did those boys have any other duties or responsibilities
7 other than seeing that you all behaved yourselves at
8 night?

9 **A. No, sir, no. That was just more or less it.**

10 Q. I see. The square which you have mentioned, was this
11 a space between the beds in the dormitory itself or was
12 it outside on the landing or a corridor or something?

13 **A. Well, the dormitory went straight down and on the
14 right-hand side it kind of might have went in like that
15 alcove, and on the right-hand side there was a window
16 that can look up into the dormitory, and that's where
17 the Brother stayed, and the square was more or less just
18 as you go out the door. If you could think of his room
19 jutting out into the -- into the dormitory, it was just
20 --**

21 Q. I presume there was a door into the dormitory?

22 **A. Oh, yes, yes, yes.**

23 Q. Was it inside the door in the dormitory side?

24 **A. Oh, it was in the dormitory. It was in the dormitory,
25 yes.**

1 Q. And you were made to kneel there until the watchman came
2 round again on his rounds?

3 A. **Yes, or the Brother.**

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. **Yes. He would come out maybe and after -- it varied in
6 time and sometimes you got a slap on the head and told
7 to go back to bed.**

8 Q. And what were the reasons why you'd be put on the
9 square? Was it talking after lights out --

10 A. **Basically -- yes, basically talking --**

11 Q. -- or getting out of bed --

12 A. **No. Basically --**

13 Q. -- or having pillow fight or whatever?

14 A. **No, there wasn't too much of that. You would have been
15 afraid of that. No, it was basically talking, and then
16 maybe if one of the boys didn't happen to like you,
17 they'd put you out on the square.**

18 Q. Thank you very much.

19 A. **Right, sir.**

20 MS DOHERTY: Thank you, HIA229. Can I just ask about
21 relationships between the boys? Were you aware of any
22 physical or sexual abuse between boys?

23 A. **I think there -- I think there may have been a bit.
24 This is now thinking back that there was.**

25 Q. Uh-huh.

1 A. There was some of them were more than friendly, shall we
2 say, and some of them occasionally you would have seen
3 them holding hands, but that's --

4 Q. It would have been consensual as opposed to --

5 A. Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes.

6 Q. You weren't aware of any boys being forced to have sex?

7 A. Not my knowledge, ma'am, no.

8 Q. Okay, and in relation to physical -- I mean, bullying
9 and things like that --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- did that go on much?

12 A. A bit, not -- well, it did, yes. There was a lot of
13 bullying, but I would have called it normal. Now I know
14 in one of the reports for me from the school -- and
15 I remember this as clear as yesterday -- and I think it
16 was BR42 -- I worked in the kitchen, as you know, and
17 sometimes whenever the meal was over, someone would tell
18 me -- say, the chef or whoever was in charge -- to go
19 and get one of the boys to help, you know, to clear up
20 and that. So I remember this occasion and I think
21 that's where the bullying came up, because I am not
22 a bully, believe me. I don't think I would have the--
23 the what do you call it -- the courage to be a bully.
24 It was on the steps into the -- into the dining room
25 a boy. I says, "Right. So-and-so says you have to come

1 and help us" and he says, "I'm not doing it" and that,
2 and I was pulling him in. Now I didn't hit him or
3 anything, and BR42 came on the scene and he hit me and
4 that. He says, "What are you bullying for? What are
5 you bullying for?", and that's what it refers to. I am
6 almost certain about the bullying in that report --

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 A. -- and I didn't even know that report was in there, but
9 I remember it as well, and the steps up to it were wee
10 blue and white tiles.

11 Q. Thanks.

12 A. No, I don't think there was -- I think there was
13 a certain amount, but nothing too much.

14 Q. Okay. Thanks very much, HIA229.

15 A. Right.

16 MR LANE: Thank you for your evidence. You mentioned BR1
17 and BR99 as having abused you. Do you
18 think other Brothers knew what was going on?

19 A. Well, I don't know why they couldn't know, because the
20 boys knew. So -- a population the size of that there
21 some of the other boys were bound to have said something
22 I would think. I would be very, very surprised if it
23 wasn't known by somebody or something.

24 Q. In the TV room were there other Brothers doing the same
25 sort of thing?

1 (Short break)

2 (11.45 am)

3 WITNESS SPT126 (called)

4 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Aiken.

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

6 The next witness today is SPT126. The surname is of
7 origin he explained to me.

8 **A. Right.**

9 Q. He is known as SPT126. SPT126 is going to take the
10 oath, Chairman and is aware you are going to ask him to
11 do that.

12 WITNESS STP126 (sworn)

13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, SPT126. Please sit down. Do you wish
14 to continue to benefit from the designation, the
15 anonymity that we have given you?

16 **A. Yes, indeed.**

17 Q. Thank you.

18 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

19 MR AIKEN: Coming up on the screen, SPT126, is I hope the
20 first page of your witness statement at 836. If you
21 just can confirm that is the first page.

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

23 Q. If we look at the last page at 840, please, and can you
24 just check that that is the last page?

25 **A. That is.**

1 Q. And that you have signed it?

2 **A. Yes, indeed.**

3 Q. And you want to adopt the content -- contents as your
4 evidence before the Inquiry?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And whenever this is then posted on the website it will
7 be -- your name will be blacked out and things of your
8 personal details will also be blacked out so that people
9 can't identify you from it, but we will use names,
10 SPT126, when we are speaking this morning so you are
11 able to understand exactly what's being said.

12 **A. Right.**

13 Q. I understand you have some difficulties.

14 **A. It's not too bad.**

15 Q. If there's any problem, you let me know, and if at any
16 stage you have difficulty, just let me know, because
17 I appreciate you're nervous about doing this. So just
18 keep your eyes on me and we'll work through the issues.

19 **A. Okay.**

20 Q. You, if I try and summarise it this way, SPT126, are
21 a successful product of the training school system in
22 that you were explaining to me beforehand that until you
23 ended up in training school you were off the straight
24 and narrow and getting into difficulty of various kinds
25 and the training school experience made you come out and

1 move on with your life?

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. You have spent an entire working life in various jobs,
4 including in the end

5 **A. Right.**

6 Q. And you have now reached the age of ?

7 **A. That's right.**

8 Q. The period that you were in St. Patrick's was between
9 and ?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. And you and I were talking beforehand, and none of this
12 is said to embarrass you, but you are aware that there
13 had been occasion before the juvenile court in
14 which involved what was described then as shopbreaking
15 and larceny and a Probation Order was made. So there
16 was a probation officer keeping an eye on you for
17 a while?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And the reference for that, Members of the Panel, is at
20 18897. Similarly, there was another episode in

21 I think it was being said you weren't keeping
22 good company in the report and that's the same reference
23 at 18897, but the straw that broke the camel's back, as
24 it were, that ended up with the Training School Order
25 was you taking a bicycle?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You were very keen to have a bicycle. That theft
3 occurred on _____, and then the probation
4 officer provided a report for the court in
5 where your family background was given, and you and
6 I were talking about those documents earlier today.

7 Could I just show the Training School Order that was
8 made, SPT126, at the time? 18888. If we just maximise
9 that, we can see the handwriting. It talks back to the
10 incident on _____ in relation to the pedal
11 cycle, which had a value then of 5 pounds and the name
12 of the person whose bicycle was taken. You can see at
13 the bottom then it is being ordered that you are going
14 to go to training school at St. Patrick's and that is
15 dated _____.

16 We can see, if we just scroll on to the next page --
17 the Panel have seen some other types of this document --
18 but this is a record of information that appears to have
19 been completed by the -- signed by the clerk of the
20 court, but yours, SPT126, we can actually see it was the
21 probation officers who were filling this out just to
22 give basic information about you to the training school.

23 **A. Right.**

24 Q. And if we just scroll down, we will see that's the
25 various previous matters that had brought you before the

1 juvenile court being referred to, and if we scroll down
2 some more, please -- just keep going down, please -- if
3 we just keep moving down the form so we can see that it
4 is signed off by the probation officer ultimately on
5 . So this document is then given to the
6 training school so they have an understanding of who
7 they are receiving.

8 **A. Right.**

9 Q. Then you and I were talking through the record that was
10 kept by presumably one of the Brothers who did this,
11 kept on you of your time when you were in St. Patrick's,
12 and if we can look at 18900, please, if we can just
13 maximise that, SPT126, you were able to bring some flesh
14 to some of this, because you were explaining to me that
15 initially in there's a reference to
16 "didn't return".

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. And one of the things we will talk about later is how
19 absconding was dealt with.

20 **A. Right.**

21 Q. But that's something that you remember --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- that particular not coming back and the consequences,
24 that you were basically stewed, as you call it --

25 **A. Right.**

1 Q. -- which was worse than ever getting hit with the strap

2 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- in that you didn't get to go out --

5 **A. That's right.**

6 Q. -- for subsequent weekends whenever you would otherwise
7 have got home?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. There was a particular incident on this that we were
10 talking about in . The Panel can see down
11 the left-hand side after the "Camp -- so the camp
12 was in Glenariff I think. Is that where it was?

13 **A. That's right.**

14 Q. Then there's this entry:

15 " . In manager's room in house
16 where he was on holiday -- while he was on holiday
17 questioned re watch."

18 Now you were explaining to me that one of the
19 privileges that everybody wanted to get -- and this will
20 assist the Panel with various allegations the Panel has
21 to deal with -- but one of the special privileges was to
22 get the job of office boy?

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

24 Q. Can you just explain to the Panel what the job of office
25 boy was?

1 **complex. I wouldn't have seen him in the canteen or --**
2 **occasionally he would have turned up at matches**
3 **or matches, but mostly I would have seen him**
4 **in the office surroundings.**

5 Q. Is it fair if I said -- you were there for years
6 ultimately -- he was not someone regularly involved in
7 your life?

8 **A. No, he wasn't.**

9 Q. Or around the boys in the dormitories or --

10 **A. No, no, he didn't. It wasn't part of his duties as far**
11 **as I was aware anyway.**

12 Q. And you -- whenever I -- you were telling me, in fact,
13 before we got to this entry on the page that you
14 remembered being given the privilege of being the office
15 boy --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and that brought you into contact with BR1 every time
18 you were there --

19 **A. Right.**

20 Q. -- and then losing that privilege --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- because went missing --

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

24 Q. -- and the suspicion fell on the boy who was the office
25 boy at the time --

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

2 Q. -- and that was you.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. I was saying to you without meaning to be insulting they
5 would have known that you'd had light fingers according
6 to the record --

7 **A. Yes. Well --**

8 Q. -- beforehand.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And they -- ultimately you lost the job of being the
11 office boy?

12 **A. Right.**

13 Q. But you were telling me that you found out some time
14 later after you had left St. Patrick's --

15 **A. Right.**

16 Q. -- that BR94 was able to tell you they'd actually found
17 who took --

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. -- and it was the previous boy -- previous office
20 boy --

21 **A. Previous -- yes.**

22 Q. -- who had had the opportunity to work out the place and
23 understand who would be where when?

24 **A. Exactly, yes.**

25 Q. So you were exonerated for ?

1 **A. Aye, personally I was. I don't know whether the rest of**
2 **the school or Brothers knew that.**

3 Q. And you then are recorded on this page, SPT126, as
4 getting home at various occasions, and also being at
5 camp. So the -- you went to Glenariff each summer?

6 **A. That's right.**

7 Q. And then you seem to have been getting out home for
8 Hallowe'en or home for Christmas?

9 **A. That's true.**

10 Q. Would you also have had -- your is mentioned
11 here on one occasion:

12 " up as getting out."

13 Would your family have come up to visit?

14 **A. The family would have come up to visit of a Wednesday**
15 **night and of a Sunday when I wasn't at home. So it was**
16 **Wednesday nights and the odd Sunday that I wasn't out.**

17 Q. And you -- we were talking about being released on
18 licence --

19 **A. Right.**

20 Q. -- and if we can look at a document at 18903, because
21 your Training School Order was to last effectively
22 years --

23 **A. Right.**

24 Q. -- but there seems to have been a pattern of letting you
25 out early.

1 **A. Right.**

2 Q. This is a letter that appears to be written by the
3 manager at the time. It might have been BR46

4 --

5 **A. BR46 I think.**

6 Q. -- or BR46.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. BR46. He says:

9 "I beg to refer to the attached form D ..."

10 We don't have the form D, but I think that's the
11 notification that you were going to be released on
12 licence that had been previously sent:

13 "... in the case of the above-named youth who was
14 discharged on licence from St. Patrick's on 8th inst.
15 It appears that he had been associating with undesirable
16 companions and keeping bad hours and so I thought it
17 best in his own interest to revoke his licence and
18 recall him to the school."

19 So they, having let you out, aren't happy with how
20 you're getting on --

21 **A. Right.**

22 Q. -- and they bring you back in again.

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

24 Q. So they appear to have been keeping an eye on boys who
25 were out on licence?

1 **A. Oh, yes.**

2 Q. And then if you were stepping out of line, you had to
3 come back?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. And you then spent from until before
6 you were allowed out?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. If we look at 18905, please, this is you being
9 discharged on initially to work as the
10 apprentice mechanic with garage?

11 **A. That's right.**

12 Q. Then we move on to the next page, we can see in
13 when you are getting out the second time you are going
14 to work as a , but the company that's named
15 there you didn't go to work for?

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

17 Q. If we move on to the next page, we can see the aftercare
18 record. Just scroll down further, please, so we can get
19 most of it on the screen. Thank you. You can see the
20 February '65 reference to working at garage.
21 Then you come back in. Then you made a start in
22 with ?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You appear to -- report from the foreman:

25 "A willing and obedient lad. Shows some

1 intelligence for the job. Very promising."

2 Then it appears that the people at St. Patrick's
3 have kept in touch with your mum and with you over the
4 next three years?

5 **A. Right.**

6 Q. And you were explaining to me that eventually you
7 stopped doing manual work after a particular experience
8 when you were closed in --

9 **A. Right.**

10 Q. -- and you went and worked for years for .

11 **A. No. Before I worked for a .**

12 Q. You worked in a --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- and made your way up to ?

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

16 Q. And then went to work ?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. And then you were self-employed working. So you have
19 worked your whole life through --

20 **A. Oh, yes.**

21 Q. -- having come out of training school at --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. I think you went in at --

24 **A. That's right.**

25 Q. -- and you came out at in effect?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And then worked your whole life through until your
3 retirement?

4 **A. That's right.**

5 Q. One of the matters I was drawing to your attention, you
6 talk in your statement about your schooling and how you
7 were getting on, and your view was to keep your head
8 down and try and work hard and move on?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. I was showing you an old school report --

11 **A. Right.**

12 Q. -- if we look at 18902, because you refer in your
13 statement to , one of your teachers. In
14 paragraph 12 you talk about being taught by .
15 I was reading to you that he described you:

16 "I think SPT126 is one of the better type of pupils
17 in the school at the moment. He is quite good all round
18 in his class work, tries hard at games, etc, and
19 generally has given me a good impression in the short
20 time he has been in my class. I don't think he will be
21 a cause of any great concern."

22 So your teacher, , had formed a positive
23 view of you --

24 **A. Right.**

25 Q. -- that's recorded in the records that were kept about

1 you?

2 **A. Right.**

3 Q. And the latter half of the page, unfortunately I think
4 it is dated , but it's not -- again the words that
5 we can make out certainly seem to be someone saying
6 positive things about you, but not necessarily every
7 word were we able to decipher.

8 **A. Right.**

9 Q. But that sums up the view that you took in training
10 school, SPT126?

11 **A. Yes, indeed.**

12 Q. You decided to get your head down and work hard, and
13 when you came out, fresh start, albeit there had been
14 the one blip while you were out on licence.

15 **A. That's right.**

16 Q. Your -- you explain in your statement, if I summarise it
17 in this way, you are grateful to those who took the time
18 to try and show you a better way of going about things
19 --

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

21 Q. -- when you were there. I am going to just touch on
22 some of the main themes out of your witness statement
23 and see if you can help the Panel with how certain
24 things were done --

25 **A. Right.**

1 Q. -- that the Panel is hearing about during the evidence.
2 The first of those, if we can go back to your statement
3 at 836, please, paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 of your
4 statement, SPT126, deal with night-time in the
5 dormitories.

6 **A. Right.**

7 Q. And you were aware or have been made aware that
8 allegations were being made about Brothers taking boys
9 out of the dormitories to sexually abuse them at
10 night-time.

11 **A. Right.**

12 Q. And the point that you were making, if I summarise it
13 and then you add to it for me to assist the Panel, the
14 dormitories were an L-shape --

15 **A. Right.**

16 Q. -- with a room for the --

17 **A. Housemaster.**

18 Q. -- Brother who was staying in the school that night?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. And I'll just show you a plan at 370, please. I think
21 this might be Mr Napier's handiwork. He will forgive me
22 for saying I don't think he is going to make it in art
23 necessarily, much like myself, but he has drawn this
24 with the assistance of BR94 and this shows a dormitory,
25 and then in the corner a square room where the Brother

1 would have slept, and then a dormitory going down the
2 page in an L-type shape.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. And the note that's beneath on this is indicating there
5 were effectively two dormitories underneath each other.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. So there were two floors that looked just like this?

8 **A. Yes, just like that, yes.**

9 Q. And --

10 CHAIRMAN: Does that mean as we look at the plan that the
11 Brother was responsible for two dormitories which were
12 at right angles to each other?

13 **A. Yes, yes.**

14 Q. So he could look out to one --

15 **A. There was a window.**

16 Q. -- and then he'd look out to the other. Is that right?

17 **A. Yes, he could look out a window down one dormitory and
18 a window here down the other dormitory.**

19 MR AIKEN: And that was replicated I think to -- the junior
20 dormitories were one on top of the other --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- along the top?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. And the senior dormitories were one on top of the other
25 going -- pointing down the page.

1 **A. Sorry. You are saying the senior dormitory?**

2 Q. The older boys -- were the dormitories split up into the
3 same as the school, junior and senior?

4 **A. Yes, yes, there was a junior and senior.**

5 Q. Yes.

6 **A. Okay.**

7 Q. So if you imagine if I turn this round and point to it,
8 if this was the junior dormitory --

9 **A. Right.**

10 Q. -- you had on the ground floor, as it were, and then you
11 had another one the same as the junior dormitory on the
12 first floor?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. And then you had the senior dormitory --

15 **A. No, no, no.**

16 Q. You explain it then as it was.

17 **A. The two dormitories that you can see there --**

18 Q. Yes.

19 **A. -- and there was two below it, those four dormitories
20 were for the junior side of the school.**

21 Q. Right.

22 **A. The senior side of the school, a different building
23 altogether really, had similar. They had four
24 dormitories, two on two.**

25 Q. So the -- each night there would have been a Brother in

1 each of the rooms --

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. -- on the two floors?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. And the same over on the senior dormitories --

6 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- which were in a different area?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. And otherwise the Brothers slept in a Brothers' house --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- which was not part of the school --

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. -- building?

14 **A. It was a separate building, yes.**

15 Q. You explain in your statement, SPT126, that really the
16 work at night from your recollection was done by the
17 nightwatchman.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Can you just explain how that worked?

20 **A. Well, there was two nightwatchmen doing shifts, one one**
21 **week and the other one the next week, and they would**
22 **have come round -- I don't know -- I think maybe on**
23 **an hourly basis, just came into the dormitory, walked**
24 **along it -- came in the front door, locked it behind**
25 **them, went to the end, out the bottom door and then into**

1 **the next dormitory and along it, and then downstairs**
2 **into the bottom two, and then there was like a head boy**
3 **sort of thing left in -- to oversee what was going on in**
4 **the dormitory after lights out.**

5 Q. Let me just pause there. You were saying to me earlier
6 that this head boy, as it were, wasn't necessarily the
7 oldest boy --

8 **A. That's right.**

9 Q. -- but, as you were explaining it, he was the boy who
10 was there the longest?

11 **A. Longest and probably most trusted.**

12 Q. And that boy's responsibility was to deal with anyone
13 when the nightwatchman wasn't there?

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

15 Q. And then they were made kneel in a particular area so
16 that, when the nightwatchmen came, they were able to
17 know who had been misbehaving?

18 **A. That's right.**

19 Q. I think you explain that the nightwatchman -- in
20 paragraph 5 of your statement, if the Panel are happy,
21 having looked at the plan, that we go back to 836,
22 please, if we just look at paragraph 5, SPT126, you
23 explain that the nightwatchman would have had a strap?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. If they had -- whoever it was had stepped badly out of

1 line, then they would have got the strap --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- rather than just being told off?

4 **A. Yes. Well, generally the watchman would have asked the**
5 **head boy why the boy was out in the square and, as you**
6 **say, if it wasn't serious, he might have been just let**
7 **back into bed. If it was -- if he had been told**
8 **repeatedly to do something and didn't do it, he might**
9 **have got a slap then.**

10 Q. If I can ask you -- obviously you spent three years,
11 most of the time on the junior side?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Can you remember the Brothers ever being in the
14 dormitory to sort some problem out --

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. -- at night-time?

17 **A. No, it never -- never got to that, you know. Between**
18 **the watchman and the head boy looking after the**
19 **dormitory and knowing that the Brother was in the room**
20 **at the end of the dormitory, there was never any serious**
21 **trouble. You know, there was just boys running about**
22 **after lights out chatting and swapping comics and things**
23 **like that. There was nothing ever serious.**

24 Q. The suggestion that has been made to the Inquiry is that
25 boys would have been taken out of their beds by Brothers

1 during the night and taken away to be abused. Can
2 you -- I appreciate you have said this in your
3 statement, but can you remember anything of that ever
4 taking place or more so boys talking about that taking
5 place?

6 **A. No. To the best of my knowledge that never happened.**

7 Q. What you were telling me earlier, SPT126, was that there
8 was smutty talk, as it were, among boys and you said to
9 me they would have referred to each other as someone's
10 bum boy.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. And if it looked like a Brother had shown any
13 favouritism towards a particular boy, then others would
14 have called him BR⁹⁴ 's bum boy" or "BR47's bum boy" or
15 ...

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

17 Q. But you never read into that --

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. -- anything more to it than just boys insulting each
20 other?

21 **A. Yes, that's basically it. I never took it on board at
22 all. I didn't believe it.**

23 Q. So -- and you were saying to me that it wasn't just boys
24 would refer to a boy as a Brother's bum boy --

25 **A. Aye.**

1 Q. -- but boys would refer to each other --

2 **A. Boys with boys, yes. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- as some other boy's. So that type of conversation
4 would take place?

5 **A. Right.**

6 Q. And you also said to me similar there would have been
7 remarks about girls that you would have come across or
8 seen?

9 **A. Aye.**

10 Q. And the talk would have been of a similar type nature
11 about the girls?

12 **A. Yes. Girls -- maybe sisters or even mothers that
13 visited some of the boys, there would have been comments
14 made about them.**

15 Q. I think you gave me an example earlier. We don't
16 necessarily need to repeat it, but it was commenting on
17 somebody else's mother and how attractive they were --

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

19 Q. -- and so on, but at so stage did you ever -- I was
20 asking you -- and I don't want to go into this in any
21 great detail, SPT126 -- but you were saying to me at the
22 end of our discussion -- you didn't tell me
23 beforehand -- but at the end of it that you had had
24 an experience long before training school --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- where someone had done something on you that they
2 shouldn't have.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You didn't see anything of that nature or understand
5 that anything of that type was going on in
6 St. Patrick's?

7 **A. No, not at all.**

8 Q. I was asking you whether -- because the Inquiry clearly
9 has seen material that shows boys were interfering with
10 each other at times or experimenting with each other or
11 in some cases older boys taking advantage of younger
12 boys. Reference has been made to it going on in the
13 toilets, for instance, that type of thing. Did you see
14 that type of activity or understand that it was taking
15 place?

16 **A. No. I can understand how it may have taken place, but
17 I certainly never witnessed any of it or came across any
18 of it. Nobody confided in me that it was going on with
19 anybody else.**

20 Q. It wasn't, you know, "You should have seen Peter and
21 John in the toilet there"?

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. There was none of that type of conversation?

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. There was slagging, as it were --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- about sexual matters --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- but not anyone suggesting particular practices were
5 occurring?

6 **A. No, no. It was more of a banter than anything.**

7 Q. Just when we are on the subject of the dormitories,
8 SPT126, you explain in paragraph 11 of your statement at
9 837, please -- the Inquiry has heard some and will hear
10 some more evidence about the cleaning regime and in
11 particular the cleaning of the dormitories.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You explain in your statement that you had to tidy up
14 every day in terms of tidying your bed --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- and making sure the place was spick and span --

17 **A. yes.**

18 Q. -- but the actual intensive cleaning was really done at
19 the weekend?

20 **A. That's right, on a Saturday.**

21 Q. But the other occasion when it may have been done other
22 than on Saturdays are you were saying to me if the
23 weather had been bad and therefore the floors had got
24 wet or mucky --

25 **A. Right.**

1 Q. -- then more cleaning would have been done?

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. But you weren't having to clean every day?

4 **A. Oh, no, no. You made your bed every day and tidied, but**
5 **that was it.**

6 Q. And you've talked about the food and it was pretty basic
7 but there was plenty of it and so on, but can I just ask
8 you about meal times, SPT126? I was asking you earlier
9 was there a rule that you were banned from speaking at
10 meal times?

11 **A. No, not at all. You would have been having a normal**
12 **chat across the table but -- and if it got too loud, you**
13 **would have been told to keep quiet, but there wasn't**
14 **a general rule of not talking.**

15 Q. Now one of the things that you enjoyed, and your school
16 teacher referred to it, if we look at paragraph 14 at
17 SPT838, please, was sport, and, in fact, you -- you say
18 that BR47, for instance, was the person who called the
19 sports --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- and you weren't forced to participate, but you
22 could -- it was a choice for you whether you
23 participated or not.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. And you explain that you didn't really -- weren't too

1 matches, and then any time I got free time at all to
2 myself I would have went and got the and
3 spent an hour in the gym training myself, you know.

4 Q. I was asking you -- and I am just going to ask you
5 a little bit more detail about it -- there has been
6 reference to BR1 being around . Can
7 you remember was he involved in your training along with
8 BR47?

9 A. No. He wasn't involved in the training or any real
10 aspect of . He did turn up sometimes to
11 matches and watch, even, never mind
12 , but no, he didn't have any input.

13 Q. And can I ask you -- obviously when you had been playing
14 , you would have been needing a shower
15 afterwards.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. There were communal showers in the changing rooms.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were you naked when you were in the showers?

20 A. Yes, you were.

21 Q. Right. So some people have talked about wearing
22 swimming trunks.

23 A. Well, I think if you really wanted to wear swimming
24 trunks, you could, but I didn't have anything against
25 walking into the shower, you know, naked.

1 Q. And did you notice was there Brothers regularly watching
2 you or ever watching you in the showers that --

3 **A. Well, there was -- outside of the showers you got after**
4 **your training, you know, there was -- you got showers**
5 **other times of the week, and there was a Brother present**
6 **there, but it was a supervisory attendance that he was**
7 **there under, you know. Had to be, the same way you**
8 **would be with in taking a meal.**

9 Q. So it wasn't something that ever made you uncomfortable?

10 **A. No, not at all, no.**

11 Q. And what I want to then talk about is the punishment
12 mechanisms that were in place. I know there's one
13 particular thing that was causing you a lot of
14 sleeplessness over your statement that you wanted me to
15 correct. So if we scroll down to paragraph 18, you were
16 explaining to me that you had a -- you were being asked
17 in question 18 about excessive punishment, something
18 over the top --

19 **A. Right.**

20 Q. -- because strapping was part of life --

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. -- and rewards and privileges, which we are going to
23 talk about, and the context of you answering -- I think
24 you were having this prepared alongside Mr Napier -- you
25 weren't saying -- and there is a word missing here you

1 want to clearly put in. It is:

2 "I don't recall excessive punishment being
3 administered in the school."

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

5 Q. I know first thing through the door this morning that
6 was a point you wanted to make to me before I got near
7 your statement. The point that you are making the
8 statement was drafted for you. You did find five or six
9 things to correct, but you didn't spot this until you
10 were preparing to come here --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- and wanted then to correct it; that you were saying
13 to me it would be ludicrous to suggest there was no
14 punishment.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. There was punishment, but what you didn't see was this
17 random violence just being perpetrated?

18 **A. Exactly, yes.**

19 Q. I want to ask you about the strapping then. Can you
20 remember who would have done the strapping?

21 **A. Well, really any Brother or lay teacher who was
22 witnessing bad behaviour. Whoever was there would have
23 done it. It wasn't any one particular Brother or lay
24 person.**

25 Q. And can you explain to the Panel what form it took? How

1 did they do it? Did they do it in front of everyone?
2 Was it ten slaps? Was it more? How would you doing the
3 best you can --

4 **A. Well, again it was -- it just depended on where it**
5 **happened, but generally speaking it was one slap and,**
6 **yes, it probably would have been in front of other boys,**
7 **because that's where the mischief would have happened**
8 **among a group of boys, but it was generally only one**
9 **slap.**

10 Q. And then for absconding -- so I think you did this on
11 one occasion or --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- didn't come back when you were supposed to come back
14 -- for absconding the punishment could be more serious?

15 **A. It could be, but again it was down to, you know, its own**
16 **merits. There was boys who like myself, for instance --**
17 **I absconded out of home sickness really not too long**
18 **after I went into St. Pat's, but there were boys who**
19 **absconded and got into serious trouble when they were --**
20 **while they were out, breaking into shops and robberies**
21 **and thefts and things like that, and certainly their**
22 **punishment was reported to have been more serious.**

23 **I never witnessed it, but --**

24 Q. I was asking you earlier, SPT126, it wasn't a case that
25 they were, you know, brought in and strapped on the

1 behind in front of the assembly hall full of people?

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. You don't remember that type of thing?

4 **A. No. In the assembly hall whenever the weekly points or**
5 **marks were read out anybody, as I said, that had got the**
6 **zero marks were stewed, which meant they weren't getting**
7 **out, were put to one side, and the rest of the boys were**
8 **dealt with in who was going home and so on, and that**
9 **part of the assembly was broken up before the other boys**
10 **were dealt with. Yes, there was talk about them getting**
11 **strokes and so on, but again I never seen it. I never**
12 **witnessed it.**

13 Q. So just to help the Panel understand the rewards and
14 privileges system, there was a constant record being
15 kept of your behaviour?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. And if you stepped out of line, you were losing marks?

18 **A. You were losing marks.**

19 Q. And you could gain marks in certain ways?

20 **A. You could gain marks with good behaviour or -- and these**
21 **marks, I think it was from zero to 40, and on a Sunday**
22 **morning these marks were read out and transferred or**
23 **transformed over into a monetary reward, depending on**
24 **what marks you got, but, as I say, if you got the zero,**
25 **you were stewed, or grounded in today's terms.**

1 Q. Can you help the Panel? You were discussing this with
2 me earlier, that the stewing was perceived amongst the
3 boys -- at least this is your recollection -- perceived
4 amongst the boys as much worse than getting a strap --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- on the hand?

7 **A. Yes, very much so.**

8 Q. Why? Can you explain what you mean by that?

9 **A. Well, if you can imagine the thrill, if you like, of**
10 **getting out of the school on a Sunday morning or**
11 **sometimes Saturday home to your family, home to do what**
12 **you wanted to do, having a good time, you didn't want to**
13 **put that in jeopardy. So if you'd done something during**
14 **the week that wasn't too bad, you would much rather have**
15 **a slap than lose five or ten marks, you know, that might**
16 **jeopardise you getting home on a Sunday.**

17 Q. You mentioned you could remember the two nightwatchmen
18 and you gave me their names. One was .

19 **A. No,** SPT23 .

20 Q. SPT23 -- my apologies -- and the other was

21 SPT150 ?

22 **A. That's right.**

23 Q. You differentiated because one had a strap --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- and one had a cane?

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

2 Q. And that's how they went about?

3 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. And you mention that in paragraph 18 and you were able
5 to name the two individuals who were involved.

6 But in relation to absconding some witnesses have
7 talked about having their heads shaved so their hair was
8 removed and that would embarrass them into presumably
9 not going out --

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. -- or not running off again until their hair grows back,
12 because they wouldn't want to be seen with no hair.

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. Do you remember that type of thing happening?

15 **A. No, I don't and, as you say, it's not something that**
16 **they could hide. If their heads were shaven, I would**
17 **have seen it, and I do not recall seeing anything like**
18 **that.**

19 Q. There are records, SPT126, that show people who
20 absconded being put in a -- it was called a detention
21 room or a cell -- it was near I think the boiler room --
22 where they, you know, had to stay basically like
23 solitary confinement almost, not I am sure like prison
24 necessarily, but they were to stay there until the
25 Brothers decided they could be trusted not to run off

1 again. Do you remember that?

2 **A. Again no, I don't.**

3 Q. You don't remember that?

4 **A. I'm not aware of it at all.**

5 Q. Then, SPT126, the last thing that I want to cover, you
6 talk in your statement at various locations about the
7 different Brothers that you came across. For instance,
8 in paragraph 27 you talk about BR47, BR42 and BR94 having
9 influenced your life greatly. The reason you focus on
10 these three Brothers is because you spent most of your
11 time in the junior side.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. And these were on the junior side?

14 **A. That's right.**

15 Q. So on occasion it would have been BR42 in the dormitory
16 Brother's room?

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. On another occasion it would have been BR47. On other
19 occasions it would have been BR94

20 **A. Well, as far as I'm aware the rooms were BR42's and**
21 **BR47's. I think^{BR94} slept in the Brothers' house as far**
22 **as I know.**

23 Q. So you don't remember him in one of the dormitory rooms?

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

25 Q. But you explain -- and maybe you just want to explain

1 this in your own words to the Panel -- what BR42 was
2 like, because you found him a different type of
3 personality from the other two.

4 **A. Yes. Well, if I can start with, say, BR47 --**

5 **Q. Yes.**

6 **A. -- was more of an outgoing person, as I say, very much**
7 **into sports, and BR6 was not so much into sports, but he**
8 **was chatty and friendly too and -- whereas BR42 was**
9 **stand-offish, quieter, seemed to look at things in black**
10 **and white whereas with^{BR94} and BR47 you had a bit of**
11 **come and go.**

12 **Q. Can I ask you, SPT126 -- a number of witnesses have**
13 **characterised the place as, you know, everyone was**
14 **afraid of these Brothers. They were -- they caused fear**
15 **and ruled by fear and you behaved yourself because you**
16 **were afraid. How -- how did you find them in terms of**
17 **your relationship with them? Were you afraid of them or**
18 **how did you -- how would you describe them?**

19 **A. No, I was never afraid of them at all, you know.**

20 **I respected them and I done what I was told, I mean, not**
21 **so much out of fear, but because it was wrong not to.**
22 **Even BR42 -- you know, I preferred it when BR47 or^{BR94}**
23 **were on duty, because they were approachable, whereas**
24 **BR42 wasn't, but he was still a very fair man. As**
25 **I say, he seen things in black and white. It was,**

1 **"These are the rules" and you lived by them, you know.**

2 Q. And you explain then in the next paragraph,
3 paragraph 28, that you only spent three months on the
4 senior side?

5 **A. That's right.**

6 Q. The impression you give, SPT126 -- and if I can just ask
7 you to explain to the Panel -- was there a real
8 separation between the junior side and the senior side,
9 because you give the impression that, well, you spent
10 nearly three years with^{BR94} and BR42 and BR47, but you
11 only really saw BR26 and BR83 for a very short period.

12 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Was there a separation between junior and senior?

14 **A. Yes, very much so. There was.**

15 Q. And how was that organised? If you were describing the
16 layout, how did you -- how did that happen?

17 **A. Well -- well, if you start with the dormitories, they
18 were miles apart. The junior side, the schooling system
19 was at one end of the building. The workshops for the
20 senior, engineering shops, woodwork shops, were away at
21 the other side of the school, you know. So there was --
22 there was very definitely -- you weren't allowed to
23 associate with seniors if you were a junior. It was
24 like two separate schools nearly.**

25 Q. And was that why then you wouldn't have seen BR26 and

1 BR83 from --

2 **A. Well, whenever I went over to the senior side, as I say,**
3 **you had a job, a full-time job as opposed to the**
4 **schooling. So from 9 o'clock in the morning until**
5 **5 o'clock in the evening you were doing your job and**
6 **then it was in for your dinner and then whatever sports.**

7 Q. Just on that subject, SPT126, you worked in the kitchen?

8 **A. On the junior side.**

9 Q. On the junior side.

10 **A. Not while I was in the senior.**

11 Q. Then in the garden when you were on the senior side?

12 **A. In the garden on the senior side. As I said, BR26 had**
13 **an interest in and sort of ran , and**
14 **so the evening time sports or recreations I wasn't**
15 **involved in, because I didn't like .**

16 Q. You were playing ?

17 **A. I was still playing , yes.**

18 Q. Were you ever aware of any, you know, talk about -- you
19 have already said you weren't aware about talk about BR94
20 and BR42 and so on other than this reference that boys
21 made --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- of each other. Did -- was the same type of thing of
24 BR26 and BR83? Can you remember that type of --

25 **A. The same thing, yes. I never heard any adverse talk**

1 about BR26 or BR83. BR83 was like another model of
2 BR42, you know. He was stand-offish and just wanted to
3 get on with whatever duties he had to do. As I say,
4 BR26 was into and a bit of sports, but I never
5 heard anything about either of them.

6 Q. You have explained to the Panel in paragraph 29 --
7 I should say other than -- you have no -- you are not
8 into the De La Salle Order or any of that. You became
9 aware that serious allegations were made against men
10 that you had a respect for --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- and felt you should say something about them.

13 A. That's right, yes. Uh-huh. I have the greatest of
14 respect for them. As I said earlier, they put me back
15 on the straight and narrow and I could have just as
16 easily went the other way. I probably didn't appreciate
17 it very much at the time, but thinking back, I could
18 have just went the other way, and they were very good to
19 me. I have -- I respect them, and obviously BR47 is not
20 with us anymore, but I would still call up to the
21 Brothers' house and visit^{BR94} and BR42 on a regular
22 basis.

23 Q. What you are saying in paragraph 29 is that you from
24 your own experience find it hard to believe that they
25 were doing the type of thing that is said of them in

1 terms of sexually abusing boys?

2 **A. It's unbelievable. I can't. I will not even say it is**
3 **hard to try and imagine it. I just can't imagine it.**

4 Q. SPT126, I am not going to ask you any more questions
5 just now.

6 **A. Right.**

7 Q. The Panel Members may want to ask you something about
8 some of the issues that we have covered.

9 **A. Right.**

10 Q. So if you just bear with us for a short time --

11 **A. Okay.**

12 Q. -- to allow them to do that.

13 Questions from THE PANEL

14 CHAIRMAN: SPT126, can I just take you back to something you
15 mentioned about the dormitories, and you may have made
16 this clear and perhaps I just haven't understood it?
17 You have described how there were two dormitories at
18 right angles to each other and that was the pattern on
19 the ground floor and then there were two more on the
20 next floor up above.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. And that was the same for the juniors and then on senior
23 side the same pattern. The Brother who slept in the
24 room that would allow him to look into two dormitories,
25 was it always the same Brother or did they take it as

1 a rota and, you know, one would sleep, let's say, on
2 a Monday or one would do it for a week or something?

3 **A. Well, I would say it was always the same Brother. As**
4 **I said, the on the junior side was BR42,**
5 **BR47 and^{BR94} and BR42 had his room, BR47 had his room**
6 **and as far as I'm aware^{BR94} slept over in the Brother's**
7 **house.**

8 Q. So it was always --

9 **A. It was always --**

10 Q. -- BR42 in one room and --

11 **A. BR47 in the other.**

12 Q. -- BR47 in the other?

13 **A. Unless they were on holiday or something like that and**
14 **they had a stand-in.**

15 Q. Oh, no, I appreciate that. I appreciate that, but
16 generally speaking, it was the same Brother in your
17 experience?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And you have mentioned the Brothers' house, which we've
20 heard about occasionally. Was it on the St. Patrick's
21 Training School site or somewhere nearby but separate?

22 **A. It was -- it was separate from the school building, but**
23 **it was on the same site that St. Patrick's owned or run**
24 **or whatever it was --**

25 Q. Yes.

1 **A. -- and it was off bounds to any of the pupils except the**
2 **office boy or if some of the Brothers sent a pupil over**
3 **on a particular errand.**

4 Q. Yes, but generally speaking, that was a separate --

5 **A. Separate building.**

6 Q. -- building. Presumably you could see the Brothers
7 going to and from it and so on?

8 **A. Yes, indeed.**

9 Q. Apart from the two occasions you have described, if you
10 were sent to the office or sent on an errand, you
11 weren't allowed anywhere near it?

12 **A. No. Just I would have collected the morning papers from**
13 **the local shop and would have went to the Brothers'**
14 **house and distribute them round the rooms.**

15 Q. Yes.

16 **A. That's the daily reason for me being there.**

17 Q. I see. Thank you very much.

18 **A. Thank you.**

19 MS DOHERTY: Thank you. Can I just ask about the TV room,
20 SPT126, about, you know, going to watch TV in the
21 evenings? Would the Brothers watch TV with you? Would
22 they be --

23 **A. Well, like the other activities, there was one Brother**
24 **for, say, basketball, one Brother for the snooker room**
25 **and one Brother for swimming and there was one Brother**

1 **and he was the previous office boy.**

2 Q. Right, and the other thing, in terms of nightwatchmen,
3 was there a separate one for the senior school from the
4 junior school or did the one cover the whole area?

5 A. **I couldn't -- I can't say for definite about that.**

6 **I think there might have been a separate one. I'm not**
7 **sure.**

8 Q. Thank you very much.

9 A. **Thank you.**

10 CHAIRMAN: Well, SPT126, thank you very much indeed for
11 coming to speak to us today. We're very grateful to you
12 --

13 A. **Thank you.**

14 Q. -- for taking the trouble to do that.

15 A. **Thank you.**

16 **(Witness withdrew)**

17 MR AIKEN: Chairman, it's probably -- I will be taking the
18 next witness and we can probably --

19 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, we will sit again at 1.50.

20 MR AIKEN: Yes.

21 (12.50 pm)

22 (Lunch break)

23 (1.50 pm)

24 WITNESS HIA100 (called)

25 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

1 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good afternoon.
2 The next witness today is HIA100, who is HIA100. HIA100
3 is aware, Chairman, you are going to ask him to take the
4 oath.

5 WITNESS HIA100 (sworn)

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA100. Please sit down.

7 **A. Thank you.**

8 **Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY**

9 MR AIKEN: HIA100, coming up on the screen is your witness
10 statement. You will see the black marks, which are part
11 of the Inquiry's anonymity policy. You want to keep
12 your anonymity?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. If you just pull the microphone towards you, HIA100, and
15 turn it round. That's it. Can you just confirm that is
16 the first page of your witness statement?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. If we go to the last page at 055, please, and can you
19 confirm that's the last page --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- save for the black mark, but you have a copy, HIA100,
22 that allows you to tell me that you have, in fact,
23 signed your witness statement?

24 **A. That's true, yes.**

25 Q. And you want to adopt the contents as your evidence

1 before the Inquiry?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Then in addition, Members of the Panel, HIA100 spoke to
4 the police on 25th September 2013. That police
5 statement can be found at 25411 to 25414, and as you and
6 I were discussing earlier, HIA100, whenever HIA100 want
7 to speak to the police he also gave them a set of
8 handwritten notes that he had made, which set out the
9 account that's then recorded in the police statement.
10 Those handwritten notes can be found at 25418 through to
11 25425. The police officer who received them explains
12 how he received them at 25415.

13 In addition, then the Inquiry has received a number
14 of response statements. If you bear with me for
15 a moment just so I give the Panel the references --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- HIA100, to where these documents can be found.

18 The De La Salle response can be found at 305 to 308
19 with exhibits from 309 to 316.

20 The Health & Social Care Board response can be found
21 at 588 to 589, and it makes the point that Social
22 Services were not involved with HIA100, and we will see
23 how he came to be in St. Patrick's shortly.

24 The Department of Justice response can be found at
25 1402 to 1403 with exhibits from 1404 to 1406.

1 Then the Department of Justice has provided the
2 Inquiry with the St. Patrick's personal file that was
3 kept on HIA100, as with others. HIA100, you and I were
4 talking about the contents of some of that this morning
5 --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- as well as some diary entries that have been
8 identified. That material runs from 47353 to 47406.

9 Then, as the Panel is aware from having read
10 HIA100's statement and the material surrounding it,
11 HIA100 makes allegations against a number of Brothers.
12 One is -- although when we come to hear HIA100's
13 evidence about BR42, he regarded him in a positive
14 light, but BR42's statement to the Inquiry can be found
15 at 2166 to 2168 with exhibits from 2169 to 2172. It is
16 paragraph 10 of that statement that deals with what
17 HIA100 has had to say. That can be found at 2167.

18 The police interviewed BR42 in respect of HIA100's
19 allegations at 25506 to 25512. That was an interview of
20 16th April 2014.

21 Then HIA100 also makes allegations against BR94 His
22 statement to the Inquiry can be found at 2175 through to
23 2179. It is paragraphs 5 and 6 that deal with what
24 HIA100 has had to say to the Inquiry. That's at 2176.

25 In response to HIA100's allegations to the police

1 BR94 was interviewed by the police on 8th October 2013.

2 That interview can be found at 25426 through to 25434.

3 Then the other individuals that HIA100 makes
4 allegations against, BR1 and BR47, are both deceased,
5 and then makes allegations against SPT1, who was
6 a civilian member of staff, and SPT1 has provided
7 a statement to the Inquiry of 27th August in response to
8 those allegations. That's at 2210 through to 2213. In
9 that statement paragraphs 20 to 32 deal with HIA100's
10 evidence. It is at 2212 to 2213.

11 The police interviewed SPT1 in 2013 on foot of the
12 allegations that HIA100 made to the police. That was on
13 18th October 2013 and that interview runs from 25437 to
14 25449.

15 HIA100, you and I were discussing earlier various
16 entries on the criminal record, that we can see the past
17 events that led to ultimately you being in St.
18 Patrick's, and the criminal record, which I am not going
19 to open other than the Panel is aware, is at 26176 to
20 26179.

21 So having set out all of that, HIA100, we're going
22 to get to what you have had to say to the Inquiry, and
23 in order to try to reduce the length of time that it
24 takes giving evidence, I am going to summarise a number
25 of the matters and then ask you some questions about the

1 main themes, and maybe where I have got it wrong you can
2 correct me as I go. If at any stage you have any
3 difficulty of any kind, you just make me aware of that
4 and we will deal with that as necessary.

5 **A. Okay.**

6 Q. You were born on ?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You are now aged ?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And you were one of siblings?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. And you had sons?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. sadly pre-deceased you?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. And you have grandchildren?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Maybe more now?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. grandchildren now, and, as I was discussing with
21 you earlier, you have explained in the last section of
22 your statement considerable personal difficulties you
23 have had in adult life?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. I am not going to open those today other than you share

1 in your statement, part of which we will look at, the
2 difficulty and how over the last six
3 years life has been much better since you were able to
4 behind with the ?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. When we go back and look at the records -- I was
7 discussing with you earlier in the Inquiry statement you
8 talk about going to St. Patrick's out of this incident
9 at Littlewoods and Woolworths that happens in
10 , but I was showing you
11 some records that are available to the Inquiry that show
12 the history began earlier than that. For instance, in
13 we were talking about warehouse breaking and
14 larceny, as it was then called --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. -- theft or stealing, and you were given a two-year
17 Probation Order at that time, and then the next month in
18 -- now at this point in time you are years
19 of age -- there was office breaking and larceny. So
20 that seems to be more some sort of office somewhere, and
21 there was a fine. I think you were saying to me that
22 was you and , and there was a bit of a row about
23 who was going to pay the fine, because your role in it
24 was less than his. You recollect that particular event?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. There is a probation report that's available to the
2 Panel of which sets the context at 47363,
3 because on -- if we just go back to the
4 start of HIA100's statement so that it is on the screen
5 -- on you were years of age, and at that
6 time there was an incident involving warehouse breaking
7 and larceny that involved you getting at
8 St. Patrick's, described as a remand home. Now it
9 doesn't seem that any of the response statements have
10 picked this up, but we can see it actually from the
11 documents, if we look, please, at 47394, and it looks
12 like that that you were given you spent then
13 in St. Patrick's. So we can see this is a Section 56
14 for offending and, HIA100, you can probably just make
15 out the handwritten name about five up from the bottom
16 --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- "HIA100".

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. You can see:

21 " to ."

22 So this is the record for . Then we go over on
23 to the next page, you can see at the top another two
24 days in and similarly if we look at 47397, please,
25 we can see, HIA100, four up from the bottom is the entry

1 that allows me to say with reasonable confidence that
2 you spent in St. Patrick's in basically
3 on foot of a warehouse breaking and larceny.

4 Can you -- when we were talking about this this
5 morning, you then started to remember maybe there was
6 an earlier period in St. Patrick's. Were you able to --
7 can you remember that now when you think back?

8 **A. I wasn't sure whether now I had. There was something in**
9 **the back of my head telling me that I maybe had been in**
10 **before, but I couldn't -- I couldn't sit here and**
11 **honestly tell you anything -- any recollection of it**
12 **whatsoever, none.**

13 Q. Well, it looks like that is what happened and after that
14 in St. Patrick's -- as I was explaining to
15 you, it was St. Patrick's Training School, but it also
16 was a remand home, which was a different part of the
17 legislation, and you could go in through that angle, and
18 we will see that in just a moment in relation to
19 that you describe with you in the
20 loitering with intent.

21 So there then appears to have been some -- when you
22 come back out from St. Patrick's, there's a breach of
23 the probation order that takes place, and then you come
24 before the court for the incident that you describe in
25 your statement, which is the loitering with intent at

1 Littlewoods and Woolworths.

2 **A. Is that -- is that the breach of probation?**

3 Q. No. The breach of probation was another incident prior
4 to -- the one that's in Woolworths and Littlewoods is
5 the one that you have a major issue about, where you
6 felt you hadn't done anything, and you were posing the
7 question in your Inquiry statement, "Well, you know, how
8 did I end up in a training school?" I was explaining to
9 you from these records it would appear that it was the
10 sequence of events, because you had the warehouse
11 breaking and larceny and originally dealt with by
12 probation, then the second time dealt with by probation,
13 then a third time dealt with by fine, and then a breach
14 of probation, and then when you come before the court on
15 this occasion, the decision is taken to make the
16 Training School Order.

17 We can see there was a probation report written
18 at -- on I was showing you that
19 earlier today. If we just look at 47364, please, this
20 is the type of document and it is towards the last
21 section. If we can just scroll down, you can see the
22 previous matters, and then what I was reading out to you
23 -- and I was saying to you I appreciate this can be
24 difficult, looking back -- but what's being recorded is
25 that the probation officer is saying that despite, you

1 know, better attendance at school and going to a
2 , which was a social club that you enjoyed
3 going to, and that appears all through the reports, the
4 probation officer talks about giving your parents
5 repeated warnings about if there was any further
6 difficulty, the magistrate may not be as lenient.
7 That's recorded in an earlier probation officer report.
8 Then it appears that the probation officer is saying to
9 the court that they don't think that your mum and dad
10 are able to keep you under control. Now whether that's
11 right or not, that's the view that they were expressing
12 ultimately in the last sentence, and ultimately the
13 magistrate elected to make a Training School Order.

14 We can see that at 1405, please. This is the one,
15 HIA100, that refers to the Littlewoods and Woolworths
16 incident. You have explained to the Panel your view
17 about that particular incident and how unfair you feel
18 it was that it was what resulted in you being in
19 St. Patrick's.

20 We can see at the bottom, if we just scroll down
21 a little further, that that was , so
22 after the incident at Littlewoods. At that
23 stage you were years old. This Training School Order
24 is made.

25 You explained to the Inquiry that one of the reasons

1 you felt it was unfair is that the guy who was with you,
2 , he got off and there you were. You were sent
3 to the Training School. I was explaining to you -- and
4 you don't have a memory of this -- but if we can look at
5 47385, this is a letter written by the Probation Service
6 to BR46, , and written on ,
7 so the day after the Training School Order, and it says
8 of -- he is the guy who was with you in
9 Littlewoods and Woolworths:

10 "At the juvenile court on
11 was sent to your remand home for on a
12 charge of loitering with intent. HIA100 was committed
13 to the training school on the same date for the same
14 offence."

15 So you don't have any memory of him going to
16 St. Patrick's at the same time as you?

17 **A. Absolutely not, none. Oh, no.**

18 Q. It seems that -- you can see from this he got
19 in St. Patrick's, which was the same as you had got for
20 the offending, but then presumably that was moving
21 on for you. He was given this but that's not
22 a memory you have.

23 Then the Panel is aware, as we were discussing,
24 there are records showing your time in St. Patrick's and
25 what was being recorded about what was happening. I was

1 discussing with you there was a welfare officer
2 providing a report of . So that was about six
3 months into your time.

4 If we look at 47367, it is looking at your family
5 circumstances. Then I was discussing the last part with
6 you. If we scroll down to the bottom, please. If we
7 just scroll down a bit further so we can see. It is
8 Mr Murphy, who the Inquiry understands was involved in
9 the aftercare work at St. Patrick's. He records you as
10 being interested in , which is right, and we will
11 come on to talk some more about that.

12 "When out for the day, visits the ."

13 So that was the social club that you tended to go
14 to.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. So there must have been occasions already when you have
17 got out, presumably at the weekend?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Do you remember getting out at the weekends?

20 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. Then I was asking you about -- there's a diary entry
22 which shows the detail of some of the matters that were
23 recorded. If we look at 47405, this is of

24 and it is in the top right corner. Somebody has
25 recorded in this diary:

1 "HIA100 put out of ."

2 I was asking you did you remember that and you were
3 telling me that you remember getting into trouble for
4 trying to --

5 **A. I was trying to off with my feet,**
6 **because I couldn't get it off with my hand. So I put it**
7 **in between my two feet to pull it off, and I was put**
8 **out.**

9 Q. You were saying to me you had started to learn
10 when you went in?

11 **A. and .**

12 Q. Then in -- the records seem to suggest then that by
13 -- so you were then -- you were being
14 licensed, as it was called, released early from
15 St. Patrick's back to your dad as an
16 .

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. And we can see at 47401 on the admission register -- the
19 Panel have seen similar versions of this. So it would
20 have been started whenever HIA100 came into the home.
21 Then if we look at -- scroll down and look at the bottom
22 right corner, we can see:

23 "Licensed on "

24 back to your dad.

25 " with ."

1 You were saying to me that that was a job that
2 didn't work very well, but then you went into other work
3 thereafter. You explained -- and I am not going to go
4 into it -- you explained other difficulty that you got
5 into as you moved into adult life.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. In terms of the conduct record that was kept in
8 St. Patrick's if we look at 47403 --

9 **A. My conduct record?**

10 Q. Your conduct record. The point you made to me was
11 nobody was making a conduct record on the Brothers you
12 were complaining about.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. This is -- in fact, the typed version is easier. If we
15 look at 47368, please. I was discussing with you things
16 like it being recorded about language being used in the
17 chapel or that type of thing. Do you remember those
18 types of incidents now, HIA100?

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. You don't. I was pointing out to you in you
21 were said to be going with .
22 You don't remember?

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. You don't have a memory of that? In you
25 are recorded as in the

1 c ?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You remember -- you remember that?

4 **A. I do, yes.**

5 Q. And I think you were saying to me you won trophies, did
6 you, at --

7 **A. No. I was in three finals in the one year and**
8 **I finished runner-up in two of them -- three of them,**
9 **and I asked BR1 what I do with the trophies, and "Do**
10 **they go to my home or do they go to the training**
11 **school?" and he just hit me a slap, pushed me and says,**
12 **"Do whatever the f*** if you want with them".**

13 Q. Okay, and that was -- so that was organised with
14 the school through St. Patrick's?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. I think others have suggested to the Inquiry that BR26
17 was involved in . Do you remember BR26
18 in association with ?

19 **A. No. The only ones that I remember in that**
20 **had anything to do with me was BR1 and .**
21 **He would have been just a civilian man to coach.**

22 Q. Coach the ?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. And would BR1 had gone to these --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- , whether they were the --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- or whatever were?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And then we were talking about the aftercare record, as
6 it's called, the record checking up on you to see how
7 you are getting on in your employment. We can look at
8 47371, please. These are types of records that the
9 Panel has seen before, HIA100. We were discussing
10 working at . Then you were explaining to me how
11 that didn't work well, but you then went to work in a
12 and then in . It
13 looks like from the content that on various occasions
14 someone in your family has been spoken to to find out
15 how you are getting on, and then on the last occasion it
16 is recorded that, whoever is the author of this, and I
17 am presuming it was Mr Murphy:

18 "HIA100 was at home when I called. His reception of
19 me was at first a little suspicious and hostile. As our
20 talk progressed he became a little more friendly. We
21 discussed his job and the future prospects in it. He
22 expressed regret that he didn't take the opportunity to
23 learn a trade when he was available -- when it was
24 available to him."

25 You were saying to me you didn't really have that

1 opportunity that you recall in St. Patrick's?

2 **A. The opportunity I had for -- that was made available to**
3 **me was** , and because of my
4 **religion -- and it's not a thing; it's a fact -- the job**
5 **worked well for me. They just didn't work well with me**
6 **with the job. I was made to sit in a field to take my**
7 **tea, because I wasn't allowed to associate with them.**
8 **For 18 months I did that. This was when I was still in**
9 **the training school.**

10 Q. So that job was part of working in the training school,
11 was it, ?

12 **A. Yes. I had to go back to the training school for**
13 **a while. You went to work and then came back and stayed**
14 **there --**

15 Q. Right. So it was like a --

16 **A. -- for a period of time and then they released.**

17 Q. So it was like a release to work --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and then back in to sleep, as it were --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- each day?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. And that was this --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- type arrangement, but the particular firm you felt

1 didn't treat you well?

2 **A. I know they didn't.**

3 Q. But the you learned --

4 **A. I loved it.**

5 Q. -- through that?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. So that was something that St. Patrick's had organised
8 for you to learn. I was discussing with you could you
9 remember Mr Murphy doing these check-ups and you don't
10 really remember that?

11 **A. No, I don't remember any welfare officer. It makes me
12 laugh in all honesty. I'm not being disrespectful, but
13 it makes me laugh when I hear "welfare officer", you
14 know, and aftercare.**

15 Q. And the -- what I want to do, HIA100, is look at some of
16 the allegations that you have described in your
17 statement, and if we look at paragraph 7 at 048, I want
18 to ask you, first, about the arrangements at night-time
19 in the dormitory.

20 I was asking you could you remember the
21 nightwatchmen, as it were, and I named two to you,
22 SPT23 and SPT150 .

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. You were saying you don't really remember
25 a nightwatchman?

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. You remember Brothers. Do you remember them being in
3 the dormitory at night or was it more the senior person,
4 the senior boy in the dormitory who kept control?

5 **A. The Brother was in a window which was attached to the**
6 **dormitory and that's where he stayed.**

7 Q. I'll just show you a sketch that will make that easier
8 for you. 313, please. I think these are the layout of
9 the dormitory and the Brother's room marked on it. You
10 would have been in one or other of these dormitories.
11 Is that right?

12 **A. Yes. That's exactly right except this -- if this is**
13 **a set of stairs then coming up on the right-hand side --**

14 Q. Yes.

15 **A. -- his room would have been in the far -- the opposite**
16 **corner from where this wee box is. It would have been**
17 **on the other side.**

18 Q. Right. Nearer the top?

19 **A. The dormitories, yes, and there is doors at the other**
20 **end. There was two storage doors -- store rooms for our**
21 **clothes, you know, which would have been used for going**
22 **out at weekends or stuff, you know, for us.**

23 Q. The Brother was able to see then into both dormitories?

24 **A. Yes. He'd a venetian blind. His window was into the**
25 **dormitory.**

1 Q. And do you remember the Brothers being in the
2 dormitories at night-time or just looking in at times
3 from their room?

4 **A. They would have come in, told you to go to sleep and**
5 **then they went into the room and then the rest was left**
6 **up to the senior boy, for want of a better expression,**
7 **who always slept in the middle of the room -- dormitory.**

8 Q. If we go back to paragraph 7, please, at 048, you talk
9 about that if you were talking at bedtime, if you got
10 caught:

11 "If you spoke to someone next to you while you were
12 in bed, you could get caught. If you did it again, you
13 were punished."

14 You talk about having to kneel down at the statue.
15 You couldn't slouch. You had to sit upright. Was that
16 the older boy punished you in that way?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. The head boy of the dormitory?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You don't remember then the nightwatchman coming in and
21 maybe using the strap on any of the boys who were made
22 sit out?

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. No. In paragraph 8 then of your statement, HIA100, you
25 talk about SPT1 --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- who was a civilian member of staff who worked --
3 I think he began, he explains, working in St. Patrick's
4 in and he remained there until the early .
5 You explain here how he -- so he had only begun working
6 in St. Patrick's whenever you were -- you were there,
7 but you explain about a particular Saturday meal time
8 where eight of you got into trouble with him for
9 talking.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. And you have said to the Inquiry that you weren't
12 allowed to talk at meal times.

13 **A. That's right.**

14 Q. Now the Order have said to the Inquiry that there was no
15 rule that prevented people speaking at meal times. If
16 there had been people getting out of hand, they would
17 have been told to keep quiet, but there was no problem
18 in people having a normal conversation. That's not your
19 recollection?

20 **A. No.**

21 Q. And on this occasion SPT1 took eight of you and lined
22 you up?

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

24 Q. And you explain how he struck you each on the face?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. In your police statement of 25th September 2013 you talk
2 about this in greater detail at 25413, please. You say
3 here:

4 "SPT1 never made any sexual advances towards me at
5 any time, but just like BR1, ,BR94 and BR42, they
6 were all sick, evil and twisted violent bastards. One
7 night in the canteen eight of us boys were lined up
8 against the wall, as we had been talking during dinner.
9 I was the last in the line and SPT1 walked the length of
10 it, struck each boy a severe slap across the face. When
11 he got to me, he struck me very hard, which twisted my
12 face round. I turned my head back and looked at him.
13 My eyes were watering from the pain and shock, but I was
14 not crying. He said, 'Fucking cry' and slapped me full
15 force again. He walked back along the line and smacked
16 each of us against -- again across -- against across the
17 face" -- I think that should be "again across the face"
18 -- "and started again until one of the boys reached out
19 to a nearby table and grabbed a fork, which he used to
20 stab into SPT1. We used the distraction to run for it
21 and all left the canteen. Of course, this meant we were
22 only punished again when we had to come back in. That's
23 one particular incident I remember with SPT1, but there
24 were several more. He beat me regularly with particular
25 cruelty."

1 **A. We were punished again because we were not allowed out**

2 --

3 **Q. And was that --**

4 **A. -- and we got stuff deducted, you know.**

5 **Q. And was that a Brother administered the "You are not**
6 **allowed out" or was that SPT1?**

7 **A. Whoever -- whoever put their wee reports in. Whoever**
8 **put their things in, they deducted points or whatever**
9 **the way they did it, which meant you got less money.**
10 **You got 3 shillings and 3 pence, if I can remember, when**
11 **you went out at the weekends. So for every time**
12 **anything at all, you know, they would have deducted so**
13 **much, which meant you had nothing at the end, or else**
14 **they kept you in, you know, which was, you know, called**
15 **being stewed, you know.**

16 **Q. So that was the rewards and privilege system of if you**
17 **were in good shape with that, then you could get out.**
18 **If you were in very bad shape -- I think it might have**
19 **been down to zero -- then you got stewed. You had to**
20 **stay in and --**

21 **A. Yes. You didn't have to be in bad shape, you know. You**
22 **just -- maybe somebody just didn't like you and just**
23 **whatever, you know. So you didn't really -- it wasn't**
24 **always the boys' faults. That's what I'm getting at.**

25 **Q. Right, and SPT1 was interviewed by the police on foot of**

1 this statement which you made to the police in September
2 of 2013. He was interviewed on 18th October 2013. That
3 runs from 25437 to 25449. He explained his role in the
4 school and then he dealt with your allegations on page 7
5 onwards of the interview.

6 If we can look at 25443, please. So what you --
7 what I have just read, HIA100, was put to him at the
8 interview and he was asked:

9 "Does that incident ring any bells?"

10 He said:

11 "No. From my knowledge to suggest that boys were
12 lined up in the dining room is absolutely crazy."

13 Then he is asked:

14 "Would there have been -- would talking have been
15 allowed during dinner?"

16 **A. Certainly. It was a social exercise. You know,**
17 **from my recollection when they went in -- from they went**
18 **into the dining room until they came out they were**
19 **allowed to talk, except when they had a prayer before**
20 **that, you know. That's absolutely crazy."**

21 Then he is asked about:

22 "Would you expect them to keep quiet when you are in
23 prayer?"

24 **A. Well, I can't ..."**

25 **Scroll down, please:**

1 A. Quite honestly, no. I can remember other major
2 incidents where like stones were put through windows and
3 -- though we must remember we're dealing with extremely
4 difficult kids. We're often through the years dealing
5 with the political type as well.

6 Q. No stabbing incidents?

7 A. No."

8 Then he talks about, you know, running off and then
9 the punishment again and he is asked does he remember
10 that. He said:

11 "No."

12 He is asked did he ever strike any boys across the
13 face:

14 "No."

15 He said no, he didn't have any problems of that
16 kind. Then he was asked:

17 "Would it have been your duty to supervise the
18 canteen?"

19 He said:

20 "Sometimes you had -- that was included sometimes in
21 our duties depending on -- I mean, every member of
22 staff, no matter what his role at St. Patrick's, we were
23 there from usually, if I can recall, 8 o'clock in the
24 morning till about 9.15 at night. So part of your
25 extraneous duties, which is what they called it then,

1 was supervising or staying there between or after
2 teatime, which was about 6.30, until they went to bed at
3 9 o'clock. So we all had to partake in that, every
4 member of the school."

5 Then he is asked about you saying that he beat you
6 regularly. If we scroll down, please, he said:

7 "That's maybe all -- I just told you that
8 I initiated a whole lot things up there, because
9 I wanted to be -- you know, we wanted to be child
10 focused. Originally, I mean, people would have been --
11 seen training schools as the old concept where the
12 groups are stuck in there and they're locked up.
13 I mean, the open situation offered staff the necessary
14 opportunity to do different things and I think most
15 people up there would say that I took that opportunity."

16 He is then asked about --

17 "I have already said that we were not commissioned
18 in any way to discipline individuals. That's the way it
19 was."

20 He was asked about whether it was other Brothers who
21 issued discipline outside their remit. Just scroll
22 down, please. He said not in his estimation:

23 "There was this structure. It was a sort of
24 a get-out for everybody on the staff. We may not
25 necessarily have agreed with the punishment that was

1 handed out at the top level."

2 He'd referred earlier in the statement to the
3 general way that if there was a problem. it was referred
4 up to the top Brothers, , as it were, of
5 the junior school or of the senior school. He talks
6 about how:

7 "You know, we can't be prescribing different
8 treatment, ie punishments for different kids, but
9 approved schools were approved schools, and to the best
10 of my knowledge that I can remember St. Patrick's -- in
11 St. Patrick's the kids were very well looked after and
12 very well cared for, whilst the Brothers had this
13 reputation, and in a sense I think it was a very good
14 one. They looked after the kids and, as you said, at
15 that time there was punishment, and I can't remember
16 what it was, maybe two or three slaps or something like
17 that there, but I can't remember, because I was never
18 there for it",

19 is what I take him to be saying. Then he is asked:

20 "Were you never involved in any of the physical
21 punishment?

22 A. No. I don't think it's right to call it
23 physical punishment.

24 Q. Physical chastisement perhaps?

25 A. Yes. Well, in a normal day class -- in a normal

1 everyday classroom it was exactly the same."

2 I think he is making the point that the use of the
3 strap for corporal punishment was happening in ordinary
4 schools as well as training schools at that time:

5 "The chastisement by way of strap in the educational
6 side of St. Patrick's was always transferred to the
7 of the school, who had overall responsibility
8 for it, and I just think that, you know, in those days
9 they were very well looked after. The problems came
10 later when the political guys started coming to do the
11 staffing. It proved so difficult for them."

12 So what he is saying to the police was that no, he
13 wasn't involved in any incident like this and "I never
14 assaulted anyone", and any physical punishing that
15 needed to be done was something done by Brothers. It
16 wasn't done by him.

17 He repeats that to the Inquiry in his Inquiry
18 statement at paragraph 20 and onwards. He says, as we
19 were discussing earlier, HIA100, probably the same
20 thing.

21 The other point that he makes is that he was
22 and played for . I think you
23 remember him being a and playing for
24 that team. Would that be --

25 A. I have never seen him ; just the

1 talk to the Inquiry about the wider beating you
2 regularly, but you talked to the police about that in
3 the -- he addressed that in the police interview where
4 he said no, he didn't engage in that type of behaviour.
5 Is there anything else you want to say to the Inquiry
6 about it to do with SPT1?

7 **A. All I can say, the difference probably between me and**
8 **SPT1 is that I can sit up here and I can go to sleep at**
9 **night, because I have told the truth. Can he sit up**
10 **here and tell the exact same thing and then go to sleep**
11 **at night? I know what I am saying is the truth.**

12 Q. Right. You then talk in your statement -- if we go back
13 to the statement at paragraph 10 at 049, please, you
14 describe through the statement, HIA100, a number of
15 incidents of sexual abuse. I just want to summarise
16 this so that the picture is clear. You and I were
17 talking about it earlier. You have said to the Inquiry
18 that there were two Brothers who sexually abused you.
19 The first one was BR1 --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- and then a BR47?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. And you have said to the Inquiry that^{BR94} didn't
24 sexually abuse you, and then we were talking and
25 I showed you earlier the police statement from September

1 2013.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And when you spoke to the police, you spoke about BR1.

4 So that was exactly the same, but you spoke about

5 a .

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. And I think from our discussion you agreed that there

8 was no , certainly not in your time, and

9 you are not making any allegation against a

10 ?

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. However it has become about you have mistaken him, you

13 meant BR47?

14 **A. BR47.**

15 Q. Is that right?

16 **A. That is right.**

17 Q. And -- because in the police statement you don't mention

18 BR47. You just talk about a , and then

19 the other thing in the police statement is that you talk

20 about^{BR94} and you say he would have pulled you hard

21 against his penis, and I was discussing with you that

22 that was you describing sexual abuse --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- but you have said to the Inquiry that he didn't

25 sexually abuse you.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Is that because --

3 **A. That was my interpretation of it.**

4 Q. You don't mean -- it is not because it wasn't BR94 that
5 was involved in this?

6 **A. No, BR94 did what he did, but I just didn't see it as
7 sexual abuse, because I thought that sexual abuse was
8 the actual -- what BR47 and BR1 were doing to me.**

9 Q. Right. Well, if we look at BR1, in paragraphs 10 and 11
10 you describe him abusing you a significant number of
11 times, HIA100. You say that it happened on at least
12 a monthly basis.

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. And was that over the entire time that you were there?

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. And you describe it happening in really three or four
17 different locations.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. The store outside the dormitory or near the swimming
20 pool area. I was asking you was that the changing rooms
21 of the swimming pool, but you were saying to me it was
22 more just round the swimming pool --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- in public view.

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. And that the other place was at the Brothers' house?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And I was asking you, because others have talked about
4 the Brothers' house was out of bounds to boys from the
5 school, how did you come to be there and you were saying
6 he would have brought you there?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. In the police statement you go into some greater detail
9 about what he did, because here you are describing in
10 paragraph 11 that he would have smacked you on the
11 bottom and also in paragraph 10 that he would have put
12 your hand inside his robe and made you masturbate him --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- but when you spoke to the police at 25412 in your
15 police statement, if we look at that, please, 25412, if
16 we just scroll down, please -- yes -- you say that:

17 "BR1 would have continually touched me up and then
18 say he needed me to go to the stores or somewhere
19 we wouldn't be seen or disturbed and make me masturbate
20 him or have oral sex with him. On occasions he'd put
21 his penis between my thighs, although he never actually
22 penetrated me. This type of abuse would happen three to
23 four times per week. In addition, he was also violent."

24 So to the police, HIA100, you are talking about more
25 than just masturbation. It was more. It was oral sex

1 and this attempt at penetrating, but not then doing
2 that?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. And it would happen three or four times a week in
5 these -- in these different locations or was there one
6 place that was generally more the location for this type
7 of activity than others? Can you remember now as you --

8 **A. Just whenever -- I suppose whenever he decided. Also --**
9 **it has also just come into my head he took me over to**
10 **the store in the senior side one day as well.**

11 Q. Okay, and you also describe him here as being physically
12 violent as well as sexually assaulting you. I was
13 discussing with you, for instance, BR94 was interviewed
14 by the police on foot of your allegations in October of
15 2013, and just at the end of the interview, a throwaway
16 comment from the police officer, he was asked -- without
17 him being told that you were making allegations about
18 BR1, he was asked about BR1 and what his duties were,
19 and what he said, which is something that has been
20 repeated to the Inquiry, that BR1 would have worked
21 and wouldn't necessarily have had much
22 contact, if any, with the boys other than perhaps those
23 who were involved , but you are saying he
24 was also involved in taking you ?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. And in order for this abuse to happen with the
2 regularity you are describing you would have to have
3 seen him much more often about the school?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Is that your recollection, that he was someone who was
6 around a lot?

7 **A. Oh, he definitely was. He didn't -- he obviously didn't**
8 **spend all the time** , where he worked
9 **, as you say. He was definitely in the**
10 **building a lot, a lot.**

11 Q. And is there anything else you want to say about BR1 or
12 have I covered the main parts of it? I have covered the
13 main elements, HIA100, have I?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Okay. If we turn then to -- we can check again at the
16 end, as I said to you. We will confirm if there's
17 anything else that you want to raise, but BR47, you
18 mention him in paragraph 12 of your statement, if we
19 look at 049, please. Paragraph 12, please. So you
20 describe BR47 taking you into his room and again trying
21 to penetrate you but couldn't, but then on a later
22 occasion he did anally rape you?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. And then at other times oral sex and masturbation?

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

1 Q. And these incidents happened -- if we just scroll down,
2 happened regularly, monthly and sometimes more
3 frequently, mainly in his room, which was attached to
4 the dormitory.

5 So was this going on through your -- the two years
6 that you were -- that you were there?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. And the same with BR1?

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. But they were never involved together --

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. -- with you? It was always individually. You talk
13 about mainly in his room. If you just show you the
14 plan, 313, please, the room that you are talking about
15 is the Brother's room marked on the screen?

16 **A. It was the other side.**

17 Q. Yes, but, I mean, between the dormitories?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. It is not over in the Brothers' house?

20 **A. No, no.**

21 Q. It is here?

22 **A. That's it there.**

23 Q. Would this have been during the day or at night-time?

24 **A. Daytime. Daytime.**

25 Q. Night-time?

1 **A. Daytime.**

2 Q. Daytime. Sorry. The other matter you talk about in
3 paragraph 17, 051 -- I will not go into this in any
4 great detail, HIA100, but you mention that everybody
5 knew that BR47 was having a sexual relationship with
6 . Now what the Order have said is that
7 there wasn't at that time . You
8 know, the boys were involved in with the
9 Brothers. There might have been someone
10 or there were certainly nuns performing the role of
11 nurses --

12 **A. That's right.**

13 Q. -- but they don't remember being -- is it
14 possible it was a maybe not necessarily
15 or are you clear it was who was --

16 **A. I can assure you there was and there was also**
17 **who worked . There was actually**
18 **I think worked , and one of**
19 **those was . She also done duties in the**
20 **corridors and stuff itself.**

21 Q. So --

22 **A. I know their names.**

23 Q. She would also have worked in --

24 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

25 Q. -- this lady you are talking about? You say that that

1 was known about. Was that the boys talking to the boys

2 --

3 **A. It was whispers, yes.**

4 Q. -- about ...?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And you also mention in paragraph 16, if we scroll up,
7 please, that BR47 would also hit you --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- as well as -- I think you describe a number of
10 Brothers together here -- but:

11 "... usually hit you with their hands, get the odd
12 punch in the ribs or forever getting smacked and hit
13 across the back of the head and stuff like that. They
14 hit you if you are cheeky or didn't do what you were
15 told. To be honest, they didn't need an excuse to hit
16 you."

17 We have dealt with the fact that we are not talking
18 about We are talking about BR47, and
19 I said to you earlier BR47 died a number of years ago.
20 The Order said to the Inquiry that until this Inquiry no
21 allegations had been made against him that they are
22 aware of, but that's your recollection of his behaviour
23 towards you?

24 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

25 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about BR47 or

1 have I covered the main parts of it?

2 **A. You asked me the same question about BR1. There's a lot**
3 **I'd love to say, but I'm trying to control myself.**

4 Q. Okay. If there's anything that I haven't covered that
5 you want to --

6 **A. No, it's okay.**

7 Q. -- talk about, there is no problem in you doing that.

8 **A. All right.**

9 Q. There's water there or we can take a break, if needs be.

10 **A. No, it's all right.**

11 Q. You're all right to carry on?

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. You talk about^{BR94} then in your statement, HIA100. You
14 talk in paragraph 16 about^{BR94} and you say he never
15 subjected you to sexual abuse. That's ^{BR94} So it's the
16 second sentence:

17 ^{BR94} never subjected me to sexual abuse, but he was
18 really violent."

19 **A. That's right.**

20 Q. We talked how in the police statement it refers to this
21 pulling into his penis and you are saying that you
22 didn't define that necessarily as sexual abuse --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- but you remember him doing that as well as the
25 physical --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- stuff? Can you remember where that would have been
3 when that type of pulling you towards him would have
4 happened?

5 **A. In the main corridor, wherever.**

6 Q. Just --

7 **A. Wherever.**

8 Q. -- on the premises --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- wherever he was passing you? As I said to you, he
11 was interviewed by the police in October '13. The
12 reference for this, Members of the Panel, is at 25430.
13 He denied that he had ever done that type of thing with
14 any boy, pulling him in towards him in a sexual way.

15 He also addressed these matters in his Inquiry
16 statement. If we look at that at 2176, please, he
17 refers to the statement and referring to the sexual
18 allegation that's in the police statement, and he said:

19 "However, in his HIA statement:

20 'BR6 never subjected me to sexual abuse but he was
21 really violent.'"

22 He said that is a contradiction, but you have
23 explained it in terms of your definition of what you
24 mean by sexual abuse.

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. "When the police put this allegation to me during
2 interview I denied sexually abusing him in this or any
3 other way and I'm certain this didn't happen. He
4 alleged I was violent and would hit him a lot. He has
5 not specifically stated how I was violent towards him,
6 but he said in his HIA statement in relation to a number
7 of Brothers, including myself, 'They hit you with their
8 hands, the odd punch in the ribs or hit across the back
9 of the hand (sic)'. I deny each and every one of these
10 allegations. I have already explained I only used
11 corporal punishment sparingly when it was permitted to
12 do so. I used a strap and gave more (sic) than two or
13 three slaps on an outstretched hand. The system of
14 rewards and privileges described above was more commonly
15 used for less serious misdemeanours."

16 He says:

17 "I do not have a recollection of ..."

18 you, HIA100. He said:

19 "The name is familiar, but he does not stand out.

20 He was one of many hundreds of boys who would have been

21 in the junior school during the period of time that

22 I was ."

23 So he is not accepting, HIA100, that he was

24 physically violent other than when he punished boys with

25 the strap, but what you are describing is not the

1 corporal punishment using the strap. You are not
2 complaining about that. You are talking about being
3 physically violent with fists?

4 **A. Yes. I don't actually recall any straps.**

5 Q. You don't remember straps or canes, in fact.

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. I was asking, "Do you remember a cane either?"

8 **A. No.**

9 Q. You didn't remember either a strap or a cane.

10 **A. It doesn't spring to mind with me, no.**

11 Q. You describe in your inquiry statement then, HIA100, at
12 paragraph 20 at 051, please, peer abuse activity, sexual
13 activity between the boys, and you were saying to me
14 that there were gangs and the leaders and there were
15 boys in charge who were older, and they would have got
16 other boys in their groups to do sexual favours for
17 them, otherwise you would have got beaten up or got
18 a hiding. They did this on occasion openly in the
19 dormitories and everybody knew what was going on. You
20 said to me -- I was saying, "Is this something that
21 happened to other people but you were aware of it?" and
22 you were saying no, there were two boys who did this to
23 you, but you didn't want to name who they were, but this
24 type of activity of getting you to do sexual favours for
25 them. Can you recall were any of them ever caught doing

1 it or was it done so that, you know, other boys might
2 have known it was happening, but the staff might not
3 necessarily have known it was going on?

4 **A. Whether the staff knew or not -- well, when I say staff,**
5 **BR47 in his room, whether he knew about these and turned**
6 **a blind eye, because, you know, they were in control and**
7 **it saved him a lot of work or whatever, or whether**
8 **anybody else knew about it and turned a blind eye**
9 **I don't know, but I know there was never anybody -- they**
10 **were never ever punished or anything or questioned or**
11 **anything about it. I know that.**

12 **Q.** Okay. You talk then about -- and we have touched on
13 this with the various Brothers that were involved in the
14 sexual abuse, so I don't have to go back to them --
15 about physical abuse. One other Brother that you
16 mentioned in the context of physical abuse was BR42.
17 Now you said to me earlier actually you have a positive
18 view about BR42. Is that -- is that right?

19 **A. That's right.**

20 **Q.** And that of all the Brothers, he was the one that you
21 would have thought he cared?

22 **A. I just had just a wee feeling that -- well, he certainly**
23 **wasn't anywhere -- anywhere near what the rest of them**
24 **were like, absolutely not. He did on occasion hit me**
25 **the odd slap and whatever, but, you know, I got**

1 "So you hit him on occasion?

2 **A. That may be. I can't say. Again I did**
3 **sometimes use the strap, but it was seldom and for**
4 **discipline purposes."**

5 So what he is saying is that the only hitting he
6 would have done was punishment with the strap, but you
7 are talking about slapping with the hand, but you have
8 a positive view of him?

9 **A. Yes. I wouldn't have -- I wouldn't have the resentment**
10 **and bad feeling that I have for the rest of them.**

11 Q. He repeats the same thing in his Inquiry statement at
12 paragraph 10 at 2167. I am not going to open that
13 statement. I am going to look at paragraph 12 on 2168,
14 please. This is a point that he makes to the Inquiry
15 and you may agree with it, given what you have just
16 said. He said:

17 "I have dedicated my life to working with boys who
18 were disadvantaged. I tried to help them as best
19 I could and I am most disappointed that at this stage of
20 my life I have had to respond to false allegations made
21 against me by a small number of those who were at
22 St. Patrick's. I wanted to make clear this statement to
23 make it clear I deny all of these allegations."

24 He is, as you know, in his now. He was someone
25 who left a more positive impact on you?

1 **A. Who is this?**

2 Q. BR42.

3 **A. BR42. I've just seen the name up the top there.**

4 Q. Well, we see -- as you know, we see lots of names and
5 none of them can be used outside the chamber either
6 publicly or privately.

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. So the one thing you talked about and doing well at was
9 . You mention in paragraph 19 of your
10 statement at 015, please, and I was clarifying with you
11 that you don't remember BR26 ever being involved in

12

13 **A. No.**

14 Q. And I was asking you have you any recollection of him
15 and you don't really have any recollection of BR26?

16 **A. He probably looked after the senior ones that were**

17 . **He certainly had nothing to do with me**
18 **anyway.**

19 Q. Nothing to do with you. The one last thing I was going
20 to cover when we were talking earlier, in paragraph 24
21 of your statement you mention the cleaning and being --
22 having to do the polishing and so on and so forth, the
23 major cleaning, as it were, where you would have stuff
24 on your feet to do --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- the floor, and I was asking you is there any chance
2 that was more at the weekend than having to do that type
3 of thing every day? I think you were reflecting on
4 whether maybe it was more at the weekend and it was just
5 a tidy-up each day.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Are you clear about what level of cleaning you did every
8 day?

9 **A. Yes. Well, we definitely had to do the -- I would have**
10 **worked -- I worked in the thing. I did not go to school**
11 **as such, you know. I worked -- I worked cleaning and**
12 **I worked in the laundry, you know. So I would have been**
13 **cleaning in the corridors and stuff and working in the**
14 **laundry. So -- and some of that using the buffer thing**
15 **and cleaning floors and that, that was part of your**
16 **punishment as well, you now, if you were kept in, you**
17 **know, for misbehaving or whatever the case may be or**
18 **whatever.**

19 Q. So people who were stewed would have done the cleaning
20 then --

21 **A. Yes, yes.**

22 Q. -- or been involved in the cleaning?

23 **A. Which would have been at the weekends.**

24 Q. It would have been at the weekend.

25 HIA100, there is just two other questions I'm going

1 to ask you. I was saying to you earlier that at the end
2 of the Panel's work it has to consider what
3 recommendations it might make to the Northern Ireland
4 Executive about maybe some form of apology or some
5 memorial or some other means of redress. We ask each
6 individual that comes forward to share their experiences
7 whether there's anything they want to say to the Panel
8 to help the Panel's thinking about the recommendations
9 that they may make. Is there anything you want to say
10 about that?

11 **A. Preference? Is that what you're saying?**

12 Q. Yes, or anything that you have a view about that might
13 assist the Panel with its thinking?

14 **A. I know there needs to be strict -- strict regulations
15 and monitoring of all future places like this. I hope
16 to God there's never another one like it, but any young
17 offenders centre or whatever the term they put on it
18 that there's strict, you know, independent people
19 looking at it and checking on it and monitoring it on
20 a regular basis, you know.**

21 Q. The last question that we ask each witness, HIA100, is
22 whether there's anything else they want to say about
23 their time at St. Patrick's. Maybe it is something
24 I haven't got right or something I have not covered in
25 enough detail or maybe something I have missed. If

1 there is anything like that -- I know I asked you at the
2 end of each individual we were looking at, but if
3 there's anything you feel we haven't covered, now is
4 your opportunity to say to the Panel what you want to
5 say. Is there anything else that you want to say that
6 I haven't dealt with with you?

7 **A. It seems -- when I look at it, when I look at this and**
8 **it seems it's seriously condensed bits of paper, you**
9 **know. When I reflect on it, the everyday occurrences**
10 **and living in that environment, you know, it's taken**
11 **me -- it's taken me -odd years to come here, you**
12 **know. So ...**

13 Q. I think you were saying to me, HIA100, this is closure
14 for you --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. -- as part of moving on. I think if I -- as I was
17 explaining to you earlier, one of the reasons why we try
18 to -- is to limit the amount of time that you have to
19 sit, because the Panel has read the material --

20 **A. Yes, I understand.**

21 Q. -- in advance so that you are not -- if we were to try
22 to cover two years --

23 **A. No, I have no intention of doing that. I just --**

24 Q. -- you would be there a very long time and we wouldn't
25 want that for you, but if there's anything you feel we

1 haven't covered or I haven't covered, then by all means
2 you can draw it to the Panel's attention. There's no
3 difficulty with that.

4 **A. No. I just take the opportunity to thank the Panel for**
5 **giving me this opportunity.**

6 Q. Okay. Well, look, I am not going to ask you anything
7 more. If you bear with me, the Panel Members may want
8 to ask you something. So just bear with me for a short
9 time.

10 Questions from THE PANEL

11 CHAIRMAN: HIA100, can I just ask you to go back to what you
12 were telling us about the night-time in the dormitories
13 and so on? You described how the Brothers would come in
14 and tell everybody to go to sleep and then after that it
15 was the senior boy who was in charge, so to speak, once
16 the door was closed. You described how if you didn't go
17 to sleep, for example, you would be made to kneel on the
18 floor for quite a long time. Does the description or
19 the expression "the square" mean anything to you?

20 **A. Yes. That's what you called it.**

21 Q. That's what you called it, and where exactly was the
22 square?

23 **A. The square was in front or behind the statue in the**
24 **middle of the dormitory.**

25 Q. In the middle of the dormitory. Others have talked

1 about it being just near the door, but you remember it
2 as being behind the statue?

3 **A. In front or behind, whichever side of the statue that**
4 **you slept on, you know.**

5 Q. Yes, and the statute was the statute of St. Patrick?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Was it a full-sized statue or a big statue?

8 **A. It was on a big plinth, you know.**

9 Q. On a plinth. I see. Thank you.

10 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much for your evidence. Can I just
11 check about the boys, the senior boys, because clearly
12 at night they kept, you know, control within the
13 dormitory, but did that happen during the day as well?
14 Was there a system where older boys during the day kept
15 things in order?

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. So it was just at night?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And it was just one boy in every dormitory?

20 **A. No, no, no. It was usually two or three.**

21 Q. Two or three, and they would work together to keep the
22 younger ones ...?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Did Brothers ever come out of their room if there was
25 messing going on or -- did they -- they always stayed in

1 their rooms?

2 **A. They never -- they never really had cause to, because**
3 **the other guys took care of it mainly.**

4 Q. Thanks, and the last thing is just . Do
5 you ever remember being sent to for
6 punishment?

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. No? It was always handed out --

9 **A. There and then.**

10 Q. -- there and then. Okay. Thanks very much.

11 **A. Thank you.**

12 MR LANE: I think you were about when you went to
13 St. Patrick's -- is that right -- which would have been
14 of school age. So should you have been in school at the
15 time rather than doing the cleaning and the laundry
16 work?

17 **A. I remember being at -- very, very vaguely at school, and**
18 **I think was the teacher's name, , but**
19 **I remember absolutely nothing of education at all, you**
20 **know. I worked in the and I also worked in the**
21 **. The two nuns -- the nuns' names who -- in the**
22 **were and -- I can't remember the other one**
23 **-- and .**

24 Q. Were there many boys who were given that sort of job to
25 do instead of being in school?

1 **A. Well, it was two of us.**

2 Q. Right.

3 **A. It was more actually, you know.**

4 Q. Do you know why you got asked to do that?

5 **A. No.**

6 Q. But you didn't take any exams or anything? You didn't
7 finish your schooling?

8 **A. (Shakes head.)**

9 Q. No. My other question is obviously you allege that two
10 or three Brothers abused you. Did they each know that
11 the other one was also abusing you or was it quite
12 separate?

13 **A. That's a question I ask myself: do they know? Did the**
14 **senior person know? Was it -- was it knowledge among**
15 **them, you know -- you know, and did they confess to the**
16 **priest or whatever, and was it still allowed to go on**
17 **and on and on and on and on. Those are questions that**
18 **I have asked myself.**

19 Q. But in terms of what they said to you, you have no
20 knowledge of that?

21 **A. They didn't -- that they all knew? No.**

22 Q. Right. Okay. Thank you very much.

23 **A. Thank you.**

24 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA100, those are all the questions we want
25 to ask you. Thank you very much for coming to speak to

1 us today.

2 **A. Thank you.**

3 **(Witness withdrew)**

4 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the final witness
5 today has a medical difficulty unfortunately and
6 therefore we'll have to deal with that -- their evidence
7 in some form on a later date. So that concludes today's
8 oral evidence.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Well, we will resume tomorrow
10 morning.

11 (3.30 pm)

12 (Inquiry adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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