
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Thursday, 27th February 2014

commencing at 10.30 am

(Day 14)

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

1 Thursday, 27th February 2014

2 (10.30 am)

3 WITNESS HIA381 (called)

4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning. Mr Aiken.

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

6 The first witness this morning is present in the witness
7 box. It is "HIA381", HIA381, as I'm going to call him,
8 as I take him through his evidence. He is aware that
9 you are going to speak to him about his evidence.

10 CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA381, do you wish to make either
11 a religious oath or to make an affirmation? They have
12 the same legal effect. It's a matter for you to choose.

13 **A. Affirmation.**

14 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

15 WITNESS HIA381 (affirmed)

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please sit down.

17 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

18 MR AIKEN: HIA381, the Inquiry Panel is aware that people
19 giving evidence about the issues that we're going to
20 talk about can find it difficult, and if you have at any
21 stage difficulty, you've got some water in front of you,
22 and equally the Panel will take a break, if that's
23 necessary for you, while you're giving your evidence.
24 So don't be afraid to say. There's no difficulty with
25 finding it difficult.

1 **A. Thanks.**

2 Q. If we can bring up on the screen, please, SND-11496,
3 and, HIA381, as we were discussing before you came in,
4 this is a copy of your statement that you have given to
5 the Inquiry and it's got a series of what we call
6 redactions on it, the black marks --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- and some designations in place of names. So you'll
9 see your designation is "HIA381". I was explaining to
10 you that that's a -- because of the anonymity that the
11 Inquiry has given to individuals coming forward.

12 Now the first thing I want to ask you is whether you
13 wish to continue to remain anonymous so that when your
14 story is reported, your name is not associated with it
15 and you can't be identified, or whether you're happy for
16 your name to be public. So it's a matter for you, but
17 would you -- do you want to remain anonymous?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You do?

20 **A. Please.**

21 Q. So the statement that's on the screen has black
22 redactions and the designation "HIA381", but you have
23 with you in the witness box I trust a copy that you can
24 see what's under the redactions.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. What I'd like you to do is just check that the first
2 page of the statement that you're holding matches the
3 one that you're seeing on the screen except for the
4 black marks.

5 **A. Have I to read this whole thing here?**

6 Q. No. If you just -- if you look at the top, you should
7 see -- if we just scroll up to the top, please, you
8 should see in the top right corner "HIA Reference 381".

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Then if you look at the first sentence of paragraph 1--

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- that should match the document that you're holding in
13 your hand.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. So you're satisfied that --

16 **A. Yes, I am.**

17 Q. -- they're the same document? If we could just then go
18 to the last page of the statement, which is at
19 SND-11501, and if you look at the last page of the hard
20 copy that you're holding, you'll see that this indicates
21 on the screen that it's been signed by HIA381, but one
22 can't see the signature. You can see the signature on
23 the hard copy, and can you confirm that's your
24 signature?

25 **A. That's my signature.**

1 Q. Then can you confirm that the contents of the statement
2 is the evidence that you want to adopt before the Panel
3 hearing you this morning?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Now we're going to talk about the period that you were
6 in Termonbacca between 20th June 1977 and 10th
7 June 1978, so effectively one year. You were 10 when
8 you went in and 11 when you left.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You indicate, if we go back, please, to the first
11 page of the statement at SND-11496, that, paragraph 2,
12 at Easter time in 1977 at that stage you were living in
13 with your family.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. There was your mum and dad and you had -- there were six
16 effectively --

17 **A. Six of us.**

18 Q. -- brothers and sisters.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You were the down, as it were.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. The NSPCC became involved, and you're aware that the
23 Panel has possession of all the Social Services papers
24 relating to your family, and I took you through some of
25 those briefly this morning, and I don't want to go into

1 them in any great detail other than you're aware that,
2 and you say so in the last sentence of paragraph 2:

3 "... and we were taken away because apparently my
4 mother was being physically assaulted and abused by my
5 father."

6 You say you didn't witness any domestic violence and
7 your father didn't abuse you, but you are aware from the
8 discussion I had with you, and for the record at
9 SND-11511 the record that was maintained by the Social
10 Services suggests, that there was this abusive
11 relationship between your parents and there was
12 an alcohol problem that your dad had that was involved
13 in that and that's why you came to be leaving with your
14 mum.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You then describe in paragraph 3 that you stayed in a
17 -- I think it was a women's aid refuge in for two
18 months. Then you were taken with your -- the next one
19 up sister --

20 **A. Yes, SND404.**

21 Q. -- again her name shouldn't be reported -- and then your
22 brother just beneath you in the line, as it were --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- who is going to give evidence next to the Inquiry,
25 and that's HIA382 --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- and the three of you went to live in Termonbacca.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. One of the documents that the Inquiry has seen, that I
5 have shown you this morning, suggests that the reason
6 for that was because your mum had asked at that point in
7 time that the three of you go into care until things
8 stabilised for her and she was able to look after
9 everyone.

10 Now if we move to paragraph 4, whenever you go into
11 Termonbacca, what's your first memory of this place that
12 you went to? Can you remember a first memory of going
13 into Termonbacca?

14 **A. Scary.**

15 Q. What was it that was scary about it?

16 **A. Probably the unknown. Didn't know what to expect.**

17 Q. You describe in paragraph 4 two dormitories, and you
18 were placed in the first dormitory, which was on the
19 left side of the corridor past the chapel. What I'd
20 like to do, if you can help me, is just to describe the
21 layout of Termonbacca at this point in time. So there's
22 the front part of the house --

23 **A. The main house.**

24 Q. -- which is where the nuns lived.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Then you went down a corridor on the right-hand side.

2 **A. You went straight -- you went straight through the**
3 **house, the main doors, and you go on -- you'd -- if**
4 **I~remember right, you go down a couple of steps, and**
5 **then over on your left-hand side was the chapel, and**
6 **you'd walk on down the corridor and the first -- I call**
7 **them chalets. That's the first one we went into. Then**
8 **we were there for a while and then we were shifted down**
9 **to the second one.**

10 Q. What I'd like to do is ask you about that first
11 chalet that you talk about. This was a large room that
12 was broken down into a series of smaller rooms.

13 **A. It's basically a house with a lot of bedrooms.**

14 Q. Thank you. It had a sitting room. Is that right?

15 **A. A sitting room.**

16 Q. A dining room or a dinette to eat in and then a series
17 of bedrooms.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Were those bedrooms -- did they sleep two people, four
20 people, six people?

21 **A. It was between two and four.**

22 Q. Between two and four.

23 **A. Some had single rooms.**

24 Q. And there was a series of those bedrooms connected to
25 this living room and dining room.

1 **A. No. The bedrooms were up the stairs.**

2 Q. Above?

3 **A. Yes, above.**

4 Q. How many nuns were in charge of the chalet type
5 arrangement you're talking about? Your -- the first one
6 you went into, was there five nuns? Ten?

7 **A. Two. I think there was two in the first chalet, and
8 then when I moved back down, I can only remember one.**

9 Q. What you describe in paragraph 4 is spending a period of
10 time in the first chalet, as you describe it, and then
11 moving to the second chalet. Your -- what you describe
12 in the second chalet is there were four beds in your
13 room. You don't remember who you shared with, and the
14 nun who we're going to call SR6, who you describe on
15 many occasions in your statement, was the nun who was in
16 charge of that second chalet --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- that you moved to.

19 Now I want to ask you about SR6. Can you describe
20 what SR6 looked like?

21 **A. Yes. She was a wee small woman. I think -- I think she
22 wore glasses and she had either one or two fingers
23 missing on I think it was her right hand.**

24 Q. The reason that I'm asking you that, SR6, for the Panel,
25 was born in and she was at the time these events

1 are being talked about, but if we can quickly skip --
2 and I made you aware of this this morning, HIA381 -- to
3 SND-5787, and just maximise that, please, she does not
4 appear on the employment register for the year 1978 or
5 the year 1977, which is the period that covers when
6 HIA381 was in Termonbacca.

7 If we move to the next page, please, SND-6344 --
8 sorry; my apologies -- SND-5788 -- you see this is the
9 record for 1978. Again she doesn't appear on that
10 record. HIA381 is leaving in June of '78.

11 Then if we go to the next page, please, SND-5789,
12 which is 1979, you will see that she does appear for the
13 first time on the record.

14 Now there is also a document -- so this places SR6
15 certainly there in 1979. There is a document at
16 SND-6385 which is supposed to be a CV of SR6, and you
17 will see down at -- it is not until 1980 according to
18 this record that SR6 is said to be in Termonbacca.

19 If I can complete that by drawing the Panel's
20 attention to yesterday's evidence from the witness
21 yesterday afternoon, who left Termonbacca in the middle
22 of 1979, and she was asked by how long SR6
23 was there before she left, and she said one to two
24 years, which would put it to '78 or '77, and the record
25 in her statement discloses that SR6, according to her,

1 replaced another nun who we can see on the register in
2 1978.

3 The reason for going through all of that, HIA381,
4 I made you aware of beforehand, and you are clear about
5 who you're talking about?

6 **A. Yes. Sorry. Yes.**

7 Q. That she was in Termonbacca, whatever the records say?

8 **A. Whatever, she was there.**

9 Q. You're clear about a distinctive feature that you
10 recollect her having?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Now you describe then, if we go back to SND-11497 --
13 I should say I have asked Miss Walkenshaw on behalf of
14 the congregation and it will be looked into further as
15 to whether the record may not necessarily be consistent
16 with what was actually the position.

17 At paragraph 5 then, HIA381, you describe
18 a particular incident at the breakfast table in the
19 dining room.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. You indicate that you had moved your knife --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- and you were told by SR6, "Don't touch that". You
24 moved it back, and then can you just describe as that
25 was going on what happened to you?

1 **A. I moved -- I moved the knife back, and the next thing**
2 **from behind she just came up behind me and started**
3 **beating the head off me with her knuckle. I am**
4 **convinced her knuckle got sore. So she lifted the knife**
5 **and started beating me around the head with it for**
6 **moving -- for moving the knife.**

7 **Q. You describe how someone came to your aid and that's**
8 **your sister who was there at the time. What did she do**
9 **to involve herself with what was going on?**

10 **A. She sort of just rushed her and, you know, pushed her**
11 **away from me, you know. We were sitting at the table.**
12 **When she started beating me, my sister, she just went**
13 **for her and just grabbed her, more or less shoved her**
14 **out of the road.**

15 **Q. What happened as she got involved? Did it settle down?**
16 **Did it get worse? What happened?**

17 **A. I can't remember if she was punished or what happened**
18 **after that.**

19 **Q. But for you it ended?**

20 **A. That's where it ended.**

21 **Q. You indicate at the end of paragraph 5 that that's the**
22 **one occasion of physical abuse that you say you suffered**
23 **at the hands of this particular nun.**

24 **A. Yes, as far as I remember.**

25 **Q. Do you have any complaint to make about physical abuse**

1 from any other nun?

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. So it's this one incident that you recall --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- this nun engaging in. You then describe at
6 paragraph 5 the -- paragraph 6 bedwetting. You indicate
7 that you started to steal a dry sheet and put it on the
8 bed and you wouldn't go back to sleep, so that the beds
9 would be checked. What was it that had occurred before
10 learning to steal the sheet and do something with the
11 stolen sheet that caused you to be doing this? What was
12 the problem?

13 **A. Because, when I was peeing the bed and I was caught,**
14 **I was actually humiliated in front of the rest of the**
15 **staff and boys and girls, like.**

16 Q. And who was doing the humiliating?

17 **A. SR6. Sorry.**

18 Q. SR6?

19 **A. SR6.**

20 Q. When you say she was humiliating you, what was it she
21 was doing?

22 **A. Just whatever she was saying, she was just, you know,**
23 **humiliating. It's embarrassing. It embarrassed me that**
24 **much I used to get up about 3 or 4 o'clock in the**
25 **morning, and if I'd peed the bed, I'd sneak down, change**

1 **the sheet and leave the sheet in the -- and then I'd**
2 **stay wakened.**

3 Q. Where did you get the replacement sheet from? Where
4 were they kept?

5 A. **They were kept in what you call the laundry. Just like**
6 **a big walk-in wardrobe.**

7 Q. So you went in, got another sheet and replaced --

8 A. **Yes.**

9 Q. -- it with the one that got wet?

10 A. **Yes.**

11 Q. Is that how you then avoid --

12 A. **Getting caught.**

13 Q. -- the problem that was happening for you?

14 A. **Avoiding being humiliated, yes.**

15 Q. Did this happen to children other than you?

16 A. **Yes, it did. I wouldn't have been the only one that**
17 **happened to. She was just -- I don't know -- just**
18 **a coarse wee woman, like.**

19 Q. You describe her at the end of paragraph 4 in particular
20 terms as an evil old woman. What was it about her
21 manner that has you describe her like that?

22 A. **I don't know what left her like that. She just was**
23 **getting older probably. Frustration or something.**
24 **I~don't know. She was just -- I think she's evil.**
25 **She's a wicked wee woman.**

1 Q. Well, do you have memories of any members of staff who
2 were positive and helpful?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Who were they?

5 **A. There was a girl called SND21. You told me her --
6 sorry.**

7 Q. We'll have a record --

8 **A. I'm giving names here.**

9 Q. -- of the evidence from yesterday afternoon. That was
10 a SND21 that was being described by another witness. So
11 what do you want to say about her?

12 **A. She -- I don't know. I don't know how you'd put it.
13 She was lovely, like. It was her actually showed me how
14 to get the sheet and all.**

15 Q. So she taught you how to --

16 **A. Where to get the sheets.**

17 Q. And not to get caught.

18 **A. Not get caught.**

19 Q. Now if we scroll down to paragraph 7, those are the two
20 particular issues that you remember, this incident in
21 the kitchen or dining room whenever you are having
22 breakfast and the assault and the bedwetting. Is there
23 anything else that you recollect that you want to say
24 about difficulty that you had in Termonbacca or are
25 those two main ways that you had difficulty?

1 **A. Also something about Christmas. We were -- I think we**
2 **were supposed to get out.**

3 Q. We're going to touch on that now then.

4 **A. Sorry.**

5 Q. You indicate -- no, there's no problem. You indicate in
6 paragraph 7 you were due to leave the home permanently
7 before Christmas:

8 "... but for some reason we were kept on."

9 You are aware -- I was showing you and the Panel are
10 aware that the Social Services records indicate the
11 reason, that there was difficulty at home with your
12 older brother, and certain events would take him out of
13 the equation, and the intention was that you and your
14 sister and younger brother would then return home to
15 live with your mum.

16 **A. There was nowhere else.**

17 Q. You describe then a discussion that took place with SR6
18 about you not leaving and she said to you, "The only
19 reason your mother's keeping you in here is so you can
20 get your toys and your clothes".

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. How did that make you feel?

23 **A. Small, like dirt.**

24 Q. You say in the last sentence of paragraph 7:

25 "She belittled my family and made me feel like

1 a beggar."

2 **A. Yes. I wouldn't -- I wouldn't take nothing off them,**
3 **any Christmas stuff. I just wouldn't touch it.**

4 Q. Well, if we scroll then down to paragraph 8 -- and we
5 will come to a record which, in fact, shows you sharing
6 some of the pocket money that you got presumably in
7 Termonbacca with your mum, according to the record in
8 any event -- but you describe how:

9 "My brother and I ran away nearly every other week
10 from the home as a result of how we were treated. We
11 usually ran back to our mother's house, but she wasn't
12 pleased to see us and told us to go back to
13 Termonbacca."

14 Now you're aware -- I was showing you this morning
15 -- and matters that I'm asked to raise with you -- that
16 if we look, first of all, at SND-11522, and if we just
17 maximise the size of that page, please, this, HIA381,
18 appears to be a record called a "Case History" that was
19 created by someone in Termonbacca recording what they,
20 the Sisters of Nazareth, say happened in relation to you
21 while you were there.

22 You will see that on 23rd June it records your
23 admission on 20th, that you were untidy and unclean and
24 very bold on admission. That, in fact, reflects
25 an entry on a medical record which the Panel will have

1 the opportunity to look at.

2 Then on 24th June it describes the sort of thing you
3 are talking about. You absconded from school at home
4 time. You returned to your mother. You were then
5 returned in the evening. You were very upset. It says
6 you were very stubborn.

7 "A bit wild in his behaviour."

8 Then the next day you refused to come home in the
9 minibus and head back to your mother.

10 "A neighbour brought him up here."

11 I think as I was showing you that, you could then
12 recollect that particular incident.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Then the record suggests that by 1st July:

15 "Is beginning to settle down now."

16 Then on 29th July you will see it says:

17 "Has just spent three weeks holidays down in .
18 He really enjoyed himself."

19 Do you recollect that --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- going to ?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Then on 26th October the record suggests:

24 "Really well settled now and enjoys school. Quite
25 intelligent ... Very open wee boy. Most helpful about

1 the house and has a kind nature. Is good to the little
2 ones in the group. Thinks a lot about his mother and
3 enjoys her visits."

4 So the suggestion is being made, HIA381, that while
5 there were difficulties to begin with with your time in
6 Termonbacca, it did begin to settle down and improve in
7 terms of you not running away all the time.

8 **A. Was that before or after -- is that SR6 or something?**

9 Q. Well, doing the best we can, if SR6 came at some
10 stage -- let me just ask you that. When you were first
11 in Termonbacca, was SR6 there?

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. So roughly how long -- to the extent that you can, how
14 long were you in Termonbacca before she arrived?

15 **A. I would say maybe five, six months.**

16 Q. So if you're there in June, we're talking about at some
17 stage perhaps in early '78 that SR6 comes along?

18 **A. That's not --**

19 Q. That might accord -- the Panel may have to look at that.
20 That might accord with SR14 leaving in '78 and SR6
21 taking her place. What you are saying is you had more
22 difficulty after SR6 arrived.

23 **A. Well, if I was settling down there, half this -- sorry.**
24 **Half this I don't know. This changed when she -- when**
25 **she come to the home.**

1 Q. Your recollection is of having difficulty.

2 **A. My recollection, we were constantly running away.**

3 Q. The second record that I want to take you to that I'm
4 asked to show you is at SND-11523. This is a -- what's
5 called an "Internal Case Review" and again this seems to
6 be something that's prepared by the congregation. You
7 will see in the top left that it's prepared in around
8 14th October and the Panel will see the reference to
9 SR14. That's the nun who may have left that resulted in
10 SR6 arriving.

11 It says you are being visited every Sunday and you
12 enjoy your mother's visits, and you have shared your
13 pocket money with her.

14 If we just scroll down a little further, it suggests
15 you are an open type of boy, mature enough for your age
16 and you've settled down great since your admission, and
17 the visits of your mother has helped you to accept being
18 here for a while. It records:

19 "... although he has said he would like to stay
20 here."

21 So the suggestion is being made that at some stage,
22 HIA381, you had settled enough by October '77 that you
23 were quite keen to continue to stay in Termonbacca. Is
24 that a memory you have?

25 **A. No, no. I would have preferred to have went home.**

1 Q. It then says, if we look slightly further down:

2 "Very good relationship now with staff. In the
3 beginning he would not listen to anyone. Is very
4 helpful when there is anything extra to be done."

5 Then it says you get on reasonably well with the
6 majority of the children.

7 Then if we can move on to the next page -- sorry.
8 That's a medical record. Bear with me for a moment,
9 HIA381, if you would.

10 If we move to SND-11527 -- I am afraid the pages are
11 out of order -- we get the second page of the October
12 '77 Internal Case Review, and it says in terms of your
13 education you:

14 "... give no trouble in school and is progressing
15 fairly well. Is most helpful in class and gets on well
16 with his pals."

17 It suggests you take:

18 "... a real keen interest in religion and is always
19 willing to answer."

20 You love football and also drawing. It indicates
21 according to whoever the author is that you need firm
22 handling at times, and if this was lacking, you might
23 create a few problems in later school life.

24 The recommendation is that you stay here until your
25 mother gets her problems resolved.

1 Who actually wrote that document we don't know, but
2 the suggestion from it is that certainly by that point
3 in time things were better than they had been at the
4 start back in June.

5 **A. Right.**

6 Q. There then is a third document at SND-11512, and this is
7 the second page of a document that the Panel have seen
8 -- if we just stop there, please -- which is a major
9 case review that involved -- you are aware -- I showed
10 you this morning the first page, HIA381, which is at
11 SND-11511. If we just flick back to that for a moment
12 so it can be dated, that's the January '78 document, and
13 I showed you the list, HIA381, of the fourteen
14 professionals who were reviewing your family's position
15 and where the children were and what might be done to
16 assist.

17 This document runs to about seven pages, which we're
18 not going to go through, but on the second page at
19 SND-11512 at the top of the page the first
20 paragraph says about the three children, you and your
21 brother and your sister:

22 "Admitted to Termonbacca where they've remained ever
23 since. They seem to be very happy there and show signs
24 of becoming institutionalised."

25 Later in the document the professionals talk about

1 how they want to avoid that and want to get you back to
2 your mum, as indicated by the next paragraph, which
3 says:

4 "The goal with these three children has been to
5 discharge them to the care of their mother as soon as
6 it's judged she can provide them with adequate care."

7 The last document in this series is at SND-11506.
8 This is a case report that appears to be prepared by
9 your social worker, and you name her in the next -- in
10 paragraph 8 -- paragraph 9 of your statement, .
11 This is a document that records events from in and
12 around March '78 onwards. I am not going to go through
13 that in any detail, save that it certainly suggests
14 things had settled for you by that point in time and you
15 were going out.

16 If we just scroll down a little, please, you were
17 going to spend weekends with your mum and that was going
18 smoothly. You will see the entry of 12/4/78 about
19 reviews that were taking place in Termonbacca, and it
20 was agreed that you could be returned to the care of
21 your mother as soon as possible with the aim of it being
22 the next month in May '78, and:

23 "They are to start going home for weekends from
24 Friday next."

25 So the suggestion from the documents, HIA381, is

1 that things were very difficult at the start, but they
2 started to get better as your stay went on in
3 Termonbacca. Does that accord with your memory or is
4 your memory different?

5 **A. I would say I settled in after a period.**

6 Q. Now --

7 **A. Getting on with all -- everybody else in the place, you**
8 **know, the other boys and girls, like. I was getting on**
9 **with them.**

10 Q. Do you have positive memories of your interaction with
11 the other boys and girls who were there?

12 **A. Yes. Never any problems with any -- any other --**
13 **anybody else in the place.**

14 Q. If we can go back then to SND-11498 to paragraph 9 of
15 your statement, you say that you saw the family social
16 worker, but you don't recall any other visits.

17 Obviously the documents the Panel has seen is that
18 there's a lot of people, whether you were seeing them
19 yourself, a lot of people engaged in trying to help you
20 and your family. Equally there are a series of
21 documents that the Panel will have the opportunity to
22 see that show that there were monthly visits effectively
23 from the social worker coming in.

24 If we just look briefly at SND-11509, so if you just
25 maximise the size of the page, you will see this is

1 a periodical review document. Towards the bottom right
2 quarter of the document you can see the visits that are
3 listed by . This is a document that's
4 recording the period 14th October to 12th April '78.
5 She seems to be visiting on a monthly basis to see how
6 you're getting on. Do you recollect that?

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. You don't.

9 Now if we go back out to -- another point. If we
10 just look briefly at SND-11530 in terms of efforts being
11 made to assist, this is a memorandum that was
12 involved with. You will see that she was seeking some
13 birthday money for you and your brother in March of '78.
14 That is again maybe something you didn't know, but it
15 shows some of the involvement with Social Services
16 trying to do things that would make life a little
17 better.

18 **A. No, I can't remember that.**

19 Q. You can't remember?

20 **A. No, definitely not.**

21 Q. If we go back to your statement then at SND-11498, you
22 say there that:

23 "My mother visited us in the home", in paragraph 10,
24 "about once or twice. My father visited about twice
25 ..."

1 Again I'm asked to show you records. If we go to
2 SND-11512, and the document suggests in the first
3 paragraph -- sorry -- the second paragraph down:

4 "It might be pertinent to mention here that up to
5 October 26th", and under that is your mother's name,
6 "visited the children in Termonbacca every Sunday."

7 So that's between June and October she's coming
8 every week and then since that she's visited only three
9 times. So the suggestion from the document is that
10 perhaps she visited more often than you now remember.

11 **A. More at the start and then faded away.**

12 Q. Yes. Then there are further documents that show -- if
13 we look at SND-11510, which shows the time period in
14 1978, in April, that -- if we just scroll down, please,
15 to the text, and it records that -- you will see the
16 sentence:

17 "For some time she was not visiting the children.
18 Now she is coming and it appears that with social worker
19 support she can meet the emotional and material need of
20 the children."

21 In fact, we looked at a record earlier, HIA381, you
22 may recall that showed by this period you and your
23 brother and sister started to go back at weekends and
24 Easter to reintegrate with your mum before you went back
25 to live with her permanently. Do you remember going

1 back out for weekends?

2 **A. Yes. From it was mentioned, yes. It sort of --**

3 Q. It jogs the memory?

4 **A. -- jogs the memory, yes.**

5 Q. If we go back to your statement at SND-11498, and at
6 paragraph 11 you have mentioned the civilian workers,
7 and you mention a particular SND21 who is very positive
8 in terms of your recollection.

9 Then at paragraph 12 you describe a particular
10 incident at Christmas when there was a ballot for all of
11 the children's homes to allow some of the children to
12 turn on the lights at Christmas and your name was pulled
13 out that year and you were given a Christmas jumper to
14 wear.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. That was your fifteen minutes of fame.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. We can look at SND-11522. Do you remember I think the
19 Mayor's car picked you up and took you -- took you down.
20 If we just enlarge the 12th December '77 entry, and you
21 and I were discussing before you came in, HIA381, that
22 I am afraid Santa doesn't have very good taste, because
23 he bought you a Man United football jersey. You and
24 I would agree that a Liverpool jersey would have been
25 much --

1 **A. They did -- they did ask me who I supported, like.**

2 Q. And did you tell them who you supported?

3 **A. Yes, I did.**

4 Q. And who was that?

5 **A. Liverpool.**

6 Q. And he gave you a Man United jersey anyway?

7 **A. Yes. There was a tinge of sarcasm there maybe.**

8 Q. Well, does that -- it describes how you -- as well as
9 getting the football jersey and socks you received
10 a pair of football boots.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Is that a very positive event that you can look back on,
13 that a big deal was made that night?

14 **A. Yes, yes.**

15 Q. Is that a good memory that you have?

16 **A. It is a good memory for me, yes, 'cos I was better --
17 better than Tom Baker, as in Dr Who.**

18 Q. Yes. Was he involved?

19 **A. No. He lifted it the year afterwards.**

20 Q. Right.

21 **A. So ...**

22 Q. You did a better job than he did.

23 **A. Well, I was picked before him. Know what I mean?**

24 Q. If we go back to your statement then at SND-11498, you
25 describe how you left Termonbacca then in June of 1978.

1 If we just scroll down, please, to paragraph 13, you say
2 in strong terms about the house your mother was living
3 in, how she was -- had particular problems drinking and
4 gambling. You were running the streets. You didn't
5 believe you should have been placed with your mother.
6 She wasn't capable of looking after you. You should
7 have been placed with your father.

8 You say some similar sentiments if we just go
9 forward to SND-11500 and paragraph 23 of your statement,
10 and you explain that you are angry with -- if we just
11 maximise 23, please. Yes. You are angry with --
12 SND-11500, paragraph 23. You are angry with the NSPCC
13 and Social Services for taking you away from your father
14 and splitting up your family.

15 "Taking away children from their family isn't
16 right."

17 You had a good relationship with your father and
18 should have been allowed to live with him instead.

19 Those two paragraphs -- perhaps if we can split the
20 screen and keep up that page and also add SND-11498 so
21 we can see paragraph 13 at the same time, but you are
22 aware -- I have shown you some documents that the Panel
23 have seen that explain that your dad had a difficulty
24 with alcohol, that he had engaged in behaviour towards
25 your mum that the professionals, as it were, who were

1 engaged with your family felt meant she couldn't
2 continue to live there and neither could the children.

3 **A. As in ?**

4 Q. As in .

5 **A. Yes, according to them ones.**

6 Q. According to them --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- and the records, in terms of what the records show,
9 and the point that I'm trying to summarise that I'm
10 asked to put to you is that considerable effort, whether
11 you understood it all at the time, was being made to
12 deal with a difficult situation and try and keep the
13 family together in the best way that could be done at
14 the time.

15 **A. No, I wouldn't agree with that now.**

16 Q. You don't see it that way?

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. If we then look at paragraph 14 of your statement.
19 SND-11499, if we just have that one page up, please,
20 where once you are -- the house that your mother was
21 getting from the NHE, and I think your oldest brother
22 was going off to St. Pat's, once that sequence of events
23 had happened, then the three of you went back out to
24 live with your mum in June of '78.

25 You describe here in paragraph 14 your experiences

1 at two particular schools, the second experience not
2 a positive one. That's St. Peter's. You talk about
3 then starting to mitch school and that resulted
4 ultimately in you being taken into care again and going
5 to live in Rubane, which was operated by the De La Salle
6 Order.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. If we just scroll down to paragraph 17, it's -- it may
9 be necessary -- we are not dealing -- the Inquiry is not
10 yet dealing with Rubane and it may be necessary to ask
11 you to come back and talk about that on another
12 occasion, but you have only positive memories of your
13 time --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- that you spent in Rubane, and you have no
16 recollection, as you indicate, of any physical or sexual
17 abuse --

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. -- happening. You're aware I asked you about one matter
20 that affects your brother, so we can clear it up in case
21 it is not necessary for you to come back again. He
22 says -- if we can just skip to SND-5646, paragraph 15.
23 Just maximise paragraph 15. He describes there how he
24 says he had his own car in Rubane, which he bought off
25 you. Is his memory about that correct?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. By this stage you lived in Rubane for a couple of years
3 and then you moved out, but stayed living in Kircubbin.

4 **A. I lived in the village, yes.**

5 Q. You remember having started work and getting a car and
6 then selling it to your brother.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. He was still in Rubane at the time.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Now if we go back then, please, to SND-11500, and you
11 describe -- and I am not going to go through this in any
12 detail, HIA381, at this stage -- but you eventually go
13 back to . You describe how you have married.
14 You have got children and grandchildren, and you
15 describe some of the difficulties that you have had with
16 alcohol --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- and with depression, and how, towards the end of the
19 statement at paragraph 25, this is really the first time
20 that you've spoken -- SND-11500, please -- this is
21 really the first time that you've spoken about the
22 events that happened to you in -- I am not sure what's
23 happening with the system -- it's the first time you've
24 spoken about the events that we've talked about today.
25 You haven't been to the police with them --

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. -- and you haven't got a civil claim ongoing.

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. You've just come to the Inquiry to explain what happened
5 to you.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. I just want to ask you briefly about a couple of issues,
8 if you can think back to your time in Termonbacca. Do
9 you remember having lots of chores to do? How did you
10 put your time in, if I can put it that way?

11 **A. Well, you're at school most of the time. Weekends,
12 football, some kind of sport. I can't remember it.
13 I think the older boys had to work on the farm and
14 stuff, the older boys.**

15 Q. There was no great --

16 **A. I am trying to get a flashback, like.**

17 Q. There was no great amount of cleaning that you were
18 involved in that you recollect?

19 **A. Not that I -- I can't remember.**

20 Q. Not that you remember. We have described the Christmas
21 incident. Do you remember anything being made of your
22 birthday or any other special events --

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. -- that occurred?

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. You don't. The last thing that I want to ask you about,
2 HIA381, is that you will be aware that the Panel has to
3 make recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive
4 once the Inquiry has finished its work, whether that's
5 about a memorial, or an apology, or some other form of
6 redress. Would you like to give a view about what you
7 think would be helpful that the Panel can take into
8 account?

9 **A. No, no, or I wouldn't take it.**

10 Q. Well, let me ask you a different question then. Is
11 there anything else -- this is your opportunity to say
12 what you feel you need to say to the Inquiry Panel. Is
13 there anything else that you'd like to say beyond the
14 matters that we've talked about already?

15 **A. No. Can't think of anything.**

16 Q. Now I don't have any more questions for you, but if you
17 just stay where you are for a short while, the Panel
18 Members may want to ask you something.

19 CHAIRMAN: No, we don't have any questions for you, HIA381.
20 Thank you very much for coming to speak to us today.

21 **A. Thank you.**

22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

23 MR AIKEN: Thank you, HIA381.

24 (Witness withdrew)

25 MR AIKEN: There is a second witness this morning, Members

1 of the Panel, but I wonder if we had a short period that
2 I can just have an opportunity to speak to that witness.

3 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

4 (11.30 am)

5 (Short break)

6 (11.40 am)

7 WITNESS HIA382 (called)

8 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the next witness
9 this morning is "HIA382", HIA382, who is the brother of
10 HIA381 you have just heard give evidence. HIA382 was
11 explaining to me he was watching on the screen his
12 brother giving evidence. So he is aware of the path
13 that the discussion will follow. He is aware that the
14 Chairman is going to speak to him.

15 CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA382, do you wish to take a religious oath
16 or make an affirmation? They have the same legal
17 effect. It is entirely a matter for your choice.

18 **A. Affirmation.**

19 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

20 WITNESS HIA382 (affirmed)

21 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please sit down.

22 **A. Thanks.**

23 **Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY**

24 MR AIKEN: Bring up SND-5643 on the screen, please. Now,
25 HIA382, you are aware from our discussion that what

1 comes up on the screen you can see has black marks and
2 has a designation for you where your name would be, and
3 you have a hard copy version of your statement where you
4 can see what's underneath the black marks.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. The reason why we have the black marks and the numbering
7 is to give anonymity to the individuals who are coming
8 forward, and I explained to you about the Inquiry's
9 position in relation to that. It is a matter for you
10 whether you want to remain anonymous when your story is
11 reported. Is that something that you would rather your
12 identity remain anonymous?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You would.

15 Now can you just look at the page that's on the
16 screen and look at the hard copy page that's in front of
17 you and just check that the two pages are the same
18 except for the black marks. Then what I'd also like you
19 to do for me is to turn to the last page in your
20 statement at SND-5648, and on the screen you can see in
21 the signature box you've got the black box again --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- but on the hard copy can you confirm that you have
24 signed the statement?

25 **A. Yes, I have yes.**

1 Q. And that you want to adopt the contents of the statement
2 as your evidence before the Inquiry?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Now the Inquiry has obviously just heard from your
5 brother, who was in Termonbacca at the same time as you
6 and your sister, SND404, and left at the same time, and
7 much of the reasons for your being there and leaving are
8 --

9 **A. The same.**

10 Q. -- the same as his. You will have been aware from
11 watching then the documents that I had an opportunity to
12 show to him. You were one down, as it were, in the list
13 of siblings.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. There were six of you and you were the fifth.

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

17 Q. You were nine at the time that you went into Termonbacca
18 in June of 1977. Can I ask you about -- you heard the
19 discussion about SR6 or SR6, as you know her -- and her
20 name is not to be reported -- but was she there when you
21 first entered Termonbacca?

22 **A. No. A while after that she came along.**

23 Q. She came at some later stage?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You indicated at paragraph 4, if we go back to SND-5643,

1 please, you weren't sure why you'd ended up in
2 Termonbacca, and you were able to see me showing your
3 brother that your mother at that particular point in
4 time asked Social Services to get involved and take
5 three of you so that she could try and get things sorted
6 out, and that's why you ended up going to Termonbacca.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Then if we go over to the next page, please, at
9 SND-5644, you say two things. First of all, before I go
10 into the substance, if I can just bring up for you
11 a medical record that the Inquiry has seen in recent
12 days at SND-11539.

13 Now you probably don't recall seeing this document
14 before, HIA382, I'm sure, but it seems to be a medical
15 record and it has the date of admission, which is 20th
16 June '77, which is the day you went into Termonbacca,
17 and it records some details about the family. If you
18 just scroll down a little, please, similar to one that
19 covers your brother, it says -- it makes the remark:

20 "Very unclean and untidy. Cut on hand turning
21 septic."

22 I am not sure whether you recollect the cut on your
23 hand that was causing the difficulty.

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. But if we move then to the next page, SND-11540, which

1 suggests that on 24th June -- so by this stage you would
2 be in Termonbacca -- you were examined by a .
3 You were given a prescription for the cut on your hand.
4 Maybe you can't remember at this remove --

5 **A. No.**

6 Q. -- but do you remember seeing a doctor a few days in?

7 **A. No, I can't remember. I remember , but it's --**
8 **I don't remember that there, no.**

9 Q. Was he your family doctor?

10 **A. Yes, he was, yes.**

11 Q. If we go to the next page at SND-11541, what this
12 suggests is that on two occasions, once in January '78,
13 so that's about six months into your stay, and then
14 again in April '78, which was two months before you left
15 or ten months into your stay, somebody recorded your
16 weight, ie weighed you. Do you remember that being
17 done?

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. You don't?

20 **A. No.**

21 Q. Now if we go back to your statement at SND-5644 and just
22 look briefly at paragraphs 6 and 7, you indicate that
23 you hated Termonbacca at the top of paragraph 6 and you
24 say the same thing in the second sentence of
25 paragraph 7:

1 "I couldn't stand school and I hated being in
2 Termonbacca."

3 What was it about Termonbacca that you hated so
4 much?

5 **A. Just the way we were treated.**

6 Q. By -- by who?

7 **A. By the nuns and some of the staff too. Belittled and
8 abused.**

9 Q. What was it about how they treated you? Was it the way
10 they spoke to you, the way they acted? What was it that
11 caused you --

12 **A. The way they spoke to you, the way they acted and
13 lifting their hand and hitting you.**

14 Q. That's something that we'll come on to talk about. Did
15 this apply to all of the staff or were there some staff
16 who were good?

17 **A. Yes, there was.**

18 Q. And who do you remember positively from your time in
19 Termonbacca?

20 **A. I don't know her surname. It is SND21 or something you
21 call her. Same girl my brother was on about.**

22 Q. That's SND21. You have a positive memory of her?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Is she the only one you have a positive memory of?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Now similar to what I was showing your brother, you've
2 said here that you really hated Termonbacca, and there
3 are various documents that I'm going to briefly show
4 you.

5 At SND-11534 is another example of these internal
6 case reviews and this document seems to be compiled
7 by -- if you just scroll up a little -- thank you --
8 seems to be compiled by someone in the congregation or
9 working for the congregation about your stay. It is
10 undated, but it may be we can try and establish a date
11 for it, but it says that, similar to that of your
12 brother, you are visiting every Sunday. We can possibly
13 assist with dating it by the nun that's identified as
14 SR14 that yesterday's witness says was replaced by SR6,
15 which may be in early '78. So it may be the same date
16 as the other document, which was October '77. Your mum
17 is visiting every Sunday and you enjoy those visits, and
18 it talks about your older siblings occasionally coming
19 to Termonbacca.

20 If we scroll down a little further, it says you are
21 very quiet and reserved in nature and:

22 "Although in the beginning he was out of hand",
23 which might be the running away you were talking
24 about --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- "is well-behaved and quite mature for his age."

2 It says:

3 "Gets on well with and responds to the staff."

4 Then this may cause some conflict at home, but it
5 says:

6 "Is more of a favourite with the children than",
7 your brother.

8 So it's suggesting you were quite popular. Did you
9 have good relationships with the other children?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Do you have positive memories of those --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- relationships? If we just scroll down a little
14 further, please, your general health was said to be
15 good.

16 If we move on to the next page, there is difficulty
17 with your reading, but you were said to be quite bright
18 at maths, and you had a good relationship with your
19 teachers and:

20 "Gets on well with other pupils."

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Do you remember that? Is that a memory that you have,
23 that things at school -- you had a good relationship --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- with your teacher?

1 You were quite good at football and loved to watch
2 it on television.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. I am not sure whether you were a Liverpool fan as well
5 as your brother.

6 **A. No, no.**

7 Q. Now the suggestion from the record is that certainly by
8 a particular point in time -- things might have been
9 difficult at the start, but things improved and you
10 began to enjoy yourself in Termonbacca. Would that be
11 a memory that you would have?

12 **A. Not really, no.**

13 Q. If we look at SND-11533, which is a case history again
14 that appears to have been maintained by the congregation
15 or someone in the congregation about your time, you will
16 see that the first entry, 25th June, indicates that you
17 were cheeky, dirty and untidy it suggests, but then on
18 29th July it's saying you'd settled down well. You'd
19 spent three weeks' holidays in . Do you remember
20 that holiday?

21 **A. I remember being in , aye.**

22 Q. Then someone has recorded -- it is not clear who, but
23 someone in October '77 has recorded that you were a very
24 nice little boy. You give very little trouble. You had
25 settled down to the group situation well. Just to clear

1 that, you were in the same -- your brother described it
2 as a chalet --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- the same group as him?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Not sharing a bedroom with him, but in the same group of
7 bedrooms?

8 **A. Same chalet, same house sort of thing, yes.**

9 Q. You settled down to that group situation well.

10 "Is a favourite with the other children and loves to
11 play games with the little ones."

12 Is that a memory you have?

13 **A. Football.**

14 Q. You remember football?

15 **A. Aye. That's ...**

16 Q. Did you play it out in the fields or --

17 **A. Yes. It was like an all-weather pitch. You went down
18 big steps down on to it. We used to the play there
19 all -- every day after --**

20 Q. Was that to the -- if you are looking at the front of
21 the house, was that off to the left-hand side?

22 **A. Yes. There's a lane goes down round.**

23 Q. Near the water?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Then if we look at SND-11559, and you will see the first

1 paragraph, HIA382, suggests that you have been in
2 Termonbacca -- this is written in January of '78. This
3 is the document that the Panel has seen which has a --
4 it's a report of a meeting between fourteen
5 professionals who are looking at your family
6 circumstances and trying to work out what is the best to
7 do to assist, and it suggests, according to the authors
8 of this document, that you and your brother and sister
9 seem to be very happy in Termonbacca. Is that a memory
10 that you have?

11 **A. I wouldn't say very happy, like. I'd some good memories**
12 **and some not so good.**

13 Q. If we go back then to SND-5644 to your statement,
14 paragraph 6, you describe the dormitories that existed,
15 and there were two dormitories. The bedrooms were
16 upstairs and downstairs and then there was a sitting
17 room. Is that right?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Then a dinette, a dining room?

20 **A. It was like open plan sort of, sort of.**

21 Q. You've recorded who you shared a room with and those are
22 names the Inquiry is familiar with. Originally you
23 indicate you did share with your brother and then you
24 moved -- he moved dormitories and was in a different one
25 from you.

1 **A. Yes. Different bedroom just in the same chalet.**

2 Q. Now you indicate you were constantly running away, and
3 we've seen the record that shows that certainly things
4 were difficult to begin with, and the suggestion being
5 made to the Inquiry is that, well, things settled down
6 and the running away didn't keep happening.

7 **A. Settled down then, so it did.**

8 Q. Your recollection now where you say in paragraph 7 that
9 you hated, couldn't stand school, there seems to be
10 a record around the time that thought different, that
11 your time at school -- you had a positive relationship
12 with your teacher and your --

13 **A. Yes. Then it's -- it was round Primary 7 or something**
14 **I~started dobbing school, so I did, and that was going**
15 **up into the first year. That's when we ended up in**
16 **Kircubbin.**

17 Q. In Rubane. Yes. I'll come on to that.

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. Now you then in paragraph 7 talk about your interaction
20 with two particular nuns that the Inquiry is now
21 familiar with, SR2 and SR6.

22 I want to ask you first about SR2. You say there
23 were a few nuns who beat you, including SR6 and SR2.
24 What was SR2 beating you for?

25 **A. Running away.**

1 Q. What form did the beating take? What did she do to you?

2 **A. She hit me. We were punished. We were starved, put to**
3 **bed. We had no tea, no supper, things like that.**

4 Q. Then SR6. You describe how the nuns would hit you where
5 it didn't mark you, like a knuckle round the head or
6 a slap on the back of the head.

7 "SR6 used her knuckles to hit me on the back of my
8 head."

9 Then you say:

10 "She'd take me into a small launderette off the main
11 corridor",
12 where nobody could see you.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Now your brother mentioned the launderette as well. Now
15 if we can try -- if you use me -- if we are looking in
16 the front door and you're going down the corridor
17 towards the chalets, as you understand them, was the
18 launderette on the right-hand side as you go down?

19 **A. As you were heading into the sitting room, it was on the**
20 **right-hand side just before you came into the sitting**
21 **room.**

22 Q. Is that where --

23 **A. The kitchen was on the left-hand side.**

24 Q. Is that where sheets and things like that were kept?

25 **A. The washing machines and lockers.**

1 Q. Who took you in there?

2 **A. The nun.**

3 Q. Which nun was that?

4 **A. It's -- I forget that number again.**

5 Q. SR6?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. SR6 you're meaning. Is that right?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Her name is not to be reported. So she takes you into
10 the launderette, and you describe her using her knuckle.

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. Can you remember now -- and if you can't, there's no
13 difficulty; you can tell the Panel "I don't remember" --
14 when you say she was hitting you, how many times might
15 that have occurred?

16 **A. I couldn't tell you offhand, but it happened a few
17 times. I couldn't give you an exact number.**

18 Q. Right. Now you also mention that:

19 "The nuns also belittled me and made me feel
20 worthless."

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Particularly you pick out the same nun, SR6.

23 "She said things like, 'Your mother couldn't cope
24 and couldn't feed you and that's why you're in here'."

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. What else do you remember -- you say that they belittled
2 you and made you feel worthless. What was it that they
3 did that made you feel that way?

4 **A. It was things they said, like, "Your mother doesn't want
5 you" and "Your family doesn't want you", things like
6 that, along them lines, like, really hurtful things,
7 like.**

8 Q. Now if I can just ask you for the record can you just
9 describe SR6? What did she look like?

10 **A. She was a wee small woman.**

11 Q. Can you remember anything else about her at this stage?

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. You then describe in paragraph 8 all the daily routine
14 in Termonbacca, about how you got up and washed and
15 dressed and had breakfast in the dining hall. You were
16 given an orange vitamin tablet --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- and the interaction with civilian staff. Then you
19 got the minibus to school. Was that a minibus that
20 Termonbacca had that took you to school?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You then describe in paragraph 9 you used -- you got
23 used to being hungry:

24 "I was always being sent to bed with no supper as
25 punishment for running away."

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You mention some of the other children would sneak you
3 up some food to your bedroom. Is that right?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You indicate in paragraph 10:

6 "Nobody was ever -- nobody ever asked me why I was
7 running away or where I was running to. The more I got
8 punished for running away from Termonbacca the worse
9 I got."

10 But you accept, if I've understood you correctly,
11 HIA382, that there was difficulty and then things
12 started to get better.

13 **A. Yes, settle down a bit.**

14 Q. The -- do you remember the Social Services visiting you
15 in Termonbacca?

16 **A. I remember --**

17 Q. ?

18 **A. -- the social worker.**

19 Q. You mention her in paragraph 11 in relation to you going
20 to Rubane, but if we just quickly look at SND-11566,
21 please -- I am afraid I have got the wrong reference.
22 Just bear with me for a moment, HIA382, if you would.
23 It is SND-11556. Almost right.

24 This is a Periodical Review that appears to have
25 been completed by and it covers the period

1 again, similar to your brother, of October '77 to April
2 '78. You'll see just slightly further down the page in
3 the bottom right quarter that we're looking at a series
4 of dates that talks about visiting you in
5 Termonbacca. Do you remember that now in terms of her
6 coming quite regularly to see you and be involved with
7 you?

8 **A. No. I remember her coming a few times but nothing more.**

9 Q. Not the number of them?

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. Now if we go back then, please, to SND-5645, you then
12 describe in paragraph 11 you left Termonbacca then in
13 June 1978, when you were 10, and went back to live with
14 your mother, and all of you were living with your mother
15 for a period of time, and your recollection is four
16 years till you were about 14.

17 Do you remember -- you say at the last paragraph --
18 last sentence of paragraph 11 -- the records show that
19 there were three days in November 1981 when you went
20 back into Termonbacca.

21 **A. I can't remember that.**

22 Q. You don't remember that?

23 **A. No. I was told about it, but I can't remember it.**

24 Q. It seems to relate to your mum going to to your
25 grandfather's funeral, but you don't have a recollection

1 of it?

2 **A. (Shakes head.)**

3 Q. But you describe then you and your brother getting into
4 difficulty and you place that around about 14, so that's
5 1982 --

6 **A. 13, 14.**

7 Q. -- and being taken into care again and going to live in
8 Rubane.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You have said a number of things in your statement about
11 Rubane, and I've spoken to you, and it is likely we will
12 have to ask you to come back --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- to talk about the events that you describe in Rubane
15 on a later date, and you are happy to do that?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You heard me ask your brother about the car he sold you.
18 What type of car was that?

19 **A. .**

20 Q. You felt that if you still had it today, that would have
21 been a very worthwhile thing.

22 **A. Worth a fortune.**

23 Q. Now is there anything else -- now's the opportunity for
24 you to say what you want to say about your time in
25 Termonbacca. Is there anything else that I haven't

1 covered that you'd like to say to the Inquiry Panel
2 about that experience?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. Do you remember your brother switching on the Christmas
5 lights?

6 **A. Yes, I do.**

7 Q. Is that a positive memory that you remember?

8 **A. I was along with him.**

9 Q. Were you there with him?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Did you get to travel in the -- because the Mayor's car
12 came for you.

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

14 Q. You're aware, HIA382, from me asking your brother that
15 one of the things the Inquiry Panel has to do is make
16 recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive about
17 what might be done after the Inquiry finishes, whether
18 in terms of an apology, some form of memorial or some
19 other form of redress. Have you anything you'd like to
20 say about what recommendation might be made?

21 **A. No.**

22 Q. You don't?

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. Again, like your brother, you've never spoken to the
25 police or solicitors about what you're now talking to

1 the Inquiry about.

2 **A. I haven't, no.**

3 Q. You'd kept it within you up to this point.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Is that right?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. The Inquiry has the opportunity to read what you've got
8 to say about what life has been like afterwards and we
9 will maybe look at that a little more when you come back
10 to talk about Rubane.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. I have no more questions for you at the moment, HIA382.
13 The Panel may want to ask you something. If you just
14 remain where you are for a moment.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 CHAIRMAN: We don't have any questions for you, HIA382. So
17 thank you very much for coming to speak to us today.
18 That's all as far as we're concerned. As you heard
19 Mr Aiken say, it might well be that we will be asking
20 you to come back at a later stage when we turn in our
21 work to look at Rubane, but that won't be for a while
22 yet. Thank you very much for coming today in any event.

23 **A. Thank you.**

24 MR AIKEN: Thank you, HIA382.

25 (Witness withdrew)

1 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, that concludes
2 the evidence for this morning.

3 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will sit as scheduled then next
4 Monday. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

5 (12.10 pm)

6 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 am on Monday, 3rd March 2014)

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