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| <p>1 Monday, 10th February 2014<br/>2 (10.30 am)<br/>3 Discussion re absence of witness<br/>4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning.<br/>5 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and gentlemen,<br/>6 first of all, there is a change in the schedule of<br/>7 witnesses who are to give evidence to the Inquiry. The<br/>8 first witness, who I believe was HIA90, is unavailable<br/>9 to give evidence for reasons which we understand, and so<br/>10 the first witness that we will be calling this morning<br/>11 is HIA367.<br/>12 CHAIRMAN: I think it is more accurate to say reasons that<br/>13 have been notified to us; to say understand might<br/>14 suggest we accept them as valid.<br/>15 MS SMITH: I apologise, Chairman. That certainly wasn't<br/>16 intentionally -- what I intended to convey, but we have<br/>17 been notified of her reasons for non-attendance.<br/>18 CHAIRMAN: She lives outside the jurisdiction.<br/>19 MS SMITH: She does.<br/>20 CHAIRMAN: Mr McAteer, I understand this witness -- and as<br/>21 you will appreciate we don't use the names of people<br/>22 concerned -- I understand she is not here. Is that your<br/>23 understanding?<br/>24 MR McATEER: That is my understanding, Mr Chairman.<br/>25 CHAIRMAN: Yes. There may or may not be matters that arise</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p> | <p>1 a number of factors, one of which is the reason why they<br/>2 are not here, whether their -- the evidence that they<br/>3 give in their statement can be appropriately addressed<br/>4 by any of the parties.<br/>5 MR MONTAGUE: I accept those points, that they follow, which<br/>6 is why I wish to reserve my position.<br/>7 CHAIRMAN: Sadly there are so far as I'm aware at least two<br/>8 witnesses who have died since their statements were made<br/>9 to the Inquiry and there are a number of witnesses who<br/>10 for health reasons I have already indicated that I will<br/>11 accept their statements, but the weight to be attached<br/>12 to a statement is a different matter.<br/>13 MR MONTAGUE: Yes. Those are compelling reasons, if I may<br/>14 say so, why a statement could be read and, of course, it<br/>15 would then be a matter for the Inquiry as to what weight<br/>16 would be attached to it, which is why at the outset<br/>17 I said, Mr Chairman, it obviously will depend on what is<br/>18 the reason proffered for a witness not giving evidence,<br/>19 but I've nothing further to say at this point.<br/>20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Well, we'll come back to<br/>21 this at some appropriate point, possibly later today.<br/>22 MS SMITH: Then if witness HIA367 could come in, please.<br/>23 WITNESS HIA367 (called)<br/>24 MS SMITH: Good morning, HIA367. Now the Chairman is going<br/>25 to ask you whether you wish to take the oath or affirm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>A. Okay.</b></p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to take the oath or to make</p> <p>3 an affirmation? The two have the same legal effect. It</p> <p>4 is very much a matter for your own choice.</p> <p>5 <b>A. Take the oath.</b></p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN: Very well.</p> <p>7 WITNESS HIA367 (sworn)</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.</p> <p>9 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY</p> <p>10 MS SMITH: Now, HIA367, first of all, thank you for coming</p> <p>11 to speak to the Inquiry, and we understand that giving</p> <p>12 evidence can be difficult. So if you do need a break at</p> <p>13 any stage, please just let us know and you can have</p> <p>14 a break.</p> <p>15 <b>A. Okay.</b></p> <p>16 Q. Okay? Could you also speak into the microphone as</p> <p>17 everyone in the --</p> <p>18 <b>A. Okay. Sorry.</b></p> <p>19 Q. There is nothing to apologise for. Just take your time</p> <p>20 and speak into the microphone. Okay?</p> <p>21 Now you are now aged 58. Is that correct?</p> <p>22 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. And you were first of all placed in Fahan Ladies Home in</p> <p>24 County Donegal before you were moved to Nazareth House</p> <p>25 --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>                                     | <p>1 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>2 Q. Now can you please take a look at another document,</p> <p>3 which is SND-4185? Now this, HIA367, is the witness</p> <p>4 statement that you provided for the Inquiry. You will</p> <p>5 see it says "The Witness Statement of HIA367", which is</p> <p>6 the designation, the number that we have assigned to</p> <p>7 cover your identity and to protect your identity.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes, that's right.</b></p> <p>9 Q. If you could just look at the last page of that</p> <p>10 document, which is SND-4194.</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Go back. 4194. 4194. That's it there.</p> <p>13 <b>A. That's fine.</b></p> <p>14 Q. You will see there there's a large black rectangle with</p> <p>15 "HIA367" and underneath that is your signature. Isn't</p> <p>16 that correct?</p> <p>17 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>18 Q. So can the Inquiry take it that this is the statement of</p> <p>19 evidence that you wish the Inquiry to consider?</p> <p>20 <b>A. Pardon?</b></p> <p>21 Q. This is the statement of evidence that you provided for</p> <p>22 the Inquiry?</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. It is the evidence you want us to consider.</p> <p>25 Now can I ask, HIA367, what is your earliest memory</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>   |
| <p>1 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. -- in Bishop Street in Derry?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. And you were in Bishop Street from 1957 to 1969. Is</p> <p>5 that so?</p> <p>6 <b>A. About that, yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. So if we could just look at document SND-4198, please --</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. -- now you will see that this is detail of your name,</p> <p>10 where you were born, your date of birth --</p> <p>11 <b>A. That's right.</b></p> <p>12 Q. -- where you were baptised, your mother's name and the</p> <p>13 fact that you were received into Bishop Street from</p> <p>14 Fahan nursery on 1957.</p> <p>15 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>16 Q. And if we could just go on to the next page, please,</p> <p>17 there's more details on this. These are documents that</p> <p>18 you, in fact, yourself received --</p> <p>19 <b>A. That's right, yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. -- from the Sisters of Nazareth. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. We will see this one again is giving further details.</p> <p>23 If we could just scroll down that page, please. You</p> <p>24 will see that the date of discharge is not actually</p> <p>25 recorded on that, but we know that you left in 1969.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p> | <p>1 of being in either of the two homes?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Nazareth House was -- all I remember is I was only small</b></p> <p>3 <b>and a man and a woman -- I presume they were my parents</b></p> <p>4 <b>-- was -- they brought me there anyway, but I can't</b></p> <p>5 <b>remember. I don't know if they did bring me, but</b></p> <p>6 <b>I never seen them again. So ...</b></p> <p>7 Q. So you believe that this couple --</p> <p>8 <b>A. They were possibly -- well, I believe they were my</b></p> <p>9 <b>mother and father, but never mind.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Can I take it from what you have said that during your</p> <p>11 time in Nazareth House you never had any further contact</p> <p>12 --</p> <p>13 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>14 Q. -- with either of your parents?</p> <p>15 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>16 Q. And do you -- what about siblings? Did you have any</p> <p>17 brothers or sisters?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Only had one when -- I didn't know till later that I had</b></p> <p>19 <b>one sister in the convent.</b></p> <p>20 Q. Her name is SND 85 . Is that correct?</p> <p>21 <b>A. SND 85 ,<sup>SND</sup><sub>85</sub> , yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. If we could just look at paragraph 17 of the statement,</p> <p>23 which is page SND-4188, in that you talk at paragraph 17</p> <p>24 about how you learned that you had a sister in a home,</p> <p>25 and this was at a time you were with a foster family.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p> |

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| <p>1 Your sister got injured and she was helped upstairs and</p> <p>2 in her bedroom she said, "You know, I'm your big</p> <p>3 sister".</p> <p>4 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. So you had been in this home placement with this family</p> <p>6 with this girl who you didn't know was your sister?</p> <p>7 <b>A. No. I didn't know until she told me herself.</b></p> <p>8 Q. I'll come back to what contact you had with her then.</p> <p>9 Did you have -- after this in the foster setting,</p> <p>10 did you have contact with her then in the home after</p> <p>11 that?</p> <p>12 <b>A. It was later when she left. She left when she was about</b></p> <p>13 <b>16 I think. I think she said "Goodbye" to me and she</b></p> <p>14 <b>wanted me to go with her, but the head nun said no,</b></p> <p>15 <b>I~was too young, so -- but she did come back once or</b></p> <p>16 <b>twice to visit me, but we never had a chance to talk.</b></p> <p>17 <b>We were kind of -- the nuns just surround us and that</b></p> <p>18 <b>was it. Couldn't talk to her.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You talk about that at paragraph 26.</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes. Okay.</b></p> <p>21 Q. If we can just scroll down to paragraph 26, which is</p> <p>22 SND-4190, at paragraph 26 you say that she came back</p> <p>23 three times to visit you in the home:</p> <p>24 "... but on each visit the three nuns stood around</p> <p>25 us and would not give us privacy to talk."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p> | <p>1 <b>secondary school you kind of stick together like in the</b></p> <p>2 <b>classroom and that was it. So no, not really.</b></p> <p>3 Q. Did you ever bring friends back to Nazareth House --</p> <p>4 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>5 Q. -- from outside?</p> <p>6 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>7 Q. And what about your education? Where did you go to</p> <p>8 school, first of all?</p> <p>9 <b>A. I went to primary school in Nazareth House and then</b></p> <p>10 <b>I went to the secondary school. What is the name of it?</b></p> <p>11 <b>. What's the name of the school?</b></p> <p>12 <b>What's the name of the school now? St. ...</b></p> <p>13 Q. Perhaps if we could be shown a copy of your school</p> <p>14 report actually, it might help. It's page SND-4197.</p> <p>15 I don't think actually it identifies --</p> <p>16 <b>A. It's not on --</b></p> <p>17 Q. -- what school this is from.</p> <p>18 <b>A. It's not on there.</b></p> <p>19 Q. But in any event your -- the grades that you were</p> <p>20 achieving at school are recorded on that document.</p> <p>21 <b>A.</b></p> <p>22 <b>Q.</b></p> <p>23 <b>A.</b></p> <p>24 Q. Yes. It's at paragraph 19 you talk about going to</p> <p>25 school there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>   |
| <p>1 <b>A. That's right, yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. "I think she may have tried to take me out with her on</p> <p>3 each visit but was not allowed to do so."</p> <p>4 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. Now, HIA367, you subsequently tried to find SND 85 .</p> <p>6 Isn't that right?</p> <p>7 <b>A. I've been finding her since I left the convent.</b></p> <p>8 Q. Have you ever made contact with her?</p> <p>9 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Now I will come back to your search for her, but can</p> <p>11 I~just ask you whenever you were in Nazareth House, were</p> <p>12 you ever aware of any other siblings mixing, playing</p> <p>13 together? Did you ever remember any visits say from</p> <p>14 brothers from Termonbacca coming to visit their sisters</p> <p>15 in the home?</p> <p>16 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>17 Q. What about friendships? Did you form friendships when</p> <p>18 you were in Nazareth House?</p> <p>19 <b>A. No. There was only a few of the girls. Yes, I had a</b></p> <p>20 <b>few --</b></p> <p>21 Q. And what --</p> <p>22 <b>A. -- and they were -- pardon?</b></p> <p>23 Q. Sorry. What about friendships outside; from school, for</p> <p>24 example?</p> <p>25 <b>A. There wasn't that many outside school, because at</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>  | <p>1 <b>A. Yes. That's -- that's the school I went to, the</b></p> <p>2 <b>secondary school.</b></p> <p>3 Q. Just in respect of school you seem certainly to have</p> <p>4 been musical, if one looks at the grades that you were</p> <p>5 achieving in music --</p> <p>6 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. -- after the first year in particular.</p> <p>8 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Did you take part in any -- any musical activities in</p> <p>10 the home itself?</p> <p>11 <b>A. I was actually in the choir for a while and then they</b></p> <p>12 <b>took me out of it. Don't know why, but they did take me</b></p> <p>13 <b>out of it.</b></p> <p>14 Q. When you were in the choir, did you ever engage -- did</p> <p>15 you ever go anywhere with the choir or --</p> <p>16 <b>A. We did. We used to go to different places like the</b></p> <p>17 <b>hall, shows or whatever it is, competitions,</b></p> <p>18 <b>competitions. That's what it was, yes, but I didn't --</b></p> <p>19 <b>I didn't stay long in the choir anyway. So ... I was</b></p> <p>20 <b>taken out.</b></p> <p>21 Q. But would it be fair to say, though, that music did play</p> <p>22 a large part of life in the home?</p> <p>23 <b>A. It would have been -- it would have been if I had stayed</b></p> <p>24 <b>with it.</b></p> <p>25 Q. Now if I can just bring you back to -- what about</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p> |

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| <p>1 clothing that you were provided? Is there anything you<br/>2 wish to tell the Inquiry about that or -- was it<br/>3 adequate?<br/>4 <b>A. I suppose -- I suppose in the winter you wear a jumper,<br/>5 a skirt or something. No, not really.</b><br/>6 Q. You have certainly no complaints to make about the<br/>7 clothing that --<br/>8 <b>A. Well, I had no choice. I had to wear them, you know, so<br/>9 ...</b><br/>10 Q. You had no choice. What about food in the home? You<br/>11 talk about this in paragraph 11 on page SND-4187. You<br/>12 say that:<br/>13 "The food was all right."<br/>14 <b>A. No.</b><br/>15 Q. "Breakfast was either lumpy porridge or cornflakes.<br/>16 Lunch was usually potatoes and things like that."<br/>17 <b>A. That's it, yes.</b><br/>18 Q. "For our evening meal we just got bread and tea."<br/>19 <b>A. That's it, yes.</b><br/>20 Q. "At mealtimes" --<br/>21 <b>A. That was the supper.</b><br/>22 Q. That was supper?<br/>23 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>24 Q. Was lunch eaten in the home or was this in school?<br/>25 <b>A. This was in the convent, the dining room. It was in the</b><br/>Page 13</p>   | <p>1 washed in the bath, and she would be shouting at you to<br/>2 get out. You got your hair washed on Saturday<br/>3 afternoons by either the nuns or older girls in two tin<br/>4 baths outside in the yard."<br/>5 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>6 Q. "Again the water was never changed."<br/>7 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>8 Q. You say you got your hair combed for nits.<br/>9 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>10 Q. When you were older, you washed the younger girls' hair.<br/>11 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>12 Q. Now you don't say anything about bedwetting. You<br/>13 yourself were not a bed wetter. Is that correct?<br/>14 <b>A. Not that I know of anyway.</b><br/>15 Q. And you have no recollection of --<br/>16 <b>A. No, no.</b><br/>17 Q. -- what took place if anyone did wet the bed?<br/>18 <b>A. No.</b><br/>19 Q. At paragraph 6 of the same page you talk about the<br/>20 sleeping arrangements in the home and you talk about<br/>21 sleeping in big dormitories where there was no privacy.<br/>22 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>23 Q. And that the nuns had a room off the dormitory.<br/>24 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>25 Q. And they would walk up and down and check that you were<br/>Page 15</p> |
| <p>1 <b>dining room.</b><br/>2 Q. So did you go back -- did you go back from primary<br/>3 school to have your lunch in the convent?<br/>4 <b>A. Primary school? Primary school was actually in the<br/>5 convent.</b><br/>6 Q. Right.<br/>7 <b>A. So ... But the secondary school would have been --<br/>8 a canteen in the secondary school, we would have got our<br/>9 food there.</b><br/>10 Q. Okay, and you go on to describe about what would happen<br/>11 if you put your elbows on the table.<br/>12 <b>A. That's right, yes.</b><br/>13 Q. And you say that one of the nuns who was supervising the<br/>14 meal -- and you name both of the nuns there in that<br/>15 paragraph -- she would have hit you with a thin red<br/>16 stick to get your elbows off the table. Is that<br/>17 correct?<br/>18 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>19 Q. Now if we could look at paragraph 8, you talk about what<br/>20 bath time was like in the home, and you say that:<br/>21 "It was every Saturday. We were not given any<br/>22 privacy. There were over 100 girls for two baths and<br/>23 they never changed the water." A nun whom you name<br/>24 "supervised bath times. We had to queue up wearing our<br/>25 nightdresses along the corridor and then quickly get<br/>Page 14</p> | <p>1 asleep.<br/>2 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>3 Q. You say you had to sleep with your arms crossed, and if<br/>4 your arms weren't crossed, a particular nun would waken<br/>5 you up and tell you to cross them.<br/>6 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>7 Q. And there was never any explanation given for why you<br/>8 were to sleep in this way.<br/>9 <b>A. No.</b><br/>10 Q. And you say that your arms were always sore, because of<br/>11 this.<br/>12 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>13 Q. Can you explain what you mean by --<br/>14 <b>A. Across here was sore between the creases. The bones<br/>15 were sore. I'm in pain -- I was in pain.</b><br/>16 Q. Sorry?<br/>17 <b>A. I was in pain.</b><br/>18 Q. And you say that if you snored, you were also wakened<br/>19 and told to get up and blow your nose?<br/>20 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>21 Q. Is there anything you want to tell us about illness or<br/>22 medical treatment or seeing the dentist? You talk about<br/>23 this in paragraphs 13 and 14.<br/>24 <b>A. That's right, yes. That's correct. There used to be<br/>25 a couple of girls called for the dentist and my name was</b><br/>Page 16</p>                                     |

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| <p>1 always called then, and all the time -- they filled all<br/>2 my teeth, filled them all any time I went to the dentist<br/>3 and the dentist would say, "You've beautiful teeth" and<br/>4 I says, "Why am I getting this done then?" That's what<br/>5 I can't understand.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you also remember about playing outside in the summer<br/>7 time?</p> <p>8 A. <b>That's correct, yes. We used to be -- they used to<br/>9 leave us out all day. The sun would be beaming down on<br/>10 us. You'd be burnt. They just left us out all day.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Do you remember an occasion when you say that you fell<br/>12 off the swing?</p> <p>13 A. <b>That's -- yes. I was sitting at the edge of the swing,<br/>14 not very high, but I fell off it and hurt my back on the<br/>15 concrete, and the nuns brought me into a room and left<br/>16 me there. They just said, "You'll be fine in<br/>17 a few minutes".</b></p> <p>18 Q. And were you fine?</p> <p>19 A. <b>No, I wasn't.</b></p> <p>20 Q. Was a doctor called?</p> <p>21 A. <b>No.</b></p> <p>22 Q. And is it generally the case that if anyone was sick,<br/>23 they were put to bed for a day or two?</p> <p>24 A. <b>That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>25 Q. Was the doc... -- did you ever see the doctor being</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 17</p>  | <p>1 doing in the hall, when it was damp, it wouldn't shine.<br/>2 So she got me to do it again and again and she said she<br/>3 wasn't happy with the floor at all. She wasn't happy<br/>4 with our work. She was always giving out. So ...</p> <p>5 Q. You've talked about the daily routine and you said that<br/>6 you got up about 7.30 and most mornings you went to<br/>7 mass. It's been suggested that that -- that you didn't<br/>8 go to mass most mornings; that you would have gone on<br/>9 Sundays, on holy days of obligation.</p> <p>10 A. <b>That's correct, yes. That's ...</b></p> <p>11 Q. In fact, you would have been encouraged to go on a daily<br/>12 basis during Lent.</p> <p>13 A. <b>Yes.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Is that more accurate than saying you went on most days?</p> <p>15 A. <b>No. Most days we did go to mass, you know, so ... We<br/>16 used to go to -- in the evenings what's the --<br/>17 benediction. That's -- that's often, a few times, and,<br/>18 yes, during the day.</b></p> <p>19 Q. I'll come back to that --</p> <p>20 A. <b>Yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. -- in a moment, but would it have been correct that when<br/>22 you got back from school, you would have played outside<br/>23 until about 5 o'clock and then gone in and got your<br/>24 evening meal?</p> <p>25 A. <b>I can't remember. I just -- I think we used to go out,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 19</p> |
| <p>1 called to the home?</p> <p>2 A. <b>Try to check. No, I don't think so, no.</b></p> <p>3 Q. You talk about remembering one girl being very ill.</p> <p>4 A. <b>That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. And she -- the nuns kept saying she would be fine, but<br/>6 it got to the stage where her appendix burst and she had<br/>7 to be rushed to hospital.</p> <p>8 A. <b>That's correct, yes, yes. She was nearly -- they left<br/>9 it to the last minute.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Now what about chores in the home?</p> <p>11 A. <b>Chores in the home was first thing after breakfast we<br/>12 had to -- I worked upstairs with a couple of girls and<br/>13 used to do -- made beds, polish and scrub the floors and<br/>14 put the covers on the -- counterpanes on the beds before<br/>15 we went to school, and then after school I was -- had to<br/>16 go up and take them all off, counterpanes off the beds,<br/>17 and sis... -- head nun, she followed me upstairs one<br/>18 evening and she said that, "What are you doing?"<br/>19 I says, "I am taking the counterpanes off the beds".<br/>20 She says, "It's too early", she says. "Put them back<br/>21 on" she says, and then she starts giving out -- threw<br/>22 everything up in my face about my sister this, that and<br/>23 the other.</b></p> <p>24 <b>But we had to polish the floors. We had to polish<br/>25 the floors on a Saturday, and we -- the floor I was</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 18</p> | <p>1 but we weren't out that long. We used to go in and do<br/>2 our homework and that was it, you know.</p> <p>3 Q. And what about doing homework? Was there someone to<br/>4 help you with your homework?</p> <p>5 A. <b>No, there was no-one there. Just you have to do it<br/>6 yourself.</b></p> <p>7 Q. What about special occasions such as Christmas? What is<br/>8 your recollection of Christmas in the home?</p> <p>9 A. <b>Christmas -- every Christmas they just have the choir,<br/>10 the band and later on they give out the presents, but<br/>11 they were just clothes, shoes, no toys, no doll, no<br/>12 nothing, just something to wear. That was it.</b></p> <p>13 Q. And who gave out presents? Who do you remember gave out<br/>14 presents?</p> <p>15 A. <b>The bishop or someone like that. Someone like that<br/>16 anyway. I know that.</b></p> <p>17 Q. Do you have any recollection of who would attend the<br/>18 concerts in the home at Christmas?</p> <p>19 A. <b>Some of them were from families we were staying with for<br/>20 two months. They'd come up and see some of the girls.<br/>21 That's all I can remember anyway. So ...</b></p> <p>22 Q. You talk at paragraphs 15 and 16 about when you made<br/>23 your Confirmation and your first Holy Communion in the<br/>24 home.</p> <p>25 A. <b>That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 20</p>                        |

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| <p>1 Q. What are your recollections of that?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Well, I remember the first Holy Communion we were</b></p> <p>3 <b>outside. I know the nuns took a photograph of us at Our</b></p> <p>4 <b>Lady -- the statue of Our Lady and God. Then they took</b></p> <p>5 <b>the clothes off us and put on our own clothes. The</b></p> <p>6 <b>Confirmation was -- it was outside the convent, just up</b></p> <p>7 <b>the road, at the church up the road. There was only</b></p> <p>8 <b>a few of us in the church. All I heard was the doors</b></p> <p>9 <b>locking. All the doors were locked, and we went up to</b></p> <p>10 <b>the bishop and he asked me to name my Confirmation, and</b></p> <p>11 <b>I had to kneel down, and he had a ring on his finger and</b></p> <p>12 <b>he just hit me across the cheek. It was very sore and</b></p> <p>13 <b>hurt. That's all I can remember from the Confirmation.</b></p> <p>14 <b>That's all I can remember.</b></p> <p>15 Q. You say -- in paragraph 9 you talk about when puberty</p> <p>16 kicked in. What can you tell the Inquiry about what</p> <p>17 preparation there was for the girls in Nazareth House</p> <p>18 for puberty?</p> <p>19 <b>A. We never had anything. They never explained about our</b></p> <p>20 <b>bodies or nothing. They never told us anything about,</b></p> <p>21 <b>you know ... They never, never explained what would</b></p> <p>22 <b>happen to our bodies.</b></p> <p>23 Q. And whenever you did start your periods, how did you</p> <p>24 feel then?</p> <p>25 <b>A. I was scared and I didn't know. I thought there was</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p> | <p>1 a visit?</p> <p>2 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>3 Q. And is it correct that, in fact, visitors who did come</p> <p>4 to the home were shown into the front parlour, which</p> <p>5 would have been away from where the girls were?</p> <p>6 <b>A. That's correct, yes. That's correct.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Do you ever remember anyone else visiting apart from the</p> <p>8 Christmas concerts?</p> <p>9 <b>A. I can't remember.</b></p> <p>10 Q. You do talk about a priest called --</p> <p>11 <b>A. SND237. Oh, sorry.</b></p> <p>12 Q. -- who came and played football with you. Is that</p> <p>13 correct?</p> <p>14 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Apart from members of the clergy then you don't remember</p> <p>16 anybody else coming to visit?</p> <p>17 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>18 Q. Can I take you on to some specific allegations that you</p> <p>19 make, HIA367? If we look at paragraph 19, now you name</p> <p>20 a nun there and you say that:</p> <p>21 "She was a cruel nun."</p> <p>22 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. "She often beat me and other girls such as ..." and you</p> <p>24 name two other girls.</p> <p>25 At one time you and one of these girls were coming</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p>   |
| <p>1 something wrong, and I rushed out -- took the sheets off</p> <p>2 the bed and rushed out to the bathroom and washed them</p> <p>3 -- hopefully they'd be dry -- and one of the seniors</p> <p>4 seen me and she says, "Have you got your period?" and</p> <p>5 I says "What's that?", and she says, "I'll bring you</p> <p>6 into the room" she says, and this small little room you</p> <p>7 change your sanitary towel. So she showed me. Other</p> <p>8 than that I wouldn't have known anything, you know. So</p> <p>9 ...</p> <p>10 Q. So one of the older girls --</p> <p>11 <b>A. One of the seniors, yes.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Can I ask were you ever given pocket money in the home?</p> <p>13 <b>A. I wasn't, I wasn't, no, not really. The only time we</b></p> <p>14 <b>got pocket money when we had to save to go on a trip,</b></p> <p>15 <b>say Butlins or something like that. Other than that we</b></p> <p>16 <b>never got nothing.</b></p> <p>17 Q. And what about birthdays?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Birthdays we never had. I had no birthdays. I don't</b></p> <p>19 <b>even remember what age I was or nothing. Knew nothing.</b></p> <p>20 Q. But you do say in your statement that it was only when</p> <p>21 you got sight of your birth certificate that you</p> <p>22 realised what your date of birth was. Is that correct?</p> <p>23 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. Now did you ever see anyone from Social Service visit</p> <p>25 the home while you were there or any senior nuns pay</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>  | <p>1 late back --</p> <p>2 "We were late coming back from " --</p> <p>3 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>4 Q. -- "and she grabbed us and started hitting us."</p> <p>5 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>6 Q. "She would punch you, or hit you with a black belt she</p> <p>7 wore round her waist, or stick, or whatever she could</p> <p>8 get her hands on. She would just lose her temper."</p> <p>9 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>10 Q. You go on to speak about one occasion where she told you</p> <p>11 to stand in a dark corridor, took something from behind</p> <p>12 her back and starting whacking you across the legs with</p> <p>13 a stick --</p> <p>14 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. -- and you had bruises as a result.</p> <p>16 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>17 Q. You were trying to grab the stick, but she said there</p> <p>18 were nails in it.</p> <p>19 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. And you have no idea why you were beaten.</p> <p>21 <b>A. No, no. She just had me standing there and I tried to</b></p> <p>22 <b>grab whatever she had in her hand, and she just said,</b></p> <p>23 <b>"Don't grab it". She says, "There's nails in it" and</b></p> <p>24 <b>I was black and blue, and when I went back to school the</b></p> <p>25 <b>next day, I had PE, and I told the teacher I had pain in</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>my stomach. So I said I couldn't do PE, but she did see</b><br/>                 2 <b>my legs being black and blue. I tried to cover them up</b><br/>                 3 <b>but she seen them. She said, "Do you want to talk?"</b><br/>                 4 <b>and I says, "No, because if I say anything, I will get</b><br/>                 5 <b>killed".</b><br/>                 6 Q. So the teacher noticed this --<br/>                 7 <b>A. She did, yes.</b><br/>                 8 Q. -- and offered you the opportunity to explain what had<br/>                 9 happened --<br/>                 10 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b><br/>                 11 Q. -- but you were too frightened to.<br/>                 12 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 13 Q. Is that correct?<br/>                 14 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b><br/>                 15 Q. You talk about another time whenever an older girl had<br/>                 16 given you and some other girls cigarettes at<br/>                 17 paragraph 20.<br/>                 18 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 19 Q. The nun found out that you smoked and she lined you all<br/>                 20 up in the corridor and asked who the cigarettes belonged<br/>                 21 to. The other girls said that they were yours.<br/>                 22 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 23 Q. She then grabbed you, pushed you into the music room,<br/>                 24 banged you off the piano stool and kept thumping you on<br/>                 25 the back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 25</p>                                   | <p>1 Q. She told you not to turn the lights on and you don't<br/>                 2 know how long you were made to stand there.<br/>                 3 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 4 Q. You had to go to the bathroom in the dark. You believe<br/>                 5 that this was a punishment for having answered her back<br/>                 6 or having done something which she thought was wrong.<br/>                 7 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 8 Q. But were you ever given an explanation for it?<br/>                 9 <b>A. No, no.</b><br/>                 10 Q. The same nun on another occasion made you and another<br/>                 11 girl wash most of the clothes by hand when the washing<br/>                 12 machine broke down.<br/>                 13 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 14 Q. You say that you were always picked to do this.<br/>                 15 <b>A. I seemed to me I was, yes. I don't know why.</b><br/>                 16 Q. Did the washing machine break down often?<br/>                 17 <b>A. It broke down a few times it seemed to me. We had to</b><br/>                 18 <b>wash the jumpers, underwear, whatever was there. We</b><br/>                 19 <b>done what we can by hand, me and another girl, and our</b><br/>                 20 <b>hands were raw, raw, and as soon as the washing machine</b><br/>                 21 <b>was fixed she didn't say, "Thank you" or nothing. She</b><br/>                 22 <b>said, "That's it". She said, "The machine is fixed".</b><br/>                 23 Q. You talk about religion playing a large part of life in<br/>                 24 the home --<br/>                 25 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p>                                |
| <p>1 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 2 Q. You say at this stage you had realised she enjoyed it<br/>                 3 when you cried, so you didn't cry.<br/>                 4 <b>A. That's correct yes.</b><br/>                 5 Q. She then said "There's no point hitting you" and<br/>                 6 stopped.<br/>                 7 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 8 Q. After this she didn't -- she might have called you<br/>                 9 "Smoker" or by your surname.<br/>                 10 <b>A. That's right, yes.</b><br/>                 11 Q. But she never used your first name?<br/>                 12 <b>A. No, she never did.</b><br/>                 13 Q. I mean, do you say that was a result of this incident or<br/>                 14 did she --<br/>                 15 <b>A. No, she was always like that to me. I don't know why,</b><br/>                 16 <b>but she was very cold, and she just didn't call my first</b><br/>                 17 <b>name. She always called my last name. Then when she</b><br/>                 18 <b>found out I smoked, she just kept walking past me and</b><br/>                 19 <b>said, "Smoke". So that was it.</b><br/>                 20 Q. You go on in paragraph 21 to describe an evening where<br/>                 21 the same nun made you all stand in the corridor in the<br/>                 22 dark in your nightdresses.<br/>                 23 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>                 24 Q. You were barefoot and it was freezing cold.<br/>                 25 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p> | <p>1 Q. -- which is perhaps understandable, given that it was<br/>                 2 run by a religious organisation, but you talk about<br/>                 3 a particular instance where you were all at Benediction<br/>                 4 in the church and you heard screaming from outside the<br/>                 5 church.<br/>                 6 <b>A. That's correct, yes. We were waiting for the</b><br/>                 7 <b>Benediction to start. We were all sitting in the church</b><br/>                 8 <b>and the head nun was outside with another girl and all</b><br/>                 9 <b>we heard -- she was hitting her anyway. She kept -- the</b><br/>                 10 <b>girl kept screaming and screaming. It got louder and</b><br/>                 11 <b>louder, and I couldn't stick it, and I was getting up</b><br/>                 12 <b>and the other nun says, "You sit down", and Reverend</b><br/>                 13 <b>Mother -- sorry -- Reverend Mother came in and, "What is</b><br/>                 14 <b>going on?" she says. The head nun says, "She was</b><br/>                 15 <b>being -- answering me back", and the Reverend Mother</b><br/>                 16 <b>says, "You never do that outside the church. Don't do</b><br/>                 17 <b>that outside the church".</b><br/>                 18 Q. And you could hear this conversation --<br/>                 19 <b>A. Hear all this, yes.</b><br/>                 20 Q. -- taking place?<br/>                 21 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>                 22 Q. You talk about another nun at paragraph 24, and you say<br/>                 23 that she had a habit of pinching you --<br/>                 24 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>                 25 Q. -- and hitting you across the head with keys.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. And that on occasions if the nuns weren't there, then</p> <p>3 you would have been chastised for answering back by</p> <p>4 older girls, who would have given you a slap?</p> <p>5 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>6 Q. And they also would whack you across the back of your</p> <p>7 feet with a plastic sandal to punish you?</p> <p>8 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. You subsequently wrote to both Sister -- both of these</p> <p>10 two nuns that we have been referring to. If we could</p> <p>11 just look at document SND-4205 and the following two</p> <p>12 pages then, this is correspondence that you entered into</p> <p>13 with these two particular nuns. Can you say why -- this</p> <p>14 is after you had left the home -- you were writing to</p> <p>15 them, HIA367?</p> <p>16 <b>A. I have been -- sorry -- I have been -- I have been</b></p> <p>17 <b>doing -- searching for my sister since I left the</b></p> <p>18 <b>convent, and I was getting in touch -- trying to get in</b></p> <p>19 <b>touch with the nuns in the home, but I wasn't getting</b></p> <p>20 <b>any satisfaction out of them, and I went to the CD -- CD</b></p> <p>21 <b>in Dublin and I only found out that the nuns were</b></p> <p>22 <b>actually in Nazareth House in Dublin. That's how</b></p> <p>23 <b>I ended up going -- going to them to find out where my</b></p> <p>24 <b>sister was, and I did write to them, that hopefully they</b></p> <p>25 <b>will find her or information about my sister. That's</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 29</p> | <p>1 <b>I said, "I just want to find her". She said, "What</b></p> <p>2 <b>would happen if your mother -- you met your mother?" and</b></p> <p>3 <b>I said, "I'd like to meet her", but she said, "She might</b></p> <p>4 <b>slam the door in your face", but my mother was still</b></p> <p>5 <b>alive at that stage I believe.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Did you ever meet your mother?</p> <p>7 <b>A. I never met my mother.</b></p> <p>8 Q. At paragraph 32 you also talk about having tried to get</p> <p>9 hold of your birth certificate.</p> <p>10 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. You were working at that time in Dublin.</p> <p>12 <b>A. That's right, in</b></p> <p>13 Q. You needed your birth certificate for work.</p> <p>14 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. So you rang this particular nun and asked her for your</p> <p>16 birth certificate?</p> <p>17 <b>A. The head nun. The head nun. I rang the head nun and</b></p> <p>18 <b>I asked her could she send me out my birth certificate,</b></p> <p>19 <b>because I need it for my job, and she said -- she said,</b></p> <p>20 <b>"You shouldn't have left the convent -- you shouldn't</b></p> <p>21 <b>have left the job that you were in". I was in a job in</b></p> <p>22 <b>in Dublin. I worked there before</b></p> <p>23 <b>I went to Then she started throwing</b></p> <p>24 <b>everything at me about my sister this, my sister</b></p> <p>25 <b>wouldn't leave a job and all this. So I just said,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 31</p>                    |
| <p>1 <b>the only reason why I went there. So ...</b></p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN: Can these be enlarged, please, and the one on the</p> <p>3 left, is it possible to turn it the right way up?</p> <p>4 MS SMITH: It has been unfortunately scanned in in that</p> <p>5 fashion, Chairman.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Can we look at the other one, please?</p> <p>7 MS SMITH: These are correspondence that you received after</p> <p>8 having written to the two nuns --</p> <p>9 <b>A. Yes. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>10 Q. -- asking about your sister's whereabouts.</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN: It would seem from the dates in the letters you</p> <p>13 were writing about the end of 1993. Would that be --</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes, that would be -- that's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>15 MS SMITH: In fact, you did also go to Nazareth House in</p> <p>16 Dublin to visit these two nuns. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>17 You talk about that at paragraph 33 in your statement.</p> <p>18 <b>A. I went -- which one are you -- the one -- Dublin?</b></p> <p>19 Q. Yes, in Malahide.</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes, that's right, yes. I did meet them and they said</b></p> <p>21 <b>they didn't know where my sister was, and the head nun,</b></p> <p>22 <b>I was talking to her. I was actually dreading to meet</b></p> <p>23 <b>her, because my hands were sweaty. I just asked where</b></p> <p>24 <b>my family were, my sister was and she didn't know. She</b></p> <p>25 <b>said she got my letter and she ripped up the letter.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 30</p>  | <p>1 <b>"I just want my birth certificate". So Reverend Mother</b></p> <p>2 <b>got on the phone and I just explained to her, "I need my</b></p> <p>3 <b>birth certificate". She done the same thing. She just</b></p> <p>4 <b>talked about me, my sister this, and I said, "Do you</b></p> <p>5 <b>know where she is?" and she said, "No. Your sister</b></p> <p>6 <b>wouldn't leave a job like that", she says.</b></p> <p>7 <b>All right. I got no satisfaction out of them. So</b></p> <p>8 <b>I-hung up the phone and a friend of mine -- a friend</b></p> <p>9 <b>told me -- she says, "Go to a priest" and I said, "Oh,</b></p> <p>10 <b>here goes", because I had to pay my rent. I had to pay</b></p> <p>11 <b>bills. So I went down to the priest in and</b></p> <p>12 <b>I explained to him to get my birth certificate and two</b></p> <p>13 <b>days later he knocked at the door and he had it in his</b></p> <p>14 <b>hand.</b></p> <p>15 Q. So he was able to get it?</p> <p>16 <b>A. He was able to get it for me, yes.</b></p> <p>17 Q. Now while you were in Nazareth House you spent time with</p> <p>18 two families --</p> <p>19 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>20 Q. -- and these would have been during summer holidays. Is</p> <p>21 that correct?</p> <p>22 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. The first of these you talk about going to stay with</p> <p>24 a couple at paragraph 27. You went to stay with this</p> <p>25 couple and with another girl who was younger than you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 32</p> |



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| <p>1 You used to help on the farm, and one day the male of<br/>2 the couple told you to drive the tractor.<br/>3 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>4 Q. There was another man who worked on the farm, although<br/>5 you didn't know his name.<br/>6 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>7 Q. You were driving the tractor and changing gears and the<br/>8 tractor shook and this other girl nearly fell off the<br/>9 back of it. He started to shout at you.<br/>10 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>11 Q. You say the other man who worked on the farm sexually<br/>12 abused you by grabbing you, putting his hand up between<br/>13 your legs and touching your private parts.<br/>14 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>15 Q. You tried to get away, but he was holding you down.<br/>16 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>17 Q. You tried to hit him with a bottle which you saw.<br/>18 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>19 Q. The person who was fostering you, looking after you --<br/>20 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>21 Q. -- saw what he was doing and told him to let you go.<br/>22 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b><br/>23 Q. But subsequently, as you describe in paragraph 28, this<br/>24 man then started interfering with you.<br/>25 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p> | <p>1 the cooking and cleaning and you worked on the farm.<br/>2 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>3 Q. In the second summer the wife was away visiting a sick<br/>4 friend and you were there on your own --<br/>5 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>6 Q. -- with the husband and their son.<br/>7 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>8 Q. One night you were watching television and he came --<br/>9 that's the husband came -- and told you it was time for<br/>10 bed --<br/>11 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>12 Q. -- turned off the television, grabbed you and pushed you<br/>13 against the wall --<br/>14 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b><br/>15 Q. -- and told you he would give you sweets and cigarettes<br/>16 and he tried to touch you.<br/>17 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>18 Q. You managed to get away, ran upstairs and got into bed<br/>19 and he followed you.<br/>20 <b>A. Yes, that's correct. He followed me upstairs, yes.</b><br/>21 Q. He again said he would give you money and you pleaded<br/>22 with him to leave you alone.<br/>23 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>24 Q. It was only when the front door opened and someone came<br/>25 into the house that he left the room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>  |
| <p>1 Q. He sexually abused you a few times, took you over to the<br/>2 outhouse, put his hands between your legs --<br/>3 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>4 Q. -- and indecently assaulted -- touched your private<br/>5 parts --<br/>6 <b>A. That's correct.</b><br/>7 Q. -- and told you not to say anything?<br/>8 <b>A. That's right, yes.</b><br/>9 Q. One time you were in bed with the other young girl and<br/>10 he came into bed between you. His wife came in and told<br/>11 him to get out and you were then taken back to Nazareth<br/>12 House.<br/>13 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>14 Q. You say that you tried to tell the nun about what<br/>15 happened, but she wouldn't listen to you.<br/>16 <b>A. She wouldn't listen at all. She said, "Go away". She<br/>17 says, "You're talking nonsense".</b><br/>18 Q. These two people are now dead, the couple that you were<br/>19 sent to.<br/>20 <b>A. Yes. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>21 Q. You were also sent out to another family when you were<br/>22 about 12 years of age and that was for about two months<br/>23 each summer --<br/>24 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>25 Q. -- on two separate occasions. You said that you did all</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>                              | <p>1 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>2 Q. As a result of this you then ran away and the only place<br/>3 you --<br/>4 <b>A. I didn't know where to go at the start. So I just had<br/>5 my case already packed anyway, but I just got the hell<br/>6 out of there. I said, "That's it". I didn't know where<br/>7 I was going, because it was lashing with rain. I just<br/>8 kept walking, and then eventually the other couple, the<br/>9 first couple I was staying with, she stopped the car and<br/>10 says, "What are you doing in the rain?" I said,<br/>11 "I--don't know". She says, "Get into the car". So I got<br/>12 in and she brought me back to her place, and I tried to<br/>13 explain to her, but I don't think she was listening, but<br/>14 they sent me back to the convent anyway.</b><br/>15 Q. In fact, did you write to the convent?<br/>16 <b>A. I had to write -- yes, I had to write to the convent for<br/>17 I was told to go back. I had to write to the head nun<br/>18 to say I was in such and such a place in -- with the<br/>19 family, and she told me to go -- she wrote a letter to<br/>20 say to get -- put me on a bus back to Derry. So ...</b><br/>21 Q. So when you got back to Nazareth House --<br/>22 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>23 Q. -- were you ever asked for an explanation as to why you<br/>24 had left --<br/>25 <b>A. No --</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p> |



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| <p>1 <b>A. Another one coming in June.</b></p> <p>2 Q. Since you left care and your life after care, you</p> <p>3 describe it in your witness statement at paragraphs 31,</p> <p>4 32 and paragraph 35 about the search for your sister and</p> <p>5 meeting your family, and you talk about the difficulties</p> <p>6 that you have had in life, and you have suffered from</p> <p>7 panic attacks --</p> <p>8 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. -- and depression.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Can I ask, HIA367, how you feel today about those who</p> <p>12 cared for you?</p> <p>13 <b>A. In the convent they were cruel. They didn't give us</b></p> <p>14 <b>an inch. Took me out of school before my time. I could</b></p> <p>15 <b>have done better with my life. They ruined my life.</b></p> <p>16 Q. This Inquiry, HIA367, has to make recommendations to the</p> <p>17 Northern Ireland Executive --</p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. -- about what it feels should happen about a potential</p> <p>20 apology, some form of appropriate memorial or tribute --</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. -- and whether some form of redress is appropriate.</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. Is there anything you would like to say to the Inquiry</p> <p>25 about those matters?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 41</p>   | <p>1 or if there isn't, that's fine.</p> <p>2 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>3 Q. Okay. If you could just stay there, HIA367 --</p> <p>4 <b>A. Okay.</b></p> <p>5 Q. -- the Panel Members may have some questions for you.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Okay.</b></p> <p>7 <b>Questions from THE PANEL</b></p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN: HIA367, you have told us that you haven't been</p> <p>9 able to trace your sister, SND 85</p> <p>10 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>11 Q. -- although I see in the article from the paper that's</p> <p>12 just come up you gave phone numbers and everything, but</p> <p>13 --</p> <p>14 <b>A. That's not my phone number.</b></p> <p>15 Q. No, but --</p> <p>16 <b>A. I know.</b></p> <p>17 Q. -- through the numbers and everything else, but nobody</p> <p>18 else has been able to help you?</p> <p>19 <b>A. I think my brother got a phone call. He didn't know who</b></p> <p>20 <b>it was --</b></p> <p>21 Q. Yes.</p> <p>22 <b>A. -- and that was it.</b></p> <p>23 Q. But despite all your efforts you are saying you haven't</p> <p>24 been able to trace SND 85</p> <p>25 <b>A. I can't get hold of her, no.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 43</p>   |
| <p>1 <b>A. Well, I just want an apology, and I wouldn't like anyone</b></p> <p>2 <b>else to go through what I went through. I wouldn't like</b></p> <p>3 <b>anyone going through that, the life I went through.</b></p> <p>4 <b>I wouldn't like that.</b></p> <p>5 <b>When I found I had three of my family, I realised</b></p> <p>6 <b>that was my family, and it's terrible that you lose</b></p> <p>7 <b>contact with your real family. It's horrible. For</b></p> <p>8 <b>years I never knew I had them, and it's great that</b></p> <p>9 <b>I found them. I'm still trying to find my sister.</b></p> <p>10 <b>I still can't find her.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Finally, is there anything else that you feel that you</p> <p>12 wish to say to the Inquiry? This is your opportunity,</p> <p>13 HIA367, if there's anything else that you would like to</p> <p>14 add to what you've already told us.</p> <p>15 <b>A. I'm going blank. Just it's very hard. My life was --</b></p> <p>16 <b>it's a struggle. It was a struggle, my life, all them</b></p> <p>17 <b>years.</b></p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN: While the witness is thinking about that could we</p> <p>19 have that article from again, please,</p> <p>20 SND-14109? Just take a moment to think about the</p> <p>21 question, HIA367. There's something else we can look at</p> <p>22 while you're thinking about it. Yes. Can we see it</p> <p>23 all, please? Part of it seems to be cut off. Thank</p> <p>24 you. (Pause.) Thank you.</p> <p>25 MS SMITH: Is there anything else you wish to add, HIA367,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 42</p> | <p>1 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>2 <b>A. Thank you.</b></p> <p>3 MS DOHERTY: Thanks for your testimony, SND 85 (sic). Can</p> <p>4 I just ask in relation to going out to the placements to</p> <p>5 the families was there any discussion with you</p> <p>6 beforehand about going or whether you wanted to go away</p> <p>7 for two months to go and be in people's houses? Was</p> <p>8 there any --</p> <p>9 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>10 Q. -- discussion, HIA367?</p> <p>11 <b>A. No, there wasn't. There wasn't. Just -- we were just</b></p> <p>12 <b>sent there; just case packed and that was it.</b></p> <p>13 Q. And that was that?</p> <p>14 <b>A. That's it, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. And is there anything else you want to say about the</p> <p>16 impact on your life as an adult in terms of what your</p> <p>17 experiences were?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Well, I went through a lot when I was in -- I was living</b></p> <p>19 <b>in Dublin. It took me a long time to sort out my life.</b></p> <p>20 <b>I had no friends, nobody. I had to go and get a job,</b></p> <p>21 <b>get a flat. It took me a long time, and I've been</b></p> <p>22 <b>trying to search for my sister a long time since I left</b></p> <p>23 <b>the convent. I just can't find her.</b></p> <p>24 Q. Okay, but there was no -- there was no support to you</p> <p>25 once you left?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 44</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>A. No, there was nothing. There was nothing there,</b><br/> 2 <b>nothing. I was just sent to Dublin on a bus and that</b><br/> 3 <b>was it.</b><br/> 4 Q. Okay. Thank you.<br/> 5 <b>A. Okay.</b><br/> 6 MR LANE: You have mentioned the nuns. Were there any other<br/> 7 staff helping them in looking after the girls?<br/> 8 <b>A. No. There was other nuns in the convent, but they were</b><br/> 9 <b>in another part for the old folks and that. There was</b><br/> 10 <b>a few nuns, but they were most on the other side of the</b><br/> 11 <b>convent, but there was only three nuns looking after us.</b><br/> 12 Q. And no civilian staff?<br/> 13 <b>A. No.</b><br/> 14 Q. Thank you.<br/> 15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for coming, HIA367. That's<br/> 16 all. Thank you for coming to tell us your experiences.<br/> 17 MS SMITH: Thank you.<br/> 18 <b>A. Thank you very much.</b><br/> 19 <b>(Witness withdrew)</b><br/> 20 MS SMITH: Chairman, if we could take a short break and then<br/> 21 consider the position with regard to the other witness<br/> 22 statement.<br/> 23 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Is that convenient to you, Mr Montague, to<br/> 24 deal with that issue this morning?<br/> 25 MR MONTAGUE: Certainly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>  | <p>1 CHAIRMAN: I would rather you didn't, because we don't have<br/> 2 any power for the stenographer to prepare a transcript.<br/> 3 MR MONTAGUE: It is the history she gives about she and her<br/> 4 sister being allowed to spend birthdays together in the<br/> 5 home.<br/> 6 CHAIRMAN: I am aware of that. You will have the<br/> 7 opportunity to draw any inconsistencies and<br/> 8 discrepancies to our attention.<br/> 9 MR MONTAGUE: What is the appropriate time for that,<br/> 10 Chairman? Is that to be done by submission?<br/> 11 CHAIRMAN: Well, you can do it, if necessary, as we go<br/> 12 along, but you will have the opportunity in due course<br/> 13 to draw any discrepancies or contradictions that you<br/> 14 consider exist in material to our attention.<br/> 15 MR MONTAGUE: Thank you. It is the timing thereof. I am<br/> 16 conscious on behalf of the Sisters of the sensitivities<br/> 17 of the witnesses who are giving evidence and also the<br/> 18 passage of time, and I have discussed this at various<br/> 19 times with my learned friend Ms Smith.<br/> 20 CHAIRMAN: Yes.<br/> 21 MR MONTAGUE: So thank you for that indication.<br/> 22 CHAIRMAN: My preference would be that it is done in an<br/> 23 appropriate way as close to the time that somebody gives<br/> 24 evidence; otherwise there is a risk it will simply<br/> 25 be forgotten.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p> |
| <p>1 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will sit again at 11.40.<br/> 2 (11.30 am)<br/> 3 (Short break)<br/> 4 (11.40 am)<br/> 5 CHAIRMAN: Well, ladies and gentlemen, the more observant<br/> 6 among you will have noticed we are reliant on natural<br/> 7 light. We are having problems with the power supply and<br/> 8 none of the electronic equipment I understand is<br/> 9 working.<br/> 10 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Could you speak up a little bit?<br/> 11 I can't hear you.<br/> 12 CHAIRMAN: One of the problems we have is the electricity<br/> 13 has failed. When we get the power back on, we will<br/> 14 start again, but the electricity has gone in some<br/> 15 respect. So we can't use the microphones, the<br/> 16 electronic equipment. Everything has gone except the<br/> 17 natural light. So we are going look into this and we<br/> 18 will resume when we can. Certainly I suspect now it<br/> 19 will not be before 2 o'clock at the earliest. Just keep<br/> 20 in touch.<br/> 21 MR MONTAGUE: Chairman, would it be appropriate for me to<br/> 22 draw to your attention a matter I wish to raise in<br/> 23 respect of the article that was brought up on screen<br/> 24 from _____, because it attributes<br/> 25 a quotation to the witness about the history --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p> | <p>1 MR MONTAGUE: I accept that. Thank you.<br/> 2 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will start again hopefully at 2 o'clock,<br/> 3 ladies and gentlemen, when we have the power working.<br/> 4 Thank you.<br/> 5 (12 noon)<br/> 6 (Lunch break)<br/> 7 (2.00 pm)<br/> 8 WITNESS HIA40 (called)<br/> 9 CHAIRMAN: Now do you wish to take the oath or to affirm?<br/> 10 <b>A. I would like to affirm.</b><br/> 11 Q. Very well.<br/> 12 WITNESS HIA40 (affirmed)<br/> 13 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY<br/> 14 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, this is "HIA40"<br/> 15 and you will know from the designation list that this is<br/> 16 HIA40.<br/> 17 I just ask you to confirm, HIA40, you are aware --<br/> 18 I am going to call you HIA40, if that's okay with you --<br/> 19 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/> 20 Q. -- that the Inquiry has given you, like many others,<br/> 21 anonymity, so that your name can't be published, and can<br/> 22 I just confirm with you that that is a position you wish<br/> 23 to maintain?<br/> 24 <b>A. That is a position I wish to maintain.</b><br/> 25 Q. So for the avoidance of any doubt there should be no</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>   |

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| <p>1 publication of HIA40's name in connection with the<br/>2 matters that the Inquiry is going to hear about this<br/>3 afternoon.</p> <p>4 HIA40, the Inquiry appreciates that anyone coming to<br/>5 give evidence will find that a difficult experience and<br/>6 the Inquiry is quite prepared if you need a break at any<br/>7 stage just to say so. You have already put your hand to<br/>8 the water that's in front of you. If at any time you<br/>9 feel the need, then there is no difficulty. You just<br/>10 need to say, because the Inquiry is also aware that you<br/>11 have had considerable health difficulty, and you in your<br/>12 statement that we'll come to have indicated the extent<br/>13 of that, and that's something the Inquiry is cognisant<br/>14 of.</p> <p>15 I think you wanted to say yourself that one of the<br/>16 services that the Inquiry has brought to your attention<br/>17 that you've made use of is that of Lifeline.</p> <p>18 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>19 Q. Do you want to say something about how you found that<br/>20 service?</p> <p>21 <b>A. Well, the service has been pretty okay over these last<br/>22 couple of months since this Inquiry has taken place.<br/>23 Now I have acquired that service a bit more better. So,<br/>24 yes, it's been very beneficial to me. I wish it had<br/>25 been -- I wish I knew about it sooner.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p> | <p>1 Q. Now the Inquiry is aware, HIA40, that there is<br/>2 a significant volume of material that has been produced<br/>3 to the Inquiry by in particular the Health &amp; Social Care<br/>4 Board, who effectively cover the Social Services system<br/>5 that was in operation at the time you were in care, and<br/>6 the Inquiry has seen and will after today take further<br/>7 time to look at that material, and I am only going to go<br/>8 through some of the headline points from that material<br/>9 with you in addition to you talking about what's in your<br/>10 witness statement, but to try to assist both yourself<br/>11 and the Inquiry hearing your evidence I'm going to try<br/>12 to take you through a chronology of your time in care so<br/>13 that when you talk specifically back in the statement<br/>14 about your time in Bishop Street and in Termonbacca that<br/>15 the context of that is clear to the Inquiry Panel when<br/>16 they're hearing it.</p> <p>17 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>18 Q. So if you can help me along with this and where you<br/>19 don't agree, you just indicate, "No, that's not my<br/>20 recollection" or "I don't agree with that".</p> <p>21 You yourself were born in . By that time<br/>22 you describe in your statement that you came from<br/>23 a dysfunctional home life in Strabane.</p> <p>24 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b></p> <p>25 Q. And you were one of eight children.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p> |
| <p>1 Q. So you found it helpful?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Extremely so, yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. Now what you are holding in your hand and what I am<br/>4 going to bring up on the screen -- if we can have -- all<br/>5 of the references today will be SND references. So I am<br/>6 going to drop the SND. If you can bring up SND-4570,<br/>7 please, and if you can max the screen out. That's not<br/>8 4570. Just max the screen out for us. On the screen<br/>9 you will see -- and you are aware -- we have discussed<br/>10 -- this is the redacted copy of your statement --</p> <p>11 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>12 Q. -- and you are holding in your hand a copy that you can<br/>13 see what's underneath the redactions, and you will see<br/>14 that this statement has "HIA40". If we can go to the<br/>15 last page at SND-4579, and if I can just ask you, HIA40,<br/>16 if you would turn to the last page of the hard copy that<br/>17 you have and just confirm that the two statements match<br/>18 and that you have, in fact, signed on 13th July 2013 the<br/>19 statement that we can see in redacted form on the<br/>20 screen?</p> <p>21 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. And you want to adopt the content of your statement as<br/>23 your evidence before the Inquiry before I ask you some<br/>24 further questions about it.</p> <p>25 <b>A. Precise.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p>                        | <p>1 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. And your mother and father had considerable difficulty<br/>3 in their relationship.</p> <p>4 <b>A. Yes. I was a victim of domestic violence I suppose from<br/>5 that aspect, yes.</b></p> <p>6 Q. The documents will show -- and I am not going to open<br/>7 them to the Inquiry -- they will show that, in fact,<br/>8 your mother had become known to Social Services a number<br/>9 of years before you were, in fact, born.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Right.</b></p> <p>11 Q. And a number of your brothers and sisters had been in<br/>12 care before you were born at times to give your mum some<br/>13 respite.</p> <p>14 <b>A. That would be correct I think, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. And you it seems first went into a children's home in<br/>16 Coneywarren in 1973, by which time you would have been</p> <p>17</p> <p>18 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>19 Q. From your statement there is no complaint you have about<br/>20 your time in Coneywarren.</p> <p>21 <b>A. That would be correct, yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. Then -- this isn't necessarily covered in your<br/>23 statement -- you indicate you were in and out of<br/>24 children's homes, and what we have been able to<br/>25 establish from the records is that for a couple of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p>   |

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| <p>1 months in of '74 and then again in</p> <p>2 of '74 and in '75</p> <p>3 and in '75 you were in and out of</p> <p>4 probably Nazareth House in Bishop Street. The records</p> <p>5 show that at least two of those short occasions were</p> <p>6 Bishop Street. Do you remember any other children's</p> <p>7 home other than --</p> <p>8 <b>A. No, not that I am aware of.</b></p> <p>9 Q. So it may be they were all in Bishop Street?</p> <p>10 <b>A. Possibly, yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. But certainly the record held by the congregation</p> <p>12 suggests that '74, which was your first</p> <p>13 time after Coneywarren, as it were --</p> <p>14 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>15 Q. -- was in Bishop Street.</p> <p>16 I should make the Members of the Panel aware that</p> <p>17 over the last number of days considerable effort has</p> <p>18 been made by both the congregation, the Health &amp; Social</p> <p>19 Care Board and by the Police Service to deal with some</p> <p>20 very detailed points about documents, and there are some</p> <p>21 material that have been produced as a result of that</p> <p>22 that have helped clarify the picture, and indeed the</p> <p>23 Health &amp; Social Care Board have more material that they</p> <p>24 will be gathering; that if any of it needs to be</p> <p>25 referred to you, HIA40, then that's what we'll do on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p> | <p>1 Q. -- and that's recorded in the document. Now it is clear</p> <p>2 that on , when your mother took ill, you were</p> <p>3 taken along with your brother, your younger brother,</p> <p>4 <sup>SND138</sup>-- again his name is not to be reported -- to</p> <p>5 Bishop Street.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b></p> <p>7 Q. It is there that you lived for the next fifteen months</p> <p>8 between '76 and r '77. That's during</p> <p>9 a period when you are</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes. I would say that, yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. You turned in In aged</p> <p>12 then you were fostered out with a family known to you as</p> <p>13 the Again their name is not to be reported.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>15 Q. You lived with them until 1979. Now the -- you</p> <p>16 are aware from the material that we previously discussed</p> <p>17 that you were having difficulty at school with what was</p> <p>18 called then truanting and reference is made to some</p> <p>19 difficulty with stealing.</p> <p>20 <b>A. Of course, yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Are those things you recall at this stage or ...?</p> <p>22 <b>A. I do indeed, yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. And the records -- if we just take SND-4674 back out and</p> <p>24 if we take the third paragraph down and just maximise</p> <p>25 the third paragraph, this records how initially you went</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>  |
| <p>1 a later date.</p> <p>2 <b>A. Okay.</b></p> <p>3 Q. So you've been in and out of Bishop Street for some</p> <p>4 respite for your mum. Then your mum takes ill on</p> <p>5 1976, by which time you are</p> <p>6 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>7 Q. -- and she was admitted to hospital, and the records</p> <p>8 seem to suggest she was suffering from ed</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 If we can bring up SND-4674, please. If you can</p> <p>11 just max out the page. Just take the second</p> <p>12 paragraph for me, please. This is from a Social</p> <p>13 Services report. It indicates that:</p> <p>14 "On 1976 [your mum] was admitted to</p> <p>15 hospital for surgery ... suffering from an</p> <p>16</p> <p>17 Then it indicates she then died as a result of that.</p> <p>18 The material seems to suggest that's either or</p> <p>19 , although you are saying your relation has put</p> <p>20 on the headstone.</p> <p>21 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. And the Panel is then able to see that a Parental Rights</p> <p>23 Order was made in respect of you on 1976 in</p> <p>24 favour of the Western Health &amp; Social Services Board --</p> <p>25 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>   | <p>1 out from Nazareth with foster parents and initially</p> <p>2 settled quite well. However, by of 1978 the</p> <p>3 foster parents were concerned about you -- about</p> <p>4 truanting from school, about stealing some money from</p> <p>5 your foster father, and they were indicating they</p> <p>6 couldn't cope with you and your brother. You then</p> <p>7 entered Termonbacca on 1979.</p> <p>8 Now the records show that you spend nine months in</p> <p>9 Termonbacca from the age of , and when you're there,</p> <p>10 if we just max out the page again, and if we take the</p> <p>11 next paragraph down and just maximise that, you will see</p> <p>12 the type of -- you have acknowledged in your statement</p> <p>13 you have had difficulty growing up, and some of the</p> <p>14 types of difficulty are explained in the Social Services</p> <p>15 report. So the same type of problems are being</p> <p>16 described in Termonbacca, with truanting from school and</p> <p>17 stealing, and it then records the intervention of the</p> <p>18 second foster family and that's the Isn't that</p> <p>19 right?</p> <p>20 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Again their name is not to be reported. The</p> <p>22 were already fostering your older sister --</p> <p>23 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. -- and they then engaged with a view to taking you and</p> <p>25 your younger brother, <sup>SND138</sup></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. And I just want to in passing at this stage -- because</p> <p>3 you are aware I have discussed it with you -- in</p> <p>4 Termonbacca there you will have met a series of boys and</p> <p>5 they included SND33 and SND35, and those are two</p> <p>6 individuals that we were discussing --</p> <p>7 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- before you came in, and the Inquiry Panel will find</p> <p>9 on page 10 of the designation list the identity of those</p> <p>10 two individuals. So they were in Termonbacca at the</p> <p>11 same time as you --</p> <p>12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>13 Q. -- during 1979.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. You then go out with your brother to live with the</p> <p>16 in of '79. you are</p> <p>17 recorded as leaving Termonbacca, age and there are</p> <p>18 various documents that show that that I'm not going to</p> <p>19 take you to --</p> <p>20 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>21 Q. -- but you -- if we take SND-4674 back out, please, and</p> <p>22 just if you maximise the fifth paragraph -- the fifth</p> <p>23 point -- yes, if you just blow that up -- this records</p> <p>24 in short form the time that you spent with the ,</p> <p>25 and you can see that it describes you as testing out</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 57</p>   | <p>1 and you began to realise the extent of their feelings</p> <p>2 for you. That's why Social Services --</p> <p>3 <b>A. I don't remember that.</b></p> <p>4 Q. You don't recall that?</p> <p>5 <b>A. No --</b></p> <p>6 Q. That's why they --</p> <p>7 <b>A. -- but it was a chaotic time, but I don't remember that.</b></p> <p>8 Q. This helped you to look at yourself in relation to past</p> <p>9 behaviour and begin to accept some responsibility for</p> <p>10 your actions. That's what they're saying from the time.</p> <p>11 <b>A. Right.</b></p> <p>12 Q. I appreciate you are saying you don't really remember</p> <p>13 that now. Then we will touch on briefly the reasons for</p> <p>14 it, but you lived in Fort James until 1983, by</p> <p>15 which time you are and you moved to St. Patrick's</p> <p>16 Training School in Belfast --</p> <p>17 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>18 Q. -- where you spent six weeks, and then on</p> <p>19 1983, again aged you moved to live in</p> <p>20 Tara Lodge, which was run by Dr Barnardo's, which was</p> <p>21 a specialist unit, and that was as a result of a case</p> <p>22 conference with St. Pat's staff and various other</p> <p>23 agencies trying to work out what was the best place for</p> <p>24 you to live.</p> <p>25 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 59</p>    |
| <p>1 their love for you, for example, by taking items from</p> <p>2 the home, breaking them and denying knowing anything</p> <p>3 regarding them, and truanting from school and getting</p> <p>4 into trouble on the occasions you were there, and they</p> <p>5 talk about selling articles belonging to school friends</p> <p>6 and so on -- what Social Services describe as "testing</p> <p>7 out behaviour" -- and it then indicates that you asked</p> <p>8 to leave the foster placement with the in around</p> <p>9 1981 --</p> <p>10 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>11 Q. -- 1980/1981 and -- sorry, '81 -- and you went</p> <p>12 into Harberton House in '82.</p> <p>13 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>14 Q. You spent three months then in Harberton House. By now</p> <p>15 you are</p> <p>16 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>17 Q. In 1982, after your assessment in Harberton House,</p> <p>18 you move to live in the Fort James Children's Home. Now</p> <p>19 I am not sure whether you recall this now or not, but if</p> <p>20 we go back out to the main page and just take the next</p> <p>21 paragraph down, you'll see that initially you found that</p> <p>22 a difficult experience and difficult coming to terms</p> <p>23 with what had perhaps gone before, but the record then</p> <p>24 records that they continued to visit -- that is the</p> <p>25 your second foster family, continued to visit,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 58</p> | <p>1 Q. We touched on briefly you were living then in Tara Lodge</p> <p>2 and you lived there until 1985, when you were</p> <p>3 --</p> <p>4 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>5 Q. -- shortly to turn and while in Tara Lodge you again</p> <p>6 meet up with SND33 and SND35.</p> <p>7 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>8 Q. You know who I mean when I make those references?</p> <p>9 <b>A. Yes, indeed I do from what we ...</b></p> <p>10 Q. Again that's on the same page in the designation list.</p> <p>11 In '85 then you move out of Tara Lodge and</p> <p>12 into independent accommodation you had found on the</p> <p>13 Lisburn Road. You don't remember that?</p> <p>14 <b>A. I don't.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Again that's what the records appear to suggest. If we</p> <p>16 just take the page back out and look at-SND4595, this is</p> <p>17 a record notifying the fact that you are moving out. If</p> <p>18 we can scroll down to the second half of the page, if we</p> <p>19 just stop there, you will see at 8(b):</p> <p>20 "Reason for transfer: Found independent</p> <p>21 accommodation."</p> <p>22 You will see it is signed off in '85 by TL 9</p> <p>23 TL 9 , who was your social worker from the Western</p> <p>24 Board. Do you remember her at this stage?</p> <p>25 <b>A. No. To be quite honest I don't.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 60</p> |

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| <p>1 Q. The Inquiry is aware -- and I am not going to get into<br/>2 it -- <b>TL 9</b> was involved with you on a very<br/>3 regular basis for many years.</p> <p>4 <b>A. I just don't remember. I'm sorry.</b></p> <p>5 Q. You just don't remember. So if we move to the next<br/>6 page and just scroll down to the bottom, please, you<br/>7 will see the type of engagement at the bottom of the<br/>8 page. This just records that for late '84 and early<br/>9 '85, but you will see:</p> <p>10 "Discharged from care"<br/>11 and it has the address and date that you are<br/>12 leaving.</p> <p>13 Then on _____ you turn _____ and the Parental<br/>14 Rights Order that the Western Trust had had in respect<br/>15 of you expires.</p> <p>16 <b>A. Right.</b></p> <p>17 Q. Now you then returned to live in Derry. Do you remember<br/>18 doing that at this stage?</p> <p>19 <b>A. I probably do. I am not quite -- it was a very chaotic<br/>20 time, but this Inquiry is bringing a lot of things back<br/>21 to me to remember.</b></p> <p>22 Q. That you hadn't remembered?</p> <p>23 <b>A. That I hadn't ...</b></p> <p>24 Q. The Inquiry is cognisant of that. I have made the Panel<br/>25 aware that a lot of this you didn't recall yourself.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 61</p>  | <p>1 Q. -- from the documents and from your recollection the<br/>2 chronology of your movement through care, and you<br/>3 describe it yourself as moving through a series of<br/>4 places, but what I want to do now is, having set the<br/>5 scene, take you back to look at your time in Nazareth<br/>6 House, Bishop Street and then Termonbacca, which is what<br/>7 you talk about in the main in your witness statement.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. So if we can go back to SND-4570, please, and then just<br/>10 to the next page, SND-4571. Now you in paragraph 4 talk<br/>11 about your time in Coneywarren and then moving<br/>12 eventually, in paragraph 5, into Bishop Street. That<br/>13 was on _____ 1976. You will see in paragraph 5 you<br/>14 describe whenever you are brought to the front of the<br/>15 house SR9 -- the Panel will be aware from the<br/>16 designation list who you are referring to -- greeted you<br/>17 like she was a member of the Gestapo.</p> <p>18 "It was horrendous. It put the fear of God in you."<br/>19 What was it about coming to the home that made you<br/>20 think of it like that?</p> <p>21 <b>A. Not something I was brought up in. We'd never -- we<br/>22 weren't religious -- foreign people, but it was just the<br/>23 attitude of them and the look just frightened the life<br/>24 out of me from the very first day that I arrived there.</b></p> <p>25 Q. So it's the appearance of --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p> |
| <p>1 Eventually if we just move to SND-4738, please -- we<br/>2 seem to be having considerable technical difficulty.<br/>3 Now these are -- this is an example, HIA40, of one of<br/>4 the types of records that the Social Services were<br/>5 maintaining on their engagement with you. It's recorded<br/>6 as a case report and it has a narrative for each<br/>7 occasion that there was some engagement to do with your<br/>8 case, as it were, that <b>TL 9</b> was engaging in.</p> <p>9 You will see by this stage you are over 18<br/>10 obviously, but she's recording efforts made to engage<br/>11 with you. If you just scroll down a little further,<br/>12 please, you can see there one paragraph up from the<br/>13 bottom you are trying to get some accommodation. Then<br/>14 you will see in the bottom paragraph the reason why<br/>15 ultimately you come in contact again with the police --</p> <p>16 <b>A. Precise.</b></p> <p>17 Q. -- and we will look at that in very brief terms later<br/>18 on. So one of the things the documents show is that<br/>19 <b>TL 9</b>, for instance, completed a particular<br/>20 housing form to try to help you get housing at the time<br/>21 in Derry of a suitable type. You don't recall that<br/>22 yourself?</p> <p>23 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>24 Q. Now that is that attempt by me to bring together --</p> <p>25 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p> | <p>1 <b>A. It was the appearance also, yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. -- the nun who's greeting you?</p> <p>3 <b>A. It was the persona also.</b></p> <p>4 Q. That was something that was foreign to you, as it were?</p> <p>5 <b>A. Yes, of course.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Then in paragraph 6 you then start to describe -- would<br/>7 you just scroll down, please -- stop there -- you start<br/>8 to describe some of your experiences in Bishop Street<br/>9 and you refer in particular to two nuns, SR59 and SR6.<br/>10 You are aware -- you have your statement in front of<br/>11 you.</p> <p>12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>13 Q. So you can see the names --</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes, I do.</b></p> <p>15 Q. -- and the Inquiry Panel are aware of who that is that<br/>16 you are referring to. They can be found at page 6 of<br/>17 the designation list and on page 24.</p> <p>18 Now most of your complaints, HIA40, about what<br/>19 happened to you in Bishop Street and indeed Termonbacca<br/>20 are about these two nuns. Is that fair?</p> <p>21 <b>A. That's fair, yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. Now what I want to do, first of all, then is ask you<br/>23 about SR59. You can see who that refers to on your --</p> <p>24 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>25 Q. -- statement. Can I ask you, first of all, to describe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 64</p>   |

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| <p>1 that nun? From what you can recollect what did she look<br/>2 like?<br/>3 <b>A. Well, she was a h</b><br/>4 <b>I wasn't quite -- I wasn't quite used to</b><br/>5 <b>such a person like. It was frightening, intimidating</b><br/>6 <b>when I look back on it now, you know.</b><br/>7 Q. Can you remember what sort of height she was?<br/>8 <b>A. I'd say she'd probably be a bit bigger in me actually as</b><br/>9 <b>I stand now today. Maybe about maybe.</b><br/>10 Q. You described her as broad --<br/>11 <b>A. A broad woman.</b><br/>12 Q. -- or chubby or -- broad, is that a fair ...?<br/>13 <b>A. Well, more ...</b><br/>14 Q. And were distinctive in any way?<br/>15 <b>A. Not really, imes</b><br/>16 <b>. That's all I</b><br/>17 <b>remember.</b><br/>18 Q. And the other nun that you mention is SR6.<br/>19 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>20 Q. Can I ask you to describe that nun? What did she look<br/>21 like?<br/>22 <b>A. That would have been a about just I would say</b><br/>23 <b>would have been , if that's the nun that I'm</b><br/>24 <b>thinking about here at the moment. That nun had</b><br/>25 <b>. That's what stood out a lot to me.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 65</p>   | <p>1 <b>automatically she was coming for me for some bizarre</b><br/>2 <b>reason. When they spoke your name, they only spoke you</b><br/>3 <b>by surname. They called you by surname. So she called</b><br/>4 <b>me over and I sat down and she said, "I just got a phone</b><br/>5 <b>call there". She said, "Your mother's dead" and she</b><br/>6 <b>walked away and left me to deal with it on my own.</b><br/>7 <b>Well, I didn't exactly know whether to believe her</b><br/>8 <b>or what was happening and that was the way it went. We</b><br/>9 <b>never -- I never got to my mother's wake. We never seen</b><br/>10 <b>our mother dead. So for years I was convinced that she</b><br/>11 <b>wasn't, and I think after that whole experience it was</b><br/>12 <b>like she ripped my heart out and put a stone one in, and</b><br/>13 <b>I became more and more I suppose chaotic as the years</b><br/>14 <b>progressed really after it, not really understanding</b><br/>15 <b>what had been put forward to me. You know what I mean?</b><br/>16 Q. I think if we can bring up page SND-4801. If you can<br/>17 maximise 4801 for me, but maximise the bottom half of<br/>18 the page. Now this is a record that was part of your<br/>19 January 1982 assessment when you are in Harberton House.<br/>20 <b>A. Right. Is this my writing, is it?</b><br/>21 Q. I am not sure whether it is. Do you recollect it as<br/>22 your writing?<br/>23 <b>A. I don't know. Just when I seen that writing I thought.</b><br/>24 Q. Maybe someone writing down for you what you were telling<br/>25 them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 67</p> |
| <p>1 <b>That was a .</b><br/>2 Q. She had a distinctive characteristic?<br/>3 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/>4 Q. Now we have established through conversation, you and I,<br/>5 that some of this is slightly out of sync. So what<br/>6 I want to do is take you through to paragraph 11 at<br/>7 SND-4573. Now we were discussing earlier that it was<br/>8 1976 that you go into Bishop Street and at that<br/>9 stage you are You record here in paragraph 11 how<br/>10 you were told of your mother's death.<br/>11 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>12 Q. Now what do you want to say to the Inquiry about how<br/>13 that was done?<br/>14 <b>A. Well, I wasn't treated very delicately, to tell you the</b><br/>15 <b>truth. I think in the manner in which she had explained</b><br/>16 <b>to me this person was -- it seemed like she was just</b><br/>17 <b>getting a kick out of it, if you understand what I mean.</b><br/>18 <b>Maybe I am wrong but -- after the chaos, but the manner</b><br/>19 <b>in which she had explained to me -- do you want me to</b><br/>20 <b>explain what she had said to me?</b><br/>21 Q. Yes, if that's something you'd like the Panel to<br/>22 understand.<br/>23 <b>A. Well, I was out in the playground. She came along the</b><br/>24 <b>big corridor. There was glass panels in the corridor.</b><br/>25 <b>She was rolling her sleeves up as she came out. I knew</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 66</p> | <p>1 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>2 Q. You will see that at point (3):<br/>3 "The worst thing that ever happened to me was ...<br/>4 having to be in care and I never really liked it, but<br/>5 when my mother died I nearly went crackers, because<br/>6 I was not allowed to go to her funeral and all the rest<br/>7 of my family got going. Why I was not allowed to go to<br/>8 her funeral was because they thought that I would run<br/>9 away. (I was in Nazareth House)."<br/>10 The rest of the note suggests that somebody told<br/>11 you, in fact, that your dad was also dead, but that<br/>12 turned out not to be correct.<br/>13 <b>A. That turned out to be false, yes.</b><br/>14 Q. We will come to that, but can you remember who told you<br/>15 you couldn't go to the funeral?<br/>16 <b>A. Yes. That was the very first -- that was the sister in</b><br/>17 <b>question.</b><br/>18 Q. So that's SR59?<br/>19 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>20 Q. If we can go back then to SND-4573, you mentioned that<br/>21 the rest of the family had got to go. In your statement<br/>22 you mention just halfway through paragraph 11:<br/>23 "My brother and I did not see our mother."<br/>24 <b>A. It was only one sister I think. It was the sister who</b><br/>25 <b>was with the foster parents that we went to on the</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 68</p>   |

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| <p>1 <b>second time, the second foster parents. That would have</b></p> <p>2 <b>been the only sister that was in the care system with us</b></p> <p>3 <b>that went I believe.</b></p> <p>4 Q. Okay. So you and your brother didn't get to go?</p> <p>5 <b>A. And my other two sisters did not get.</b></p> <p>6 Q. So your younger brother who was with you in Bishop</p> <p>7 Street, he didn't get to go either?</p> <p>8 <b>A. And the two sisters as well, they didn't get to go</b></p> <p>9 <b>either, yes.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Now you then describe in paragraphs 6 and 8 of your</p> <p>11 statement -- so that's at SND-4572. I want to take you</p> <p>12 there first, and paragraph 8. If we can just blow up</p> <p>13 paragraph 8 as big as we can. You describe here on one</p> <p>14 occasion -- and you have accepted yourself you did a lot</p> <p>15 of running away.</p> <p>16 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b></p> <p>17 Q. You got caught shoplifting at the</p> <p>18 off Ferryquay Street.</p> <p>19 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. The police brought you back to Bishop Street and you</p> <p>21 were in more trouble you say because you had embarrassed</p> <p>22 the nuns and brought the reputation of the home into</p> <p>23 disrepute. You say that you received from SR59 another</p> <p>24 beating following the incident.</p> <p>25 Can you describe what form the beatings from SR59</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 69</p>   | <p>1 heating system worked, it only came on extremely hot, or</p> <p>2 why do you have a view about --</p> <p>3 <b>A. I often thought about that for years, but I think they</b></p> <p>4 <b>just turned the tap on and whatever came out came out.</b></p> <p>5 <b>They didn't really care what came out, you know.</b></p> <p>6 Q. And the second type of incident you describe is the</p> <p>7 locking of children in cupboards.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Now is this something you experienced?</p> <p>10 <b>A. I did indeed, yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. And who would have locked you in a cupboard and why</p> <p>12 would they have locked you in a cupboard?</p> <p>13 <b>A. Locking me in a cupboard because I was running away</b></p> <p>14 <b>a lot. Basically they knew where I was when I was</b></p> <p>15 <b>locked in a cupboard.</b></p> <p>16 Q. And do you remember now at this remove who locked you</p> <p>17 in?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes. It was mostly the first sister which I have ...</b></p> <p>19 Q. SR59?</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes, indeed so, yes --</b></p> <p>21 Q. If you can --</p> <p>22 <b>A. -- but it was other sisters involved, not just -- but</b></p> <p>23 <b>most of the time was that ...</b></p> <p>24 Q. She was the main ...?</p> <p>25 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 71</p>   |
| <p>1 took?</p> <p>2 <b>A. I was basically thrown into a shower -- I was told to</b></p> <p>3 <b>take a shower and I was thrown in, and when she came in</b></p> <p>4 <b>-- my head ran parallel with the tap there. It's not</b></p> <p>5 <b>one of those taps that had the squares, you know, stars</b></p> <p>6 <b>on it. It was one of them knobs. She just bounced my</b></p> <p>7 <b>face right into the tap and I fell to the floor. I had</b></p> <p>8 <b>quite a really bad headache. I was really shook up</b></p> <p>9 <b>about it. There was no medical intervention or</b></p> <p>10 <b>anything. So I had a good few days of internal pain,</b></p> <p>11 <b>you know, and very freaked out, more angrier afterward,</b></p> <p>12 <b>if you understand what I mean.</b></p> <p>13 Q. If we can just go out and go back to SND-4571,</p> <p>14 paragraph 6, just further down paragraph 6, this is you</p> <p>15 describing in the bottom half of this paragraph the</p> <p>16 incident with the shower, and you are saying, if I have</p> <p>17 understood you correctly, that that was in the aftermath</p> <p>18 of this incident where you had been caught --</p> <p>19 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. -- that had caused embarrassment to the nuns.</p> <p>21 You then describe in paragraph 7 two different types</p> <p>22 of behaviour. One is, if we stay on the theme of</p> <p>23 showers, that you were put into the shower and you would</p> <p>24 either have a scalding shower or a freezing shower, and</p> <p>25 do you know whether that was just the water, the way the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 70</p> | <p>1 Q. If we just scroll down slightly so we can see the second</p> <p>2 part of paragraph 7, a third issue that you discuss in</p> <p>3 this paragraph is you were having to go to the toilet</p> <p>4 with the door open.</p> <p>5 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Can you explain to the Inquiry Panel what you might have</p> <p>7 been doing that caused them to leave the door open,</p> <p>8 whether you agree with whether this was the way to do it</p> <p>9 or not?</p> <p>10 <b>A. Why did it come to the stage of that happening?</b></p> <p>11 Q. What had you been doing that they had --</p> <p>12 <b>A. I had been climbing out the toilet window and down the</b></p> <p>13 <b>drain pipe and away. So when I had to go to the toilet,</b></p> <p>14 <b>I had to ask a certain individual there who was friendly</b></p> <p>15 <b>with this sister, and she had to ask the sister for me</b></p> <p>16 <b>when I wanted to go to the toilet. When I went to the</b></p> <p>17 <b>toilet, they would be either -- they kept -- the door</b></p> <p>18 <b>was kept open. They always seemed to take me into the</b></p> <p>19 <b>toilet where there was no bars on the window whereas</b></p> <p>20 <b>there was on the other windows, you know, and they would</b></p> <p>21 <b>watch me going to the toilet to the situation at times</b></p> <p>22 <b>where I have just wet my pants or dirtied myself and</b></p> <p>23 <b>then I got another battering for that and put into</b></p> <p>24 <b>a shower again, you know. I felt quite humiliated</b></p> <p>25 <b>actually that somebody was watching me using the toilet,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 72</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>but this was a punishment they told me for me hopping</b><br/> 2 <b>off all the time, you know. So ...</b><br/> 3 Q. Now you then describe in paragraph 9, if we just scroll<br/> 4 down a little further, a particular incident, and this<br/> 5 is something perhaps that Miss Walk nshaw can check out<br/> 6 whether there is any record to show, but in the second<br/> 7 half of this paragraph you talk about a road traffic<br/> 8 accident where SR6, the other sister that you recall --<br/> 9 <b>A. Yes, indeed.</b><br/> 10 Q. -- most vividly, was driving a blue transit bus over<br/> 11 Craigavon Bridge. This was bringing you back from<br/> 12 a holiday cottage that you were at in Donegal?<br/> 13 <b>A. Bringing me back from Altnagelvin actually from getting</b><br/> 14 <b>awarded some stitches from an accident which had</b><br/> 15 <b>occurred during that holiday home.</b><br/> 16 Q. Yes. My apologies. So you had been at the holiday<br/> 17 cottage in Donegal. You had got a bang on the head.<br/> 18 <b>A. No. I nearly lost my eye. I fell on a sharp stone in</b><br/> 19 <b>the sand dunes. The stone went into my eye here. I had</b><br/> 20 <b>to be taken to Altnagelvin for a few stitches, but we</b><br/> 21 <b>had to stay the night at Nazareth House then. So she</b><br/> 22 <b>was coming flying over the road. She got to the start</b><br/> 23 <b>of the other side of the bridge at the Waterside and she</b><br/> 24 <b>smashed quite -- she smashed into the railings of the</b><br/> 25 <b>bridge.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 73</p>                                       | <p>1 <b>People used to swing them all around the place and do</b><br/> 2 <b>tricks with them. They are quite dangerous little</b><br/> 3 <b>instruments to be messing around with. They could split</b><br/> 4 <b>you open really.</b><br/> 5 Q. Who had a set of those?<br/> 6 <b>A. The first sister that we were discussing here.</b><br/> 7 Q. SR59?<br/> 8 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/> 9 Q. Now you are aware, because I discussed it with you in<br/> 10 advance of today, that -- if we can bring up -- you were<br/> 11 in Bishop Street in 1976/'77.<br/> 12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/> 13 Q. If we can bring up, please, SND-6309, the Panel is able<br/> 14 to see SR59 is in Bishop Street working in 1976, but<br/> 15 there is no record at least on this employment register<br/> 16 of the nun with the particular characteristic that you<br/> 17 describe who has been given a designation of SR6, but<br/> 18 your recollection is that those two nuns were involved<br/> 19 with you in Bishop Street?<br/> 20 <b>A. I would say so, yes.</b><br/> 21 Q. And the next page, 1977, SND-6310, again SR59 is present<br/> 22 but not SR6.<br/> 23 Now you then move on, and we are about to come to<br/> 24 it, to Termonbacca --<br/> 25 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 75</p>  |
| <p>1 <b>Well, then obviously the police come. The policeman</b><br/> 2 <b>was quite shocked. He thought I was involved in the</b><br/> 3 <b>accident. He thought I -- because, you know, I was all</b><br/> 4 <b>bruised and stitched up, he thought I had been involved</b><br/> 5 <b>in the accident there, which I hadn't.</b><br/> 6 <b>So they took us back to the Nazareth House then</b><br/> 7 <b>after the whole -- I don't know what she'd said to the</b><br/> 8 <b>driver. I had to stay in the nuns' quarters that night,</b><br/> 9 <b>you know, but I got quite a going over when I got back</b><br/> 10 <b>to the nuns' home, because I had caused the accident.</b><br/> 11 <b>I didn't cause no accident. She was the one driving the</b><br/> 12 <b>van. She was the one that crashed it. It wasn't me.</b><br/> 13 <b>You know what I mean, but ...</b><br/> 14 Q. And in relation to this incident you recall this while<br/> 15 you were still living in Bishop Street?<br/> 16 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/> 17 Q. But you had been off in Donegal?<br/> 18 <b>A. They had a holiday home down in a place called Shrove I</b><br/> 19 <b>think. It was outside Buncrana, yes.</b><br/> 20 Q. You then as part of this paragraph describe in the last<br/> 21 section, the last five lines, a particular device that<br/> 22 you recall, which you call clangers.<br/> 23 <b>A. Yes, indeed. So I think they were the toy of the day.</b><br/> 24 <b>They were like two balls. They must have been about the</b><br/> 25 <b>size of cricket balls. One cord joined the two of them.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 74</p> | <p>1 Q. -- in 1979.<br/> 2 <b>A. Yes.</b><br/> 3 Q. If we just look at that record at SND-5789. Just<br/> 4 maximise that. You will see there, HIA40, that in 1979<br/> 5 SR6 is definitely recorded as working in Termonbacca,<br/> 6 but SR59 isn't.<br/> 7 <b>A. Isn't, yes.</b><br/> 8 Q. Now SR1 is a sister with a similar name, but not the<br/> 9 same name. She might have had the same --<br/> 10 <b>A. You see, as I said to you before, I think with the whole</b><br/> 11 <b>trauma out of them all, I think every one of them just</b><br/> 12 <b>looked the same and were the same to me, yes.</b><br/> 13 Q. You see them all as SR59?<br/> 14 <b>A. I did indeed, yes.</b><br/> 15 Q. And before I leave Bishop Street -- for instance, you<br/> 16 record the occasion of the accident. You had been in<br/> 17 Donegal.<br/> 18 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/> 19 Q. Is there anything else -- is there anything positive you<br/> 20 can recall about your time in Bishop Street? You were<br/> 21 there for, as we discussed, about fifteen months.<br/> 22 Anything positive about that time?<br/> 23 <b>A. The only positive things there was getting home to my</b><br/> 24 <b>mother's house, no matter how dysfunctional it was.</b><br/> 25 <b>That was the only positive thing that I remember from</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 76</p> |

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| <p>1 <b>the childhood days there in the care system, you know.</b></p> <p>2 Q. That was in the period before 1st June '76 --</p> <p>3 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>4 Q. -- which is the period we have been primarily looking</p> <p>5 at.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. You then describe -- if we go back to your statement, we</p> <p>8 looked at the fact you went then into foster care --</p> <p>9 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>10 Q. -- for a couple of years in the city. If we can go</p> <p>11 back, please, to SND-4572. Take it on a few pages until</p> <p>12 we get to the Termonbacca page, SND-4574. Now if we</p> <p>13 just stop there, paragraph 14, just while we are on the</p> <p>14 subject of identifying people, you are in Termonbacca</p> <p>15 March '79 to December '79. So you are 11 and become 12</p> <p>16 in</p> <p>17 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>18 Q. You mention in paragraph 14 as soon as you arrived you</p> <p>19 remember seeing SR59 and SR6 and we have looked at the</p> <p>20 records relating to them. You also then mention another</p> <p>21 nun, SR2. The Inquiry is aware of who SR2 is. You can</p> <p>22 see on your statement the identity --</p> <p>23 <b>A. I can indeed, yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. -- that's underneath that.</p> <p>25 But if we look at SND-5789, please -- 5789, please</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 77</p>  | <p>1 <b>difficult to look out for my younger brother, you know.</b></p> <p>2 Q. You describe in paragraph 16 another boy, HIA60. The</p> <p>3 Inquiry is aware of who that is.</p> <p>4 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. On page 3 of the designation list you will see who HIA40</p> <p>6 is referring to. He is someone who did stick up for</p> <p>7 you, as it were, and tried to --</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes, he did, but he wasn't there very often, you know,</b></p> <p>9 <b>but when he was around, he did stick up for people, but</b></p> <p>10 <b>he was very much more better respected I feel within</b></p> <p>11 <b>Termonbacca, because he was -- he had a good education,</b></p> <p>12 <b>if you understand what I mean. They were maybe</b></p> <p>13 <b>expecting good things from him I think.</b></p> <p>14 Q. How was this type of bullying you are describing</p> <p>15 possible? Were the nuns aware that it was happening, or</p> <p>16 were they not around to see it happening, or how was it</p> <p>17 possible?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Look, I just think it just happened and nobody --</b></p> <p>19 <b>everybody was just so scared to say anything, you know.</b></p> <p>20 <b>People over the years ask me, "Was it normal?" Well,</b></p> <p>21 <b>I thought "normal" was a cycle on the washing machine</b></p> <p>22 <b>for a lot of years. It seemed normal to me. You know,</b></p> <p>23 <b>I think they knew but just turned a blind eye, you know.</b></p> <p>24 <b>That was the way it was.</b></p> <p>25 Q. You in Termonbacca -- and again the Inquiry Panel are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 79</p> |
| <p>1 -- this is in 1979, HIA40, when you are in Termonbacca.</p> <p>2 The Panel is aware of the names that are under the</p> <p>3 redactions. You have SR6 and SR1 who are working with</p> <p>4 the children along with SR27. SR2 is not present, but</p> <p>5 if we just go back a page to SND-5788, then the Inquiry</p> <p>6 will see that SR2 is certainly present in 1978, but</p> <p>7 I made you aware from her own witness statement she</p> <p>8 indicates she went to --</p> <p>9 <b>A. Right, yes.</b></p> <p>10 Q. -- in 1978, but you have indicated that these are the</p> <p>11 nuns that you recall.</p> <p>12 If we go back to your witness statement, please, at</p> <p>13 SND-4574, and if we just maximise that -- thank you --</p> <p>14 you describe in the paragraphs 14 through to 17</p> <p>15 effectively bullying occurring in Termonbacca.</p> <p>16 <b>A. That's correct.</b></p> <p>17 Q. Do you want to say anything more about that to the</p> <p>18 Inquiry? What is it you remember about your time in</p> <p>19 Termonbacca that stands out?</p> <p>20 <b>A. That my time was chaos. I was solvent abusing at the</b></p> <p>21 <b>time. I was just trying to get any anaesthetic to get</b></p> <p>22 <b>the day -- to get the day through. There is not any</b></p> <p>23 <b>good memories for me anyway to be quite honest. I had</b></p> <p>24 <b>a younger brother I had to look out for as well as</b></p> <p>25 <b>myself. I couldn't look out for myself. It was</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 78</p> | <p>1 aware of the police statement that we were discussing</p> <p>2 earlier --</p> <p>3 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. -- from 1985, and in that police statement you discuss</p> <p>5 the activity with the two individuals we mentioned --</p> <p>6 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. -- SND33 and 35. It's in Termonbacca where we're at</p> <p>8 now, discussing now, that you met those individuals.</p> <p>9 You don't recall what you were describing in the police</p> <p>10 statement that the Inquiry --</p> <p>11 <b>A. No. That was such a very fast moving, chaotic, mad</b></p> <p>12 <b>time. I still today just don't recollect even what</b></p> <p>13 <b>happened, you know, but it's in black and white before</b></p> <p>14 <b>me and something I have to learn to live with I suppose.</b></p> <p>15 Q. It's a point I was discussing with you, that the Health</p> <p>16 &amp; Social Care Board are explaining about the extent of</p> <p>17 the involvement with you.</p> <p>18 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>19 Q. If we just can bring up, please, SND-4591. You are 11</p> <p>20 at this point in your journey when you are in</p> <p>21 Termonbacca. Now one of the items that the social</p> <p>22 worker who was looking after you at the time -- and her</p> <p>23 name is present again on the screen -- this records her</p> <p>24 referring you to an educational psychologist in June of</p> <p>25 1979. You will see the reason why she referred you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 80</p>  |

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| <p>1 Then the psychologist is indicating the occasions on<br/>2 which he spent with you.<br/>3 If we just scroll down through the report, please.<br/>4 Just keep going, please. He then describes your<br/>5 background and some of the history that we have<br/>6 discussed today. Just keep scrolling, please. Then he<br/>7 looks at your -- as he found you. He describes the<br/>8 history of rejections and your testing out behaviour and<br/>9 indicates that's not surprising. He talks about anxiety<br/>10 and emotional deprivation were the most prominent<br/>11 features of your condition. He makes a number of<br/>12 suggestions about your position and suggests -- you will<br/>13 see the discussion about foster parents, and ultimately<br/>14 that's what happens, and we'll come again shortly to you<br/>15 going out to the foster parents.<br/>16 Before I ask you if there's anything else you want<br/>17 to say about Termonbacca can I just ask you: you<br/>18 remember the two gentlemen that we are --<br/>19 <b>A. We discussed, yes.</b><br/>20 Q. -- we talked about. You remember them. You just don't<br/>21 remember --<br/>22 <b>A. Just don't remember.</b><br/>23 Q. -- what you're describing to the police as having<br/>24 happened --<br/>25 <b>A. Precise. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 81</p> | <p>1 aware of that, but in summary form, HIA40, you were<br/>2 charged with indecent assault on a younger female --<br/>3 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>4 Q. -- and ultimately you were convicted of that matter in<br/>5 1983.<br/>6 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>7 Q. You pleaded guilty to the charge. That related to<br/>8 something that occurred in 1982, and then shortly<br/>9 before you left for St. Pat's there was a second<br/>10 incident with a different girl.<br/>11 <b>A. Which I don't remember.</b><br/>12 Q. You don't remember, but --<br/>13 <b>A. But, yes, of course there was. It is in black and<br/>14 white, yes.</b><br/>15 Q. Take from the records that we have discussed that in<br/>16 of '83 there was a second incident --<br/>17 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>18 Q. -- which you again accepted and you were subsequently<br/>19 convicted of that.<br/>20 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>21 Q. As a result of that second incident the records would<br/>22 suggest that the police made it clear to Social Services<br/>23 you couldn't stay in Fort James.<br/>24 <b>A. Precise, yes.</b><br/>25 Q. That's when you were taken to St. Pat's.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 83</p>  |
| <p>1 Q. -- in Termonbacca.<br/>2 Now we have then looked at your period in foster<br/>3 care with the between '79 and<br/>4 '82, between and we have looked at some of<br/>5 the difficulties that they experienced.<br/>6 Can you just take me back, please, to SND-4575 and<br/>7 to paragraph 18? If you just highlight that for me,<br/>8 please. You record here that you went to Harberton<br/>9 House and from there to Fort James. You say that was<br/>10 total chaos and you refer to it being in a Protestant<br/>11 neighbourhood and bullied for going to a Catholic<br/>12 school.<br/>13 "After Fort James and until I was 16 Social Services<br/>14 got fed up with me and put me in different institutions<br/>15 all over the place. I was placed in Dr Barnardo's<br/>16 adolescent unit, Tara Lodge."<br/>17 You are aware from the chronology that we went<br/>18 through earlier --<br/>19 <b>A. Precise.</b><br/>20 Q. -- that that's not quite right.<br/>21 <b>A. No. That's exactly not.</b><br/>22 Q. You went to Fort James and you left there because of<br/>23 a particular --<br/>24 <b>A. Situation, yes.</b><br/>25 Q. -- situation that had occurred. Again the Inquiry is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 82</p>   | <p>1 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>2 Q. The records would suggest that your time in St. Pat's<br/>3 was not -- you were certainly not keen to stay there and<br/>4 were very worried, and the case conference that takes<br/>5 place recommends that St. Pat's isn't the place for you<br/>6 and ultimately you move out to Tara Lodge.<br/>7 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>8 Q. Now if I can just show you -- if we can bring up<br/>9 SND-4670. I've described for you while you are in Fort<br/>10 James -- if we can just maximise that letter, please,<br/>11 and then just take us down to the text. This is<br/>12 a letter that was written by the Assistant Director of<br/>13 Social Services on your behalf while you are facing the<br/>14 first matter --<br/>15 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>16 Q. -- that occurred in 1982. So this letter is<br/>17 written in 1982 before the matters come to<br/>18 court, and this is the Social Services expressing their<br/>19 view to the then RUC as to what should be done. This is<br/>20 before the second incident, which occurs in of '83,<br/>21 but if we just scroll slightly further down -- if you<br/>22 just stop there so we can see the bottom paragraph. You<br/>23 will see the last line here, for instance, indicates<br/>24 that despite the foster placement with the<br/>25 having come to an end, and the records suggest that you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 84</p> |

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| <p>1 were bringing that to an end, that they were continuing<br/>2 to engage through the help of Social Services with you<br/>3 while you were living in Fort James, visiting you, and<br/>4 I was discussing with you earlier records to show they<br/>5 went to court when you were going court to be there for<br/>6 you and so on. Are those matters you remember now,<br/>7 having thought about it, or do you still not?</p> <p>8 <b>A. Some I remember; some I don't.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Then despite the letter -- if we just scroll down to the<br/>10 next part of the letter so that the Panel can see. Just<br/>11 stop there. You will see, HIA40, in the penultimate<br/>12 paragraph, one up from the bottom, the author of the<br/>13 letter is expressing the view that it would be better if<br/>14 you weren't prosecuted and -- in his view and that's<br/>15 what he was recommending.</p> <p>16 Unfortunately that isn't what happened. The police<br/>17 took a different view or the DPP took a different view<br/>18 and you were served with a summons in of '83 and<br/>19 ultimately that led to the conviction which was in<br/>20 '83.</p> <p>21 Now the case conference that occurred, I am not<br/>22 going to go through the documentation, but the Panel<br/>23 will be able to see that, for instance, when you went<br/>24 into St. Pat's, having been removed in of '83,<br/>25 after the second incident -- so the first incident</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 85</p> | <p>1 having at the moment began with the point in your<br/>2 statement where you say Social Services got fed up and<br/>3 --</p> <p>4 <b>A. That's the way I seen it anyway.</b></p> <p>5 Q. That's the way you see it. Now, faced with the<br/>6 documents, you can see that there was a lot of Social<br/>7 Service involvement.</p> <p>8 <b>A. A lot of intervention, of course, yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Then your time in Tara Lodge. We have touched on<br/>10 earlier you meet again with the two individuals --</p> <p>11 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>12 Q. -- whom you had known at Termonbacca, and the Panel has<br/>13 the police statement --</p> <p>14 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>15 Q. -- in which you describe what was occurring there, but<br/>16 again do you recall --</p> <p>17 <b>A. Indeed not, no.</b></p> <p>18 Q. You don't recall the detail of it?</p> <p>19 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>20 Q. And the -- for instance, if we look at SND-4775, and we<br/>21 just scroll down a bit, please, to the bottom of the<br/>22 page. Okay. So this is of 1985, by which you<br/>23 have already turned now 18.</p> <p>24 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>25 Q. It is recording in summary form the difficulties that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 87</p>  |
| <p>1 hasn't made it to court yet and the second incident<br/>2 occurs and you go to St. Pat's -- there is an engagement<br/>3 with a psychiatrist and a psychologist as well as -- and<br/>4 I was showing you and you were surprised -- the number<br/>5 of professionals who were round the table discussing<br/>6 you. That's not something -- we talked about the number<br/>7 of seven people who were talking about your case, trying<br/>8 to work out how best to help you. That is not something<br/>9 you recall now?</p> <p>10 <b>A. No, I don't recall it. That's a lot of people to be<br/>11 dealing with one person. Why did it take so many?</b></p> <p>12 Q. That's a matter for Social Services --</p> <p>13 <b>A. That's another day.</b></p> <p>14 Q. -- but I would imagine they'll say that's what they<br/>15 needed to do to try to work out what was best. They --<br/>16 the result of that meeting and those experts, you seeing<br/>17 them and then them meeting and talking, was the<br/>18 placement in Tara Lodge, and the Panel will then have<br/>19 a significant volume of material showing the history of<br/>20 that stay and on various occasions you obtaining<br/>21 employment and being enthusiastic about it but that not<br/>22 lasting. Do you have any memory of that now at this<br/>23 remove?</p> <p>24 <b>A. Not really.</b></p> <p>25 Q. And your -- you can understand this conversation we are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 86</p>                 | <p>1 you have had and the efforts to get employment and the<br/>2 many moves that you'd had. We will see the suggestion<br/>3 of your sister and I think at one stage you did move to<br/>4 live with your sister for a period of time. Do you<br/>5 recall that now?</p> <p>6 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>7 Q. You don't, and you will see from that document your<br/>8 social worker is going to try to help you get<br/>9 accommodation. So your -- she's asking about your<br/>10 housing application form.</p> <p>11 If we look at SND-4743, you will see in the very<br/>12 last number of lines:</p> <p>13 "... I have agreed to complete the A2 housing<br/>14 application and also on him being rehoused to apply to<br/>15 Supplementary Benefits for a grant for furnishings."</p> <p>16 It indicates you had agreed to maintain contact with<br/>17 the social worker. Again this is August 1985. So<br/>18 you've left Tara Lodge. You're back -- you move back to<br/>19 Derry. The Parental Rights Order has --</p> <p>20 <b>A. It's over.</b></p> <p>21 Q. -- expired, but this particular lady is still engaging<br/>22 with you, trying to do various things to assist you.<br/>23 That's not something you recall now?</p> <p>24 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>25 Q. That is the same social worker as I mentioned earlier,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 88</p> |

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| <p>1 TL 9 , who has appeared in various other<br/>2 documents.<br/>3 Now while you were living then in Derry with -- it<br/>4 is a couple of a different occasions but ultimately in<br/>5 Do you remember that?<br/>6 <b>A. I remember living at a place called yes.</b><br/>7 Q. This same social worker -- I'm not going to go through<br/>8 the records -- engages with you to let you know that the<br/>9 police want to speak to you about your engagement with<br/>10 the other two gentlemen that the Inquiry is aware of<br/>11 from your police statement.<br/>12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>13 Q. You went to Belfast and were charged along with them and<br/>14 then those charges were ultimately withdrawn. You don't<br/>15 have any recollection of that --<br/>16 <b>A. No, I don't.</b><br/>17 Q. -- now?<br/>18 <b>A. No.</b><br/>19 Q. If I can then take you back, HIA40, to the statement --<br/>20 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>21 Q. -- and you describe in some detail the life after care.<br/>22 If we can go back to SND-4574. If we can scroll on to<br/>23 the next page, please, SND-4575. You describe, HIA40,<br/>24 over the next number of pages your travels, as it were,<br/>25 and the difficulties that you have had in adult life.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 89</p> | <p>1 Q. The Inquiry, HIA40, is obviously very grateful for you<br/>2 coming and sharing your experiences with it. Before<br/>3 I finish there's -- there are a few other questions that<br/>4 I want to ask you.<br/>5 <b>A. Okay.</b><br/>6 Q. The Inquiry, as you know, has to make a series of<br/>7 recommendations --<br/>8 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>9 Q. -- to the Northern Ireland Executive about the form of<br/>10 an apology, about whether there should be redress of<br/>11 some kind, about whether there should be some form of<br/>12 memorial. Have you any views you want to make the<br/>13 Inquiry aware of about those matters?<br/>14 <b>A. I don't really know for my own self. I just hope at the<br/>15 end of this that there will be services, more so and<br/>16 better, for children who require them, but the family<br/>17 intervention will also be there, you know, things that<br/>18 just didn't seem to be there in my younger days. That's<br/>19 all I have to say.</b><br/>20 Q. Can I ask you if there is anything else -- we have<br/>21 obviously covered a lot of ground and we've tried to<br/>22 cover it in I describe it as a headline way. Is there<br/>23 anything else that you'd like to say to the Inquiry<br/>24 about your time spent in Bishop Street or Termonbacca or<br/>25 any of the other locations where you were?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 91</p>  |
| <p>1 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>2 Q. You describe a particular problem with drug abuse --<br/>3 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>4 Q. -- and living homeless --<br/>5 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>6 Q. -- in London.<br/>7 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b><br/>8 Q. And the drug abuse brought on serious medical<br/>9 difficulties.<br/>10 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b><br/>11 Q. You describe two heart attacks and a stroke.<br/>12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>13 Q. And in other places I think you talk about difficulty<br/>14 with glue and alcohol.<br/>15 <b>A. Yes, with solvent abuse, alcohol and prescription<br/>16 medication and illegal misuse.</b><br/>17 Q. I think you say later on in the statement that you have<br/>18 been able to leave those activities behind.<br/>19 <b>A. Yes. I went to rehab, yes.</b><br/>20 Q. The Panel will be able to read the "Life after care"<br/>21 section and see the type of difficulties that you are<br/>22 describing, but you explain then your local elected<br/>23 representative got you a flat to live in in Derry and<br/>24 that's what you are now doing.<br/>25 <b>A. That's correct, yes. That's what I am now doing, yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 90</p>  | <p>1 <b>A. Well, I suppose every day for me was like Groundhog Day.<br/>2 I don't have a good memory of it. That's sad, you know,<br/>3 but I often wish things could have been different, you<br/>4 know. The lost opportunities with not a good education,<br/>5 you know, no good job, you know.</b><br/>6 <b>And the things that I~have learned out of this<br/>7 Inquiry since I started the process, some of it is gut<br/>8 wrenching, you know. It doesn't sit too good with me,<br/>9 but I've got to try to address that myself. Yes,<br/>10 there's a bit of food for thought here.</b><br/>11 Q. I think there's one matter that you describe in the<br/>12 "Life after care" section of your statement --<br/>13 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b><br/>14 Q. -- which is what your father told you. He is now dead.<br/>15 <b>A. Yes, and I learned subsequently that the information was<br/>16 incorrect. So I have had a lot of years of hardship and<br/>17 misery I suppose, and now I have to really look at other<br/>18 things from that, yes.</b><br/>19 Q. He suggested to you he had had some involvement in your<br/>20 mother's death.<br/>21 <b>A. He did, yes. On the domestic side he claimed he<br/>22 murdered my mother and the day he murdered us (sic) he<br/>23 murdered every one of us with her, but ...</b><br/>24 Q. But he told you he had spent some time --<br/>25 <b>A. He did indeed, yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 92</p> |

1 Q. -- in prison in respect of it.  
 2 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 3 Q. What I have been able to tell you is at the moment the  
 4 information the Inquiry has received from the Police  
 5 Service is there is no record of an investigation of  
 6 that type or him having a criminal record to reflect it,  
 7 and that the Social Services papers --  
 8 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 9 Q. -- don't appear to suggest it, but that's what he told  
 10 you for whatever reason he told it to you.  
 11 **A. Yes. That's -- that is not easy to lie with me at the**  
 12 **moment, you know, but, yes. What can I say? You know**  
 13 **what I mean? More torture.**  
 14 Q. Well, is there anything else that you'd like to say --  
 15 **A. No, I think that's great.**  
 16 Q. -- while you have this opportunity?  
 17 **A. I think I've said enough here.**  
 18 Q. Well, it may be that the Panel will want to ask you some  
 19 questions or not. So if you bear with us for a moment.  
 20 **A. No problem.**  
 21 **Question from THE PANEL**  
 22 MS DOHERTY: No, I don't have any questions. Thank you for  
 23 coming and talking today.  
 24 MR LANE: Just one question I'd like to ask. You mentioned  
 25 about the running away. Was that mainly because you

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1 were trying actually to get back home or were you  
 2 running away from Termonbacca as well?  
 3 **A. I think I was trying to run away from myself, to be**  
 4 **quite honest --**  
 5 Q. Right.  
 6 **A. -- something you can't do, but I was also trying to run**  
 7 **away to get to home more times than anything. My mother**  
 8 **was a young, fit, big, tall woman when I knew her. To**  
 9 **be told then after 35 years old that she is no longer**  
 10 **here anymore, it is quite traumatic, if you understand**  
 11 **what I mean. It affects everybody different. So, yes,**  
 12 **I was trying to run away from the home, trying to run**  
 13 **away to home, trying to run away from me really, but I'm**  
 14 **stuck with me whether I like it or not. I can't run**  
 15 **away from me.**  
 16 Q. Thank you very much.  
 17 **A. Thanks.**  
 18 MR AIKEN: In closing, Members of the Panel, as I indicated,  
 19 there are some further documents that relate to HIA40  
 20 that the Inquiry will be receiving. If they require to  
 21 be referred to HIA40 to look at or comment on, then  
 22 that's what we'll obviously do. It may be that the  
 23 Social Care Board will put together a summary document  
 24 that brings together all of the papers that have been  
 25 produced, which are rather significant in volume.

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1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA40. As you will  
 2 appreciate from what you have said a few moments ago in  
 3 answer to Mr Aiken, there's a lot of material here that  
 4 both we and you have to come to terms with.  
 5 **A. Precisely.**  
 6 Q. I hope as far as you are concerned that the future is  
 7 better for you. Thank you for coming today.  
 8 **A. Thank you very much.**  
 9 Q. That's all. There is no need for you to wait. We have  
 10 other things perhaps to deal with.  
 11 (Witness withdrew)  
 12 CHAIRMAN: Is there anything else, Mr Aiken?  
 13 MR AIKEN: Not at the moment.  
 14 CHAIRMAN: Well, ladies and gentlemen, that I think is as  
 15 far as we can usefully go today. Tomorrow we have two  
 16 witnesses in the morning and in the afternoon we have  
 17 the first of what I suspect may be quite a number of  
 18 witnesses giving evidence by what's commonly called  
 19 video link, really called live link, live television  
 20 link, in this witness' case from Montreal.  
 21 So we will rise now and resume at the usual time, as  
 22 near 10.30 as possible, tomorrow morning, weather  
 23 permitting. Thank you very much.  
 24 (3.27 pm)  
 25 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning)

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