

<p>1 2 3 4 ----- 5 6 HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY 7 8 ----- 9 10 being heard before: 11 12 SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman) 13 MR DAVID LANE 14 MS GERALDINE DOHERTY 15 16 held at 17 Banbridge Court House 18 Banbridge 19 20 on Tuesday, 28th January 2014 21 commencing at 10.30 am 22 (Day 4) 23 24 MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as 25 Counsel to the Inquiry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA46, do you wish to take the oath or to 2 make an affirmation? It's a matter for you. 3 <b>A. The affirmation will be suitable.</b> 4 CHAIRMAN: Very well. Please stand. 5 HIA46 (affirmed) 6 CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. 7 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY 8 MS SMITH: Now, HIA46, as I discussed with you before you 9 came into the chamber, I am going to address you by your 10 first name with your permission while you are giving 11 evidence, but that when the transcript of today's 12 proceedings is published on the Inquiry website, your 13 name will not appear and instead a designation which I 14 have described to you as "HIA46" will appear in place of 15 your name on the website. 16 <b>A. That is correct.</b> 17 Q. Yes, and no-one reading the transcript then will be able 18 to identify you, and unless you subsequently choose to 19 allow your name to be given into the public domain, it 20 will remain private. 21 <b>A. Yes.</b> 22 Q. Thank you for coming to speak to the Inquiry and the 23 Inquiry I should say understands that giving evidence 24 can be a difficult experience. So if at any stage you 25 feel you need a break, please just say that you wish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 Tuesday, 28th January 2014 2 (10.30 am) 3 HIA46 (called) 4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning. 5 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and 6 gentlemen. This morning we are going to commence with 7 calling some witnesses who wish to give evidence to the 8 Inquiry. 9 The first of these is HIA46, which has been given 10 the designation "HIA46". 11 CHAIRMAN: Do I take it that he is willing that his name 12 should be revealed in this way? 13 MS SMITH: Not at this stage. 14 CHAIRMAN: Then that should be made clear. 15 MS SMITH: I was about to go on just to do so, Chairman. 16 Chairman, the press and members of the public will be 17 aware that there is a Restriction Order in place, that 18 although names will be used and given in the chamber, 19 they are not to be used outside this room and no-one can 20 be identified outside of this room unless they give 21 their written permission to do so. 22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 23 MS SMITH: HIA46 -- 24 CHAIRMAN: Just a moment. 25 MS SMITH: Sorry, sir.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 a break. I believe you have some water in front of you 2 should you need that. 3 Can I also just say for the benefit of the 4 transcript if at all possible if you can speak into the 5 microphone so that everything you say can be picked up 6 clearly. 7 <b>A. Yes.</b> 8 Q. Thank you. 9 First of all, can I ask you to confirm your name for 10 the Inquiry record? 11 <b>A. Yes. I am HIA46.</b> 12 Q. Now I am going to ask that HIA46's witness statement be 13 called up on the screen. This can be found at SND-1337, 14 please. 15 Now you will see, HIA46, that in this document it 16 says "Witness statement of" and your name is blacked out 17 there and instead the designation that we have given you 18 is written over it. Do you see that clearly? 19 <b>A. Yes.</b> 20 Q. Can I ask you just to have a look -- I believe you 21 should have a hard copy of this document in front of 22 you. 23 <b>A. Yes.</b> 24 Q. And can you confirm that the hard copy that you have is 25 the same as what we are seeing on the screen?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 <b>A. I can confirm that, yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. Thank you very much. If we could just go to the last</p> <p>3 page of that document, please, which is SND-1345, you</p> <p>4 see again there there's a large black "HIA46". Can you</p> <p>5 confirm that in the original document your signature</p> <p>6 appears there?</p> <p>7 <b>A. I can confirm that, yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. Thank you very much.</p> <p>9 Now I am just going ask you some questions, the</p> <p>10 answers to which will help the work of the Inquiry.</p> <p>11 If I can first of all confirm you are now age 62,</p> <p>12 almost 63. Is that correct?</p> <p>13 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b></p> <p>14 Q. And there is some confusion. You believe that you were</p> <p>15 placed in Termonbacca when you were just a few months</p> <p>16 old, which would have been about 1951, when you were</p> <p>17 born?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes, that's what I believed, yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. And I have actually shown you a document this morning</p> <p>20 which -- could I ask that page SND-1350 be put up on the</p> <p>21 screen? If you can just look at that document, you see</p> <p>22 there that it says that:</p> <p>23 "HIA46 was admitted 28th January 1955 recommended by</p> <p>24 Reverend Mother Ignatius", and then there is an address</p> <p>25 blocked out. "Father delicate and mother out working.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 <b>an infant there. I remember lying in a cot in</b></p> <p>2 <b>Termonbacca. The early memories I have are only</b></p> <p>3 <b>Termonbacca --</b></p> <p>4 Q. You did --</p> <p>5 <b>A. -- nothing else.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt you, HIA46, but</p> <p>7 I think in your statement you did say that you thought</p> <p>8 that you might initially have been placed in Fahan in</p> <p>9 Donegal and then moved to Termonbacca?</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes, yes, and the explanation there is that I may have</b></p> <p>11 <b>been very, very small when I was in Fahan, but that's</b></p> <p>12 <b>something I learned from another sibling, that we were</b></p> <p>13 <b>in Fahan and then we came to Termonbacca, and I have no</b></p> <p>14 <b>other memories of Fahan or where was I before</b></p> <p>15 <b>Termonbacca. I questioned that strongly, that. Also</b></p> <p>16 <b>I would like to know this woman, Ignatius, was she</b></p> <p>17 <b>operating from which jurisdiction? That would be</b></p> <p>18 <b>helpful in ascertaining the ... Yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. The details?</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Well, if we can move on and can I ask you: were you</p> <p>22 aware of any siblings in Termonbacca with you?</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes. HIA121, an older sibling, I was aware of.</b></p> <p>24 Q. And it will become evident to the Inquiry that there was</p> <p>25 another brother, HIA88 --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 Donegal County Council pay £1 weekly towards his</p> <p>2 upkeep."</p> <p>3 Do you see that?</p> <p>4 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>5 Q. That suggests -- I should say this is a document we have</p> <p>6 received from the admissions books from the Sisters of</p> <p>7 Nazareth and it suggests you were, in fact, admitted in</p> <p>8 1955, HIA46. Were you aware of that?</p> <p>9 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>10 Q. You believe you have been there from an earlier age. Is</p> <p>11 that so?</p> <p>12 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>13 Q. Is it fair to say, as this document suggests, that you</p> <p>14 ended up in a children's home because your own home and</p> <p>15 family circumstances were far from happy?</p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>17 Q. You were unaware of the details of the situation between</p> <p>18 your parents. Is that correct?</p> <p>19 <b>A. Yes, indeed.</b></p> <p>20 Q. What is your earliest memory of being in Termonbacca?</p> <p>21 <b>A. That I was in the Babies' Department, which is why</b></p> <p>22 <b>I question the correctness of that statement by that</b></p> <p>23 <b>woman. I believe it not to be true, but I have no</b></p> <p>24 <b>evidence pointing in any -- in the opposite direction</b></p> <p>25 <b>either other than my memories, which was that I was</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. -- who was also placed in Termonbacca.</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. Were you aware of his existence in Termonbacca?</p> <p>5 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>6 Q. At any stage when you were in there --</p> <p>7 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- did you ever become aware you had a brother called</p> <p>9 HIA88 there?</p> <p>10 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>11 Q. What is your recollection of being aware of HIA121's</p> <p>12 presence? Did you know that right from the start or</p> <p>13 what?</p> <p>14 <b>A. No, not from the start. That was something that grew on</b></p> <p>15 <b>me later on when I moved over to the Senior Boys'</b></p> <p>16 <b>Department.</b></p> <p>17 Q. So if you weren't aware of HIA88's existence and you</p> <p>18 later became aware of HIA121's existence, what contact</p> <p>19 did you have with them when you were in Termonbacca?</p> <p>20 <b>A. I can't remember any -- it was like discovering</b></p> <p>21 <b>a sibling. It was a process. It was like -- nobody</b></p> <p>22 <b>said, "This is your brother". It was like, so to speak,</b></p> <p>23 <b>left to yourself to discover if you had or had not</b></p> <p>24 <b>a brother there. So it wasn't -- there was no moment of</b></p> <p>25 <b>clearness. It was just, "He's my brother. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>

1 **Okay", but that would be something that wasn't of**  
 2 **importance for the adults who worked there.**  
 3 Q. Well, the congregation suggest, HIA46, that no barriers  
 4 to siblings mixing -- there were no barriers to siblings  
 5 mixing in the same home. Have you anything you wish to  
 6 say about that?  
 7 **A. Well, yes, I do. No barriers, but the opposite to**  
 8 **barriers is where you consciously work towards keeping**  
 9 **them together. That was something I didn't experience.**  
 10 Q. We are aware from other evidence that your family  
 11 included sisters, that you had a number of sisters as  
 12 well as brothers.  
 13 **A. Yes.**  
 14 Q. What do you wish to say to the Inquiry about your  
 15 knowledge of your sisters?  
 16 **A. Well, like my knowledge of my sisters is an ongoing**  
 17 **process. Last night I learned I had three sisters in**  
 18 **Bishop Street. I believed two, but all are dead.**  
 19 **That's something I learned yesterday.**  
 20 Q. But having only learned that so recently, can the  
 21 Inquiry take it that the level of contact between you  
 22 and your sisters was low?  
 23 **A. Non-existent.**  
 24 Q. Did -- when you -- during your time in Termonbacca were  
 25 you ever aware that you had sisters in Nazareth House?

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1 **A. I heard someone say something about sisters, but I was**  
 2 **never consciously presented to them. I was never made**  
 3 **aware of them. I was never informed about them or their**  
 4 **names. On the contrary, it seemed to be**  
 5 **an understanding that, "We don't do that here".**  
 6 **Although I went to school in Bishop Street and was in**  
 7 **the same building, in the same -- probably in the same**  
 8 **classroom -- I might have been -- no effort was made to**  
 9 **bring together or in any way inform me, "You have**  
 10 **sisters here and these are their names".**  
 11 Q. So you are suggesting that you may have actually been in  
 12 the same classroom as some of your sisters and had no  
 13 knowledge of that?  
 14 **A. Indeed.**  
 15 Q. Can I then ask you, HIA46, about contact with your  
 16 parents? It is clear from evidence that we received  
 17 that your parents were alive when you were in  
 18 Termonbacca. Both parents were alive.  
 19 **A. Yes.**  
 20 Q. Can you say what contact did you have with them when you  
 21 were in the home?  
 22 **A. When I was about 7, I think 7 years old, my parents came**  
 23 **to Termonbacca and brought us home again.**  
 24 Q. I think if we look at paragraph 13 of your witness  
 25 statement, which is page SND-134, at the bottom of that

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1 page. If you could put that up, please, alongside  
 2 page -- sorry. SND-1340. I beg your pardon. If that  
 3 could be put alongside 1340 (sic).  
 4 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 5 Q. You see there that in your statement, HIA46, you say:  
 6 "My mother and father took me out of the home on one  
 7 occasion only. It was during the summer of 1957 or  
 8 1958."  
 9 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 10 Q. I should have confirmed you were actually born in 1951.  
 11 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 12 Q. So you would have been age 6 or 7?  
 13 **A. That would be right.**  
 14 Q. "... and I returned home to live with them during the  
 15 summer for two months, but it was never repeated."  
 16 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 17 Q. You go on to speak about the insight that you got into  
 18 your father's personality during that time.  
 19 **A. Yes.**  
 20 CHAIRMAN: Sorry to interrupt. Why do we have SND-1340  
 21 twice on the screen?  
 22 MS SMITH: The second page should be 1341 put alongside --  
 23 thank you -- and paragraph 14 commences at the bottom of  
 24 the first page and goes over on to the 1341 page.  
 25 **A. Uh-huh.**

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1 Q. In that paragraph you say that the nuns did not really  
 2 want your parents visiting you in the home.  
 3 **A. Yes.**  
 4 Q. Is there anything you would like to say about that?  
 5 **A. Well, I -- as a kid you are very perceptible to how**  
 6 **adults behave. There was no doubt in my mind that they**  
 7 **were a burden, troublesome, preferably shouldn't be**  
 8 **there, were not welcome, made to feel diminished in**  
 9 **every way from the nuns. The nuns were very clear about**  
 10 **this. This was nothing they welcomed. You can see this**  
 11 **as a kid very easily, and it indicated some degree of**  
 12 **fear or whatever, but they weren't welcome and they**  
 13 **should go away. That was very obvious that they weren't**  
 14 **--**  
 15 Q. Welcome?  
 16 **A. -- welcome, yes.**  
 17 Q. Thank you. In paragraph 14 of the statement you talk  
 18 about how you left Termonbacca in around 1960 or '61.  
 19 **A. Uh-huh.**  
 20 Q. You go on to say you were just shipped out with your  
 21 brother HIA121. Now can I just ask you some details  
 22 about that? What is your understanding of the reasons  
 23 why you were moved?  
 24 **A. I have never ever been informed as to why we were moved.**  
 25 Q. Were your parents involved?

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<p>1 <b>A. Not that I know of.</b></p> <p>2 Q. And were Social Services involved?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Well, if you mean Social Services -- if you mean by that</b></p> <p>4 <b>a woman who drove us in a Volkswagen -- I always thought</b></p> <p>5 <b>it was a Volkswagen; I heard later it was something else</b></p> <p>6 <b>-- in a car one morning from Termonbacca to Salthill in</b></p> <p>7 <b>Galway, she never informed us of anything. She told us</b></p> <p>8 <b>it was a lovely place, beautiful people, horses and,</b></p> <p>9 <b>"You're going to be so happy", and then dumped us</b></p> <p>10 <b>outside the gate to an industrial school at Salthill in</b></p> <p>11 <b>Galway.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Did you know this person's name or --</p> <p>13 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>14 Q. -- had you seen her before?</p> <p>15 <b>A. No, but, you see, the culture at the time was you don't</b></p> <p>16 <b>ask questions. We were trained not to ask. The whole</b></p> <p>17 <b>atmosphere at Termonbacca was not asking and not being</b></p> <p>18 <b>informed or told in any way. You were a number. You</b></p> <p>19 <b>weren't worthy of information. You were to do as you</b></p> <p>20 <b>were told. That type of culture makes an effect on</b></p> <p>21 <b>a person. Even when you are 9, you learn not to ask,</b></p> <p>22 <b>because asking is always trouble.</b></p> <p>23 Q. Can I -- you say that you were aware that your brother</p> <p>24 HIA121 was in the home with you.</p> <p>25 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 13</p>	<p>1 <b>A. Yes, indeed I did.</b></p> <p>2 Q. Although you didn't actually give evidence, as many</p> <p>3 people didn't, in oral testimony to the Inquiry?</p> <p>4 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. Can I just also confirm at this stage that you</p> <p>6 personally have no complaints to make about the clothing</p> <p>7 that you were provided with?</p> <p>8 <b>A. No, the clothing.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Or the food that was provided?</p> <p>10 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Or toys and activities, you have no complaints about</p> <p>12 those?</p> <p>13 <b>A. No, no.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Is there anything you wish to say about them?</p> <p>15 <b>A. Well, I think the regime in Termonbacca was there was</b></p> <p>16 <b>a degree of civil involvement in the running of the</b></p> <p>17 <b>school. We had visits from people from outside. People</b></p> <p>18 <b>came and tried to make a difference, adults,</b></p> <p>19 <b>well-meaning adults. Mr Dudley, Mr Devine came on</b></p> <p>20 <b>Sunday just to visit kids, to visit us with no ulterior</b></p> <p>21 <b>motive.</b></p> <p>22 Q. These were volunteers?</p> <p>23 <b>A. They were volunteers, yes. There are many examples of</b></p> <p>24 <b>people doing that type of -- making that type of input,</b></p> <p>25 <b>and we were very happy for it. If you only -- if you</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 15</p>
<p>1 Q. When you were moved to Salthill, were you aware that</p> <p>2 this was your brother who was moving with you?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes, I was aware he was my brother, and we were very</b></p> <p>4 <b>close, because even with the separation and regime at</b></p> <p>5 <b>Termonbacca there is also a biological necessity to feel</b></p> <p>6 <b>affinity to someone, and who else but a brother, albeit</b></p> <p>7 <b>a brother who is in a bad situation like yourself, but</b></p> <p>8 <b>at least you have each other, yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. You have indicated that you went to Salthill, and can</p> <p>10 I ask you briefly how did that compare with Termonbacca?</p> <p>11 <b>A. Well, Auschwitz to Treblinka.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Could you perhaps expand a little on that? I think most</p> <p>13 of us will know what you mean, HIA46.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes, I can expand on that. If you mean a comparison</b></p> <p>15 <b>with two hell holes, which is better. It is difficult</b></p> <p>16 <b>to describe when things are bad. You are going on</b></p> <p>17 <b>a race to the bottom. Salthill was Auschwitz.</b></p> <p>18 <b>Treblinka, that was Termonbacca. It was a little bit</b></p> <p>19 <b>better in Termonbacca. To be fair it was a little bit</b></p> <p>20 <b>better. There was some ease. There was some degree of</b></p> <p>21 <b>civility and some degree of civil society present in my</b></p> <p>22 <b>life then. None of that existed in Galway.</b></p> <p>23 Q. I believe you say in your statement that you gave</p> <p>24 a statement to the Ryan Commission about Salthill. Is</p> <p>25 that correct?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 <b>only were children, you like adults. You want to see</b></p> <p>2 <b>somebody who is different. You are in a world where</b></p> <p>3 <b>there is nuns and there is kids and no adults. These</b></p> <p>4 <b>were people from civil society with an intention to make</b></p> <p>5 <b>a difference, and Sunday visits by two men, even if they</b></p> <p>6 <b>were ultra Catholic -- it didn't matter if they were</b></p> <p>7 <b>ultra Jewish as long as they were decent people. You</b></p> <p>8 <b>understand me? So that would mean a certain degree of</b></p> <p>9 <b>alleviation of boredom and tristesse. People came. We</b></p> <p>10 <b>went to Christmas parties to the army base. I mean,</b></p> <p>11 <b>that was the British Army base, the main enemy, if you</b></p> <p>12 <b>like, giving us a Christmas party. So the paradoxes</b></p> <p>13 <b>were there. People of different cultures were doing</b></p> <p>14 <b>pretty good things.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Yes. I think you mention the Christmas parties at</p> <p>16 paragraph 11 in your statement.</p> <p>17 <b>A. Yes, at Ballykelly.</b></p> <p>18 Q. Yes. What about bathing? Do you have any complaints to</p> <p>19 make about the bathing?</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes, there was a culture of bathing there which I to</b></p> <p>21 <b>this day have a great difficulty in understanding, but</b></p> <p>22 <b>they had a great love for Jeyes Fluid. That was the</b></p> <p>23 <b>default line. If you had any problems with children,</b></p> <p>24 <b>a bath and Jeyes Fluid would solve everything. It was</b></p> <p>25 <b>kind of like Cyclone B and the gas chambers, you know,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 16</p>

<p>1 and it had the effect on children that they became very 2 damaged. I escaped it. I can't say I got any damage to 3 my skin from it, but it was the general cleaning method 4 used for children. I know that other children had great 5 problems with that, but I will let them speak for 6 themselves.</p> <p>7 Q. You have complained about the work that you were asked 8 to do in Termonbacca.</p> <p>9 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. What would you like to say to the Inquiry about that?</p> <p>11 A. Yes. They -- it seemed to me that children were -- we 12 were sort of kind of two things. We were labour and we 13 were also praying machines. When things got wrong in 14 the world, like Russia was Communist, we would pray for 15 hours to convert them to Catholicism on our knees, all 16 children.</p> <p>17 The other one was working, cleaning floors. I don't 18 mean cleaning floors in a sort of a children's way. 19 I mean cleaning floors in an industrial way. We would 20 clean floors and clean and clean. We had a system where 21 children were linked together in a chain holding each 22 other's arms with rags under our feet, both feet, and 23 you had a song called "River fro and river back". Now 24 you learned that, because that was the rhythm. You were 25 like a chain gang and you cleaned the floors. You</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 17</p>	<p>1 and you go outside and you're a part of society. The 2 memories are going to school and reading and writing and 3 getting milk from the milk in bottles and stuff like 4 that, you know. It was different. It was good to do 5 that, because it was different, and you weren't beaten 6 in -- so to speak. You weren't beaten. You were just 7 a kid there studying.</p> <p>8 Q. Can I ask just to clarify that, you talked about going 9 to school in Bridge Street --</p> <p>10 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 Q. -- and you had previously told us you were --</p> <p>12 A. Bishop Street.</p> <p>13 Q. -- in Bishop Street.</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Did you go to both schools?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>17 Q. And do you recall what age you moved from one to the 18 other?</p> <p>19 A. No, I can't say when I moved, no, but I turned up at 20 Bridge Street. I obviously had become older. Bishop 21 Street was for smaller children and it was -- the girls 22 were there. So we were put in there perhaps because we 23 were so small, but then I began the national school at 24 Bridge Street with the headmaster, Mr Johnston.</p> <p>25 Q. Well, might the headmaster have been SND5?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 19</p>
<p>1 polished the floors. The whole -- it was a big place 2 and you were a very little kid, and it was work, and 3 those floors were shiny, and it was work. That's one 4 clear memory. Otherwise I don't remember work being 5 work as such, more -- but just the cleaning was very, 6 very hard, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Can you say anything as to how often you were expected 8 to clean or anything like that?</p> <p>9 A. No, I can't, because like when you are a kid, you don't 10 keep tabs on, "How many times have I done this floor?" 11 You sort of flow into a constant flow of work. It's 12 work, work, work.</p> <p>13 Q. It was part of the routine?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, part of the culture.</p> <p>15 Q. What do you have to say to the Inquiry about the 16 education you received when you were resident in 17 Termonbacca?</p> <p>18 A. Well, we went to school in Bridge Street. There was 19 a -- I actually liked school and the little education 20 I did get was actually from Bridge Street. SND20 was my 21 favourite teacher. It was good to go to school, because 22 you left Termonbacca. Going to school was a break. It 23 was different, and you met other kids, and there was a 24 high -- there was -- the civil society made itself 25 present by going to school. You leave an institution</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 18</p>	<p>1 A. Ah, SND5, yes. SND5, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Can I ask during your time in Termonbacca do you ever 3 remember anyone official from Social Services coming to 4 the home?</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. Or do you remember any visits by senior nuns?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. Can I ask -- you make certain specific allegations and 9 I'm going to turn to those now.</p> <p>10 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 Q. If we could look at paragraph 5 of your statement, 12 please, which is at page SND-1338. If that 13 paragraph could perhaps be highlighted -- magnified. 14 Now in this paragraph you make a specific allegation and 15 you say that: 16 "However, when I was five or six, I recall being 17 waked, taken out of my bed at night and sexually abused 18 in the bathroom by a woman. I remember it happened in 19 the toilets in a cubicle that was partitioned off. 20 I cannot recall if this woman was a nun or a civilian 21 member of staff, but she sat on the toilet seat and used 22 me for her own sexual gratification. I cannot recall 23 any of her physical characteristics", 24 but you do recall that she was probably 25 menstruating at the time, as she was bleeding.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 20</p>

<p>1 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>2 Q. You say that she tried you make you penetrate her, but</p> <p>3 that is all you can recall.</p> <p>4 Now is there anything you wish to add to that or is</p> <p>5 that -- can you confirm that that is what you recall</p> <p>6 happening that night?</p> <p>7 <b>A. I can confirm that's what happened that night, yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. All right. You go on to talk about the effect that that</p> <p>9 had on you.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Can I ask just about that effect? In that statement may</p> <p>12 I suggest, HIA46, what you are doing is looking back --</p> <p>13 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>14 Q. -- and describing the subsequent effect, but at that</p> <p>15 time had you any idea what you were experiencing?</p> <p>16 <b>A. No. It was unusual. It was nothing I could, so to</b></p> <p>17 <b>speak, handle. It was something that was happening</b></p> <p>18 <b>outside my body. When it happened, it happened, so to</b></p> <p>19 <b>speak, where I'm not there, although I'm there. The</b></p> <p>20 <b>realisation of what happened did come eventually slowly,</b></p> <p>21 <b>above all when you get a little older and realising that</b></p> <p>22 <b>this did happen and it was not imagination or invention.</b></p> <p>23 <b>It did happen. It's as clear today sadly, because</b></p> <p>24 <b>I would like it not to be so clear, but the effects of</b></p> <p>25 <b>it I later on learned were monumental.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>	<p>1 Q. Can I just move on then to paragraph 8 where you make</p> <p>2 specific allegations in this paragraph? If I can just</p> <p>3 read that out, you say that:</p> <p>4 "I got thumped and kicked by the nuns on occasion</p> <p>5 but not to the same extent as the other children."</p> <p>6 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>7 Q. "In my view I got off quite lightly, but I did witness</p> <p>8 the nuns being violent towards other children and that</p> <p>9 was commonplace within the home. The nuns would lose</p> <p>10 control with anger and rage and often there was no cause</p> <p>11 for such behaviour",</p> <p>12 which you describe as bordering on psychotic at</p> <p>13 times.</p> <p>14 You say the only nun that you can recall with any</p> <p>15 clarity now is SR3, whose name you give in your</p> <p>16 statement.</p> <p>17 "She was in charge of the senior dormitory. She was</p> <p>18 always derogatory and negative with her comments."</p> <p>19 Can I pause there to ask you what you mean by that?</p> <p>20 Can you give any details of what you mean by how she was</p> <p>21 negative or derogatory?</p> <p>22 <b>A. Well, the language used there was derogatory and</b></p> <p>23 <b>negative and also diminishing, so to speak. It was</b></p> <p>24 <b>a form of psychological abuse, but in a concrete manner</b></p> <p>25 <b>it expressed itself by -- you were described as various</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p>
<p>1 Q. You say in paragraph 6 of your statement that it was</p> <p>2 only when you were an adolescent or a teenager --</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. -- that you came to realisation of what had occurred</p> <p>5 that night.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. You also in paragraph 7 say that this was the only time</p> <p>8 that you were sexually abused in Termonbacca?</p> <p>9 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>10 Q. And you can't identify who this woman was --</p> <p>11 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>12 Q. -- whether she was a lay person or --</p> <p>13 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Can I just confirm that there were lay people in</p> <p>15 Termonbacca?</p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes. There were lay people working there, females. So</b></p> <p>17 <b>that's why I say I can't say if it was a nun or</b></p> <p>18 <b>a civilian staff member. I don't know, but it was</b></p> <p>19 <b>an adult woman.</b></p> <p>20 Q. An adult woman. Can we -- can I just confirm that as</p> <p>21 regards children there were only boys in Termonbacca at</p> <p>22 the time that you were there --</p> <p>23 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>24 Q. -- and of different age groups?</p> <p>25 <b>A. Correct.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 <b>things, like a Jew, a tinker, a tramp born beside the</b></p> <p>2 <b>road. You were worth nothing. Your mother didn't want</b></p> <p>3 <b>you. Your father didn't want you. You are a misfoster.</b></p> <p>4 <b>You are this and you're that. If you are fed with that</b></p> <p>5 <b>type of diet from a adult who is a nun, over time with</b></p> <p>6 <b>a vulnerable child it kicks in, makes effect, and it's</b></p> <p>7 <b>over time, and I mean years, and a group of children</b></p> <p>8 <b>being subjected to that type of verbal abuse makes</b></p> <p>9 <b>an impact, and it did with me.</b></p> <p>10 Q. You go on to say that her very presence felt like</p> <p>11 a threat to you.</p> <p>12 <b>A. Yes, and that's one thing I'd like to -- stop there.</b></p> <p>13 <b>The very presence of these nuns was at time ominous.</b></p> <p>14 <b>There was always a hovering threat of something about to</b></p> <p>15 <b>happen, even if it didn't happen. Not happening was in</b></p> <p>16 <b>itself a threat. That it happened, at least the threat</b></p> <p>17 <b>was gone. You had a concrete expression for the threat.</b></p> <p>18 <b>So either they exploded in a rage or were ironic,</b></p> <p>19 <b>cynical, derogatory or anything that could be said that</b></p> <p>20 <b>was -- that could purposefully put you into</b></p> <p>21 <b>a psychologically negative landscape, that was their</b></p> <p>22 <b>major modus operandi.</b></p> <p>23 <b>I have looked back at these things and this</b></p> <p>24 <b>behaviour and I realised that people who do this and are</b></p> <p>25 <b>like that are not feeling too well and they shouldn't be</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p>

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<p>1 <b>in the vicinity of children. Just there we have a very</b></p> <p>2 <b>serious situation where the sexual abuse and the</b></p> <p>3 <b>violence could be understood. There was no control over</b></p> <p>4 <b>them either.</b></p> <p>5 Q. Those were the specific complaints, the two major</p> <p>6 complaints that you have to make about what happened to</p> <p>7 you in Termonbacca --</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. -- although I think it is fair to say that you have</p> <p>10 described an atmosphere in the home. Is that right?</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes. It's an atmosphere conducive to abuse.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Well, can I just pause there and say that you don't</p> <p>13 complain about everyone that you encountered in</p> <p>14 Termonbacca.</p> <p>15 <b>A. Correct.</b></p> <p>16 Q. Is that correct? You do recall some positive things</p> <p>17 about your time there also?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. In your statement you certainly talk about how you felt</p> <p>20 happy in the nursery.</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. And isn't it correct that last year you actually did</p> <p>23 speak to Radio Foyle and in that interview you mentioned</p> <p>24 Mr Hutton and Bridge Street School --</p> <p>25 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 <b>he did when he -- there was a snow storm and he said,</b></p> <p>2 <b>"The lads from Bridge Street from the home are not</b></p> <p>3 <b>walking home in that snow storm", and he took out his</b></p> <p>4 <b>wallet and he rented a bus and drove us home.</b></p> <p>5 <b>I remember that clearly. In a snow storm he wouldn't</b></p> <p>6 <b>let us out. Someone was taking responsibility. Someone</b></p> <p>7 <b>was showing the way.</b></p> <p>8 <b>So the norms of society then were not that everyone</b></p> <p>9 <b>was an abuser, or everyone was hating kids, or everyone</b></p> <p>10 <b>was nasty. There were people who actually took</b></p> <p>11 <b>responsibility and said, "We will do this. It's outside</b></p> <p>12 <b>the rule book, but there's a snow storm. They're little</b></p> <p>13 <b>kids. They've short trousers, little stockings.</b></p> <p>14 <b>They're only eight. Come on! On the bus with you!"</b></p> <p>15 <b>Another thing he did, he bought us clothes, because</b></p> <p>16 <b>at the time we were supposed to have school jackets with</b></p> <p>17 <b>the emblem of the school. You know, we are home boys.</b></p> <p>18 <b>We can't afford that stuff. I actually believe he</b></p> <p>19 <b>bought them himself from his own wallet, because he</b></p> <p>20 <b>didn't want us to feel different than the other kids.</b></p> <p>21 <b>So there were good people. There was Mr Dudley and</b></p> <p>22 <b>Mr Devine who tried. There was various adults who tried</b></p> <p>23 <b>to come up and do things with the kids in a good way</b></p> <p>24 <b>without an ulterior motive. Now the sad thing is that</b></p> <p>25 <b>anyone working with children today you almost</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 Q. -- and how positive that was?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. Is there anything else that you wish to say that was</p> <p>4 positive or ...?</p> <p>5 <b>A. Well, any place that consists of X number of people</b></p> <p>6 <b>would always show up different characteristics. I'm</b></p> <p>7 <b>talking specifically about people who did bad things,</b></p> <p>8 <b>but there are people there or were people there who did</b></p> <p>9 <b>good things, and that's fair to mention, because it's</b></p> <p>10 <b>a way of giving them a sense of rehabilitation also that</b></p> <p>11 <b>it's not forgotten what they did. At the same time it's</b></p> <p>12 <b>not forgotten the bad things either, but I'm trying to</b></p> <p>13 <b>keep a balance here between those who tried to do</b></p> <p>14 <b>something good and those who failed dismally. The bad</b></p> <p>15 <b>things were monumental. They had a shattering effect on</b></p> <p>16 <b>me and they made an impact on life that was not good.</b></p> <p>17 <b>It has taken a considerable degree of energy to come to</b></p> <p>18 <b>terms with it over time.</b></p> <p>19 <b>The good people have always been there in my head</b></p> <p>20 <b>and I was always wondering how did they stick it? How</b></p> <p>21 <b>did they manage? How did they survive? We often talk</b></p> <p>22 <b>about ourselves as survivors. Now if you are trying to</b></p> <p>23 <b>do something good in a sea of evil, how do you survive,</b></p> <p>24 <b>and they were survivors too.</b></p> <p>25 <b>Mr Hutton was a fantastic man. I remember one thing</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 <b>automatically expect them or suspect them of having</b></p> <p>2 <b>ulterior motives. That's where we have gone to, given</b></p> <p>3 <b>the Saville thing in England. Do you understand where I</b></p> <p>4 <b>am coming from? There are good people who don't have</b></p> <p>5 <b>ulterior motives, who just try to make a difference.</b></p> <p>6 <b>Those people existed beside those people who did the</b></p> <p>7 <b>opposite.</b></p> <p>8 Q. And you remember those people?</p> <p>9 <b>A. I remember them and them.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Can I move on then? You left Termonbacca obviously and</p> <p>11 went to Salthill?</p> <p>12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>13 Q. You eventually left Salthill, and after you left your</p> <p>14 time there you travelled?</p> <p>15 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>16 Q. And you joined the Irish Army at one point?</p> <p>17 <b>A. Yes, I did.</b></p> <p>18 Q. You were there for a period of nearly three years?</p> <p>19 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. When you left the army, you never returned to Ireland?</p> <p>21 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>22 Q. And you now live happily --</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. -- in Sweden --</p> <p>25 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p>

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<p>1 Q. -- where you have a partner and three children?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. And your life has completely transformed?</p> <p>4 <b>A. The other way around, yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. You did in 2008, though, report your experiences --</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. -- to the police in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Is there something you would like to say about that?</p> <p>10 <b>A. Well, my decision to report was prior to the SAVIA who</b></p> <p>11 <b>agitated for an Inquiry. That was based on the fact</b></p> <p>12 <b>that I never let go of what happened me, but I also</b></p> <p>13 <b>never let go of what happened my siblings and the other</b></p> <p>14 <b>kids. If this happened to me, what happened to them and</b></p> <p>15 <b>how are they today?</b></p> <p>16 <b>When the PSNI was constituted as a de facto police</b></p> <p>17 <b>force or the legitimate police force of Northern Ireland</b></p> <p>18 <b>after the GFA, I realised, "I now have a legitimate body</b></p> <p>19 <b>to go to to make my complaint". If you look at the date</b></p> <p>20 <b>it is I think not a week after the official founding of</b></p> <p>21 <b>the PSNI. So we have a bona fide police group. We have</b></p> <p>22 <b>a complaint. It is fifty years ago. I am not giving up.</b></p> <p>23 <b>I want it to go into the files. At least I can make my</b></p> <p>24 <b>complaint. I don't know anything about an Inquiry.</b></p> <p>25 <b>There is no Inquiry. This is prior to it. I am on my</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 29</p>	<p>1 Inquiry has to make recommendations to the Northern</p> <p>2 Ireland Executive about a potential apology --</p> <p>3 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>4 Q. -- some form of appropriate memorial or tribute and</p> <p>5 whether some form of redress is appropriate. Is there</p> <p>6 anything that you wish to say to the Inquiry about those</p> <p>7 matters, HIA46?</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes. Sir Anthony, I have no doubt the truth will come</b></p> <p>9 <b>out in this, because so far I have realised that HIAI is</b></p> <p>10 <b>not -- is a body that seems to mean business and it is</b></p> <p>11 <b>determined to get to the bottom of this as far as</b></p> <p>12 <b>possible, given the time lapse. So I am -- I have</b></p> <p>13 <b>a great feeling of confidence in the investigation and</b></p> <p>14 <b>so far my expectations have been okay. I have seen them</b></p> <p>15 <b>fulfilled.</b></p> <p>16 <b>What I would like to suggest at the end of the day</b></p> <p>17 <b>when it is all over and the book has been written and</b></p> <p>18 <b>been put on the table in the year 16 in January when Sir</b></p> <p>19 <b>Anthony puts it to the Assembly is a recommendation</b></p> <p>20 <b>containing above all the truth and legislation,</b></p> <p>21 <b>a recommendation that stringent legislation be put into</b></p> <p>22 <b>place that prevents the repetition of this, so no more</b></p> <p>23 <b>inquiries are needed, for the protection of children.</b></p> <p>24 <b>The type of children we were back then, they are still</b></p> <p>25 <b>around today and they will always be with us. It is</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 31</p>
<p>1 own and I try to make the one last input that could make</p> <p>2 a difference, not realising that this would come about</p> <p>3 today. So it's a shot in the dark, and the police take</p> <p>4 the complaint. They do their -- they do some</p> <p>5 questioning and I get a letter back saying, "We have met</p> <p>6 a stone wall. We are going nowhere".</p> <p>7 Q. And there was no prosecution resulting from your</p> <p>8 complaint. Is that correct?</p> <p>9 <b>A. No, nothing, nothing.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Can I ask what your attitude today is to those who</p> <p>11 looked after you, HIA46?</p> <p>12 <b>A. Well, I am a bit disappointed, because the apology was</b></p> <p>13 <b>given the other day I think by the Sisters of Nazareth</b></p> <p>14 <b>in a deflective manner which lacked pregnancy, lacked</b></p> <p>15 <b>real heavy weight. It was where they included all of</b></p> <p>16 <b>society of Northern Ireland in the abuse which they</b></p> <p>17 <b>themselves are part of. I mean, not taking</b></p> <p>18 <b>responsibility for their own abuse and saying, "Leave</b></p> <p>19 <b>society outside. We stand up and say we did wrong.</b></p> <p>20 <b>We'll put it right. What can we do? Tell us. Let's</b></p> <p>21 <b>talk". Instead everyone else is included in it. The</b></p> <p>22 <b>wider society was included in their apology as being</b></p> <p>23 <b>participants in an abuse they themselves own. That made</b></p> <p>24 <b>me angry.</b></p> <p>25 Q. Well, finally, a few final questions. As you know, the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 30</p>	<p>1 nothing that's going to go away. So that's one point.</p> <p>2 Compensation, yes. It should come from the Orders.</p> <p>3 It should not come from the taxpayer. The taxpayer</p> <p>4 should not be burdened for this. I believe strongly</p> <p>5 that this should be done. I also believe that the</p> <p>6 a welfare fund be founded for those in a bad way and</p> <p>7 many other people are in a bad way today, a very bad way</p> <p>8 indeed. I have seen it close up and it's not -- it's</p> <p>9 heartbreaking to see them. They are still the boys that</p> <p>10 left Termonbacca, although they are 60 years old. They</p> <p>11 are still the same lads. The damage has been done and</p> <p>12 it's permanent. It doesn't go away. They are on their</p> <p>13 own out there and they are very lonely and sad and</p> <p>14 broken.</p> <p>15 Another thing is that there's many people today not</p> <p>16 coming here ever because they are dead. We have a very</p> <p>17 high mortality rate within this group, something that</p> <p>18 maybe the Inquiry could look at in a way. I am not</p> <p>19 saying you should. I am asking if it is possible to at</p> <p>20 least make an observation as to the mortality rate,</p> <p>21 because it indicates what happens children when you do</p> <p>22 this to them.</p> <p>23 Q. One question -- specific question I meant to ask you was</p> <p>24 you talked about one of the sisters. Do you ever recall</p> <p>25 a SR78 who was present at Termonbacca when you were</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 32</p>



<p>1 there?</p> <p>2 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>3 Q. No. Finally, you have obviously thought a lot about</p> <p>4 this. Aside from what is in your statement, which the</p> <p>5 Inquiry has in its entirety and will consider in its</p> <p>6 entirety, and those matters that I have not drawn to</p> <p>7 their attention will be considered, is there anything</p> <p>8 further you wish to say at this point? This is your</p> <p>9 opportunity, HIA46, if there is anything that you wish</p> <p>10 to add that you have left out or anything else that you</p> <p>11 feel the Inquiry ought to be aware of.</p> <p>12 <b>A. Yes. I would like to say that I am very impressed by</b></p> <p>13 <b>the Inquiry. I am very grateful to be here today.</b></p> <p>14 <b>I feel privileged. There are many, as I said, not</b></p> <p>15 <b>coming ever. I am privileged to be able to do it and</b></p> <p>16 <b>meet you all like in this manner that I do. I have</b></p> <p>17 <b>tried to come across as believable, as plausible as</b></p> <p>18 <b>possible in a factual manner. These are important</b></p> <p>19 <b>questions.</b></p> <p>20 <b>An Inquiry has been put up. It is also unique in</b></p> <p>21 <b>the sense that it has legislation in its back to make</b></p> <p>22 <b>things work. That's not common. So that maybe says</b></p> <p>23 <b>something about the state of Northern Ireland today,</b></p> <p>24 <b>that everyone is making a journey, not just us kids from</b></p> <p>25 <b>Termonbacca. Even the broader society is making huge</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 time nobody did, but at any time in the time you were in</p> <p>2 Salthill did anybody there give you any explanation even</p> <p>3 in a casual way why you had come?</p> <p>4 <b>A. No, because the culture of silence was so compact that</b></p> <p>5 <b>asking questions to any adult, especially a Christian</b></p> <p>6 <b>Brother or nun, was taboo. You didn't ask. You didn't</b></p> <p>7 <b>have the platform. There wasn't a recognition of you</b></p> <p>8 <b>being a human being. You were an object with a number</b></p> <p>9 <b>and you were quiet. The element of fear stifled any</b></p> <p>10 <b>form of curiosity. Fear was overriding. In</b></p> <p>11 <b>an atmosphere of fear you stop asking. You stop</b></p> <p>12 <b>talking. You become silent.</b></p> <p>13 Q. Yes. I understand the point you are making. I was</p> <p>14 merely interested to know whether even in a throwaway</p> <p>15 line or something like that in your time at Salthill</p> <p>16 somebody might have said --</p> <p>17 <b>A. No, no. Amazing as it seems, nobody seemed to care.</b></p> <p>18 Q. Thank you. Did the sisters run the school in Salthill</p> <p>19 or was it --</p> <p>20 <b>A. No, it was run by the Irish Christian Brothers.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Christian Brothers, yes.</p> <p>22 <b>A. And is now closed and was the subject of a huge</b></p> <p>23 <b>investigation into sexual abuse by the Christian</b></p> <p>24 <b>Brothers, and that's where I was six years. So I was</b></p> <p>25 <b>trafficked out of Belfast -- out of Derry to Salthill</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 <b>strides forward. This is wonderful. This is great.</b></p> <p>2 <b>I am very happy to be here. I should be nervous. I am</b></p> <p>3 <b>not a bit nervous. I think it is wonderful to be able</b></p> <p>4 <b>to come here and say, "This is what happened. Take it,</b></p> <p>5 <b>and if you can't take it, don't ask the questions. If</b></p> <p>6 <b>you can take the answers, we can talk". So I am very</b></p> <p>7 <b>happy and privileged to be here. So I'd like to thank</b></p> <p>8 <b>everyone who has been listening to me very much. Right.</b></p> <p>9 <b>That's it.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Thank you very much. Unless there is anything the Panel</p> <p>11 wishes to ask ...</p> <p>12 Questions from THE PANEL</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN: May I just ask you one thing, HIA46? You have</p> <p>14 described being taken from Termonbacca by a social</p> <p>15 worker in a car to the industrial school in Salthill --</p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>17 Q. -- County Galway. Now I am sure it has been explained</p> <p>18 to you that we can't investigate what happened outside</p> <p>19 Northern Ireland in that way, and I think you have been</p> <p>20 in contact in the past with the Ryan Commission about</p> <p>21 your experiences in Salthill?</p> <p>22 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. What I would like to ask you is this. Did anybody ever</p> <p>24 explain to you why it was that you were taken to</p> <p>25 Salthill? I mean afterwards, not -- you said at the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 <b>with my brother without any information in the car.</b></p> <p>2 <b>"Keep quiet", and then the social worker, whom I would</b></p> <p>3 <b>dearly love to meet today, told me a pack of lies all</b></p> <p>4 <b>the way down to a goulag, essentially a child's prison.</b></p> <p>5 Q. Yes. Thank you very much.</p> <p>6 MS SMITH: Thank you, HIA46.</p> <p>7 <b>A. Thank you.</b></p> <p>8 Q. Chairman, there is a further witness to call this</p> <p>9 morning, but I wonder if we might take a short break.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN: Yes. There are some technical problems I think.</p> <p>11 We will sit again as soon as we can, but it may be at</p> <p>12 least ten minutes.</p> <p>13 (Witness withdrew)</p> <p>14 (11.30 am)</p> <p>15 (Short break)</p> <p>16 (11.40 am)</p> <p>17 HIA88 (called)</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN: Perhaps you would just introduce the witness and</p> <p>19 then I will ask him whether he wishes to take the oath</p> <p>20 or to affirm, Ms Smith.</p> <p>21 MS SMITH: Yes, Chairman.</p> <p>22 HIA88, we have agreed that I may call you by your</p> <p>23 first name. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>24 <b>A. Yes, that's right.</b></p> <p>25 Q. You have the designation for the purposes of the Inquiry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

1 "HIA88".  
 2 **A. Yes.**  
 3 Q. So the Chairman is going to ask you just about how you  
 4 would like to give your evidence.  
 5 CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA88, do you wish to give evidence on oath  
 6 or would you prefer to affirm, which is a solemn  
 7 promise? It is entirely a matter for you. They have  
 8 the same effect.  
 9 **A. Chairman, I'd like to give it on oath.**  
 10 Q. Very well.  
 11 HIA88 (sworn)  
 12 CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.  
 13 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY  
 14 MS SMITH: HIA88, it is evident to those of us present that  
 15 you're already experiencing some difficulty and that you  
 16 feel very emotional this morning.  
 17 **A. No, I am grand, Ms Smith. No, I will be fine now.**  
 18 **I just want to -- I'll be grand. Thank you very much.**  
 19 **Thank you.**  
 20 Q. If you do at any stage need a break, please just say and  
 21 we can take a short break.  
 22 **A. I am grand now. Thank you very much.**  
 23 Q. Would you please just -- there's a microphone in front  
 24 of you. If you can just speak into the microphone --  
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. -- while giving you answers to me so that everybody can  
 2 hear what you have to say and it can be recorded  
 3 properly.  
 4 I just want to explain, as I did this morning, when  
 5 I call up documents on the screen, there will be  
 6 a blacked out line and your designation, which is  
 7 "HIA88", will be across that to indicate your name --  
 8 **A. Yes.**  
 9 Q. -- and the names of others will equally be blacked out.  
 10 Okay?  
 11 Can I just ask you to confirm that you are HIA88?  
 12 **A. Yes, that's correct, Ms Smith.**  
 13 Q. And I am now going to ask that your witness statement be  
 14 called up on the screen and I believe that you have  
 15 a copy of this.  
 16 **A. Yes, I have indeed, yes.**  
 17 Q. That's SND-502, please.  
 18 **A. Yes, yes. That's right, Ms Smith, yes.**  
 19 Q. There's a screen in front of you and this is going to be  
 20 called up electronically, HIA88.  
 21 **A. Yes.**  
 22 Q. So if you can just have a look at that. Can you just  
 23 confirm that that document is the statement that you  
 24 wish the Inquiry to consider as your evidence?  
 25 **A. Yes, I do, Ms Smith, yes.**

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1 Q. And if we just go to the last page of that statement --  
 2 that's SND-510 -- and you see just at the bottom there  
 3 there is a date, 9th July 2013, and there's black band.  
 4 **A. Yes, I understand.**  
 5 Q. In the original your signature is under that black band.  
 6 Isn't that correct?  
 7 **A. Yes, that's correct, yes.**  
 8 Q. Now can I just summarise, HIA88? You are now age 69.  
 9 You are very soon going to be 70 next month. Isn't that  
 10 correct?  
 11 **A. Yes, that's correct.**  
 12 Q. And you are, in fact, the eldest of fourteen children?  
 13 **A. Yes, I am, miss. I am.**  
 14 Q. You are aware from your family history that one of those  
 15 children died at birth?  
 16 **A. Yes, that's correct, yes.**  
 17 Q. You have two brothers?  
 18 **A. Yes.**  
 19 Q. And you had six sisters?  
 20 **A. Yes. That's correct.**  
 21 Q. And all of your family were placed in children's homes?  
 22 **A. That's correct, yes.**  
 23 Q. Now between the late 1990s and 2000 you actually sought  
 24 information from the Sisters of Nazareth about both your  
 25 time in care and about your siblings' time in care. Is

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1 that so?  
 2 **A. Yes, I did, yes.**  
 3 Q. You did receive from them a number of documents?  
 4 **A. Yes, I did, yes.**  
 5 Q. If I can just ask that page 530, SND-530, be placed up  
 6 on the screen, please.  
 7 **A. Yes, that's correct, yes.**  
 8 Q. This is a letter that you did receive from Nazareth  
 9 House in Dublin in response to inquiries that you were  
 10 making?  
 11 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 12 Q. You will see there that it talks about information from  
 13 the records at Nazareth House, Bishop Street. There are  
 14 six different people. It is not clear. They are  
 15 blacked out on the screen --  
 16 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**  
 17 Q. -- as you can see, but those six people would have been  
 18 your sisters?  
 19 **A. That is correct, yes, Ms Smith.**  
 20 Q. Then in relation to Termonbacca there are, in fact, only  
 21 three names given there, but there seem to be different  
 22 dates of admission and dates of departure?  
 23 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 24 Q. And those suggest that two of your brothers were  
 25 admitted and subsequently released for a period of some

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<p>1 months and then went back into Termonbacca?</p> <p>2 <b>A. I am not 100% familiar with the admissions, because</b></p> <p>3 <b>there is corrections there in that statement.</b></p> <p>4 <b>There's -- there's --</b></p> <p>5 Q. You don't believe the information there is accurate. Is</p> <p>6 that what you are saying?</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes, yes. Their -- I'm not 100% sure of their dates,</b></p> <p>8 <b>but my dates of my own admission and my sister, because</b></p> <p>9 <b>we were the two went in first, my sister SND290, who is</b></p> <p>10 <b>now deceased, that's 30th March 1949, the two of us</b></p> <p>11 <b>together.</b></p> <p>12 Q. The two of you went.</p> <p>13 <b>A. So that's -- yes. So they are correct. That's me and</b></p> <p>14 <b>SND290 went in on 30th March 1949.</b></p> <p>15 Q. And then you left on 4th April 1957?</p> <p>16 <b>A. 1957 and she left -- sorry -- my eyes are not so -- '61.</b></p> <p>17 <b>She was there 10 or 11 years then.</b></p> <p>18 Q. If we can just look at SND-532.</p> <p>19 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. This -- sorry. It's a wrong number. That is actually</p> <p>21 an indication of your Certificate of Confirmation from</p> <p>22 the Diocese of Derry.</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes. This is true.</b></p> <p>24 Q. That was not the actual document I was intending to pull</p> <p>25 up. It's a letter dated 1999. It's SND-536. Sorry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 41</p>	<p>1 Superior in 1999?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. She says that you were born in Mount Charles and your</p> <p>4 date of birth. You were baptised in St. Patrick's</p> <p>5 Church. She gives your parents' names, and she says you</p> <p>6 were received into Nazareth House on 30th March 1949 and</p> <p>7 you left there on 4th April.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. What I am saying is that that is not actually true. It</p> <p>10 was Termonbacca.</p> <p>11 <b>A. No, but Termonbacca would be under the thing of Nazareth</b></p> <p>12 <b>Sisters. So Nazareth House would include Termonbacca.</b></p> <p>13 <b>There was two, the boys and the girls.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Yes. I think that's clear now.</p> <p>15 <b>A. That's that.</b></p> <p>16 Q. What I am saying is that you are quite clear in your own</p> <p>17 mind --</p> <p>18 <b>A. Absolutely. Termonbacca, yes, yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. -- that Termonbacca is where you lived?</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes, absolutely, yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Thank you. As late as 2000 you were also looking for</p> <p>22 information from the Sisters and you were given a little</p> <p>23 bit more information if we look at SND-534 -- sorry --</p> <p>24 SND-535. This is a letter that you received from Bishop</p> <p>25 Street again in July 2000 --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 43</p>
<p>1 This is a letter again we see from Nazareth House in</p> <p>2 Bishop Street. It is dated in February 1999.</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. You actually visited the home and asked for certain</p> <p>5 questions to be answered and that's the response that</p> <p>6 you received --</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- which indicates that you were received, as you say,</p> <p>9 into Nazareth House on 30th March 1949 and you left</p> <p>10 Nazareth House on 4th April 1957.</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes, that's correct. That's correct.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Was it Nazareth House that you were in or was it</p> <p>13 Termonbacca?</p> <p>14 <b>A. No, it was Termonbacca, Termonbacca all the time, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. So the information in that letter is, in fact,</p> <p>16 inaccurate when it says that you were in Nazareth House?</p> <p>17 <b>A. Bishop Street. The records would come from Bishop</b></p> <p>18 <b>Street -- sorry -- because Termonbacca had been closed</b></p> <p>19 <b>at that stage. The actual orphanage that the -- where</b></p> <p>20 <b>I grew up, the house was there but the actual place</b></p> <p>21 <b>where we lived was demolished at that -- '99, a long</b></p> <p>22 <b>time before that. So I went to Bishop Street to get the</b></p> <p>23 <b>records.</b></p> <p>24 Q. Yes. Forgive me. If you just look at what she says in</p> <p>25 answer to 1. This is Sister Veronica, who was then the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 42</p>	<p>1 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>2 Q. -- and it is from Sister Veronica?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. At that stage you were given a little bit more</p> <p>5 information, which says that you were recommended by the</p> <p>6 Reverend Father Carr, Killybegs, Donegal in Eire?</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes, that's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. That's the first time you had been told that also?</p> <p>9 <b>A. That's right, yes.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Now there is a further document that I could just --</p> <p>11 I believe you may have only seen this this morning.</p> <p>12 That's at page SND-515. This is an extract that the</p> <p>13 Inquiry has obtained from the registers held by the</p> <p>14 Sisters of Nazareth. It shows that you and an address</p> <p>15 is given:</p> <p>16 "Father very ill in hospital. Mother going to work.</p> <p>17 Recommended by Father Carr, Killybegs, County Donegal."</p> <p>18 That seems to suggest the reason why you ended up in</p> <p>19 care with the Sisters.</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes. Well, actually both my parents became ill at one</b></p> <p>21 <b>time more or less and they thought -- they always</b></p> <p>22 <b>thought they would send us away for a little while until</b></p> <p>23 <b>they got better. That was the intention. They said --</b></p> <p>24 <b>they told me that later before they died.</b></p> <p>25 Q. Right. Well, can I just ask you is it fair to say that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 44</p>

1 you ended up in Termonbacca --

2 **A. Yes, Termonbacca, yes.**

3 Q. -- because of the fact that your own home and family

4 circumstances were far from happy at that time?

5 **A. Yes. My parents became ill. They told us -- they told**

6 **me that the reason for sending us into another**

7 **jurisdiction which would from a legal point of view --**

8 **that was to protect us, because they were worried about**

9 **the family at the time. By sending us away they thought**

10 **that would protect us and they would take us back again**

11 **when -- when things got better.**

12 Q. So they felt that it would be easier to get you back

13 from Northern Ireland --

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

15 Q. -- than it would be if they kept you in the Republic of

16 Ireland?

17 **A. Yes, because the geographic situation, because of**

18 **Donegal and Derry, while they are two different**

19 **jurisdictions, but they were pretty accessible at the**

20 **time -- well, at the time, yes.**

21 Q. It is clear from the documents that I've just shown that

22 there were two brothers of yours in Termonbacca.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Were you aware that you had siblings there?

25 **A. No, I never -- I never was aware, Ms Smith, that I had**

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1 **brothers. I never was encouraged to meet my family, no.**

2 Q. So you, being the eldest, did not know that you had two

3 younger brothers in the home?

4 **A. No, no.**

5 Q. And do I take it from that then that we can accept that

6 you didn't have any contact with them, because you

7 didn't know them?

8 **A. None at all whatsoever. None. None.**

9 Q. The congregation has suggested, HIA88, that there were

10 no barriers to siblings mixing in the same home. Is

11 there anything you wish to say about that?

12 **A. Well, I don't know what they're talking about barriers,**

13 **because they never gave any indication of understanding**

14 **in that matter that it introduced me to -- well, you**

15 **haven't asked me yet about my other sisters.**

16 Q. No. I will go on to your sisters in a moment, but

17 certainly --

18 **A. No, there was no --**

19 Q. -- you and your brothers would have been in the same

20 home and what the Sisters are saying --

21 **A. I might have been a bit older than them, you know, as**

22 **I say, but I was not encouraged -- they would never take**

23 **me and say, "This is your brother" or "This is your ..."**

24 Q. They were never introduced to you?

25 **A. No, no.**

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1 Q. Now you were just going on to say and we have indicated

2 that your family did include a number of girls as well.

3 What do you want to say to the Inquiry about your

4 knowledge of your sisters --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and any contact you had with them?

7 **A. Thank you, Ms Smith. As the crow flies from Termonbacca**

8 **or from a geographic -- 2 kilometres -- less than 2**

9 **kilometres from Termonbacca I could see Bishop Street.**

10 **That's the other girls' home, Nazareth House in Bishop**

11 **Street in Derry.**

12 **At the particular time -- at that particular time in**

13 **the '50s when I was in Termonbacca, I had three sisters**

14 **there. Now this is difficult for me, because two of**

15 **them are now deceased, but there was , SND290 and**

16 **. That would be mid '50s. I never ever knew**

17 **that I had sisters there, even though I passed there for**

18 **years, and --**

19 Q. Just take your time.

20 **A. -- I served mass in that house -- I served mass in**

21 **there, but I never met them and that's the truth.**

22 **That's the gospel truth.**

23 Q. No-one ever made you aware that they were there?

24 **A. No, never, never made me aware, no.**

25 Q. And I take it from that obviously then even when you --

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1 you had no contact with them?

2 **A. No, none whatsoever. None whatsoever.**

3 Q. Can I ask you about your contact with your parents in

4 the time that you were in Termonbacca?

5 **A. Yes. They would come -- in the early '50s they would**

6 **come fairly frequent for a while, you know, but**

7 **sometimes they'd come and they would see us not doing so**

8 **well, you know, and they would break down, you know. So**

9 **there was a pretty -- it wasn't a very nice scene, if**

10 **you can imagine. My mother one time started breaking up**

11 **crying and all that, you know, because we weren't -- we**

12 **probably, you know ...**

13 Q. Yes. Now you talk about they saw that you weren't doing

14 well, as in you plural.

15 **A. Healthwise probably, not looking -- you know, I mean,**

16 **parents know if their children is not doing well, you**

17 **know. All right. I probably was ill probably. Maybe**

18 **I wasn't, you know ...**

19 Q. Perhaps maybe if I can take this. Your parents, when

20 they came to the orphanage -- to Termonbacca --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- did you meet with them?

23 **A. Yes. Oh, yes. No, I did.**

24 Q. Did you meet with them singly or did you meet with them

25 --

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1 **A. No, no. The Reverend Mother in fairness now would come**  
 2 **in and she would come in and meet them, which she always**  
 3 **did like, you know, and she would speak to them about**  
 4 **how she was -- to be fair, she would say, you know, that**  
 5 **she wasn't happy about the situation, that, "It's a pity**  
 6 **they couldn't be brought home", you know, like and that.**  
 7 **They knew that the orphanage long-term wasn't the place**  
 8 **to be, you know.**  
 9 Q. I think perhaps I am not making myself clear, HIA88.  
 10 What I am trying to ask is that when your Mother came to  
 11 visit, did she just visit with you or -- I mean, you  
 12 were saying you didn't know that your brothers were in  
 13 there.  
 14 **A. Just myself. Just myself. Sorry. I beg your pardon.**  
 15 **Yes.**  
 16 Q. But you are saying that -- did she talk about other  
 17 children to you or --  
 18 **A. No. They never did. They would just -- sometimes they**  
 19 **would say they were going to bring me home soon, that**  
 20 **when things got, you know -- they were just, you know --**  
 21 **they would always say that.**  
 22 Q. Did you ever visit home?  
 23 **A. No, no, I never did.**  
 24 Q. Can I just ask you to look at paragraph 23 --  
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. -- and 24 of your statement, please?  
 2 **A. Yes.**  
 3 Q. That's page SND-508. I'm sorry. It's -- yes. SND-508.  
 4 I think this is actually -- paragraph 24 on SND-508.  
 5 This is when you are talking about after you had left  
 6 care. So at the time -- you never actually went to live  
 7 at home at the time you lived in Termonbacca for any  
 8 period?  
 9 **A. No. I was eight years in Termonbacca, eight complete**  
 10 **years there.**  
 11 Q. At paragraph 5 of your statement you say -- you give  
 12 an account of -- it's on page SND-503. You recall being  
 13 left in the home in 1949 --  
 14 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 15 Q. -- and you describe the door banging after your mother  
 16 left you there --  
 17 **A. Yes.**  
 18 Q. -- and you always felt like breaking down and screaming.  
 19 This is because you were old enough at this stage --  
 20 **A. I was 5 years old, 5 years, yes.**  
 21 Q. You were old enough to know you were being left --  
 22 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 23 Q. -- and that your parents were alive?  
 24 **A. Yes.**  
 25 Q. You go on in that paragraph to say you believe with

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1 hindsight now that you suffered from childhood  
 2 depression.  
 3 **A. Yes, because for years I was -- I thought that -- I was**  
 4 **always very silent and just kept to myself all the years**  
 5 **I was there as if there was something not right, you**  
 6 **know. I didn't come out of myself at all, you know.**  
 7 **I was on my own most of the time.**  
 8 Q. You also say that when you were in Termonbacca,  
 9 paragraph 6, that you sustained a number of injuries  
 10 while you were there. What do you wish to tell the  
 11 Inquiry about that?  
 12 **A. My hand.**  
 13 Q. Just I think you relate in that paragraph, in fact,  
 14 different ways in which you received your injuries.  
 15 **A. Yes.**  
 16 Q. There is one stage where you say that you were taken to  
 17 Altnagelvin Hospital because --  
 18 **A. No.**  
 19 Q. It wasn't Altnagelvin. I beg your pardon.  
 20 **A. No, no.**  
 21 Q. It was another hospital that is now closed.  
 22 **A. Yes. That's right.**  
 23 Q. I beg your pardon. This was because you had hurt your  
 24 hand?  
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. You had to have a splint placed on it?  
 2 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 3 Q. That injury was caused as a result of older boys pushing  
 4 you down on the ground and beating you?  
 5 **A. Yes. That's correct, yes.**  
 6 Q. You couldn't recall any of their names, but they were  
 7 older boys who were left --  
 8 **A. Yes, in charge.**  
 9 Q. -- in charge of you?  
 10 **A. Yes.**  
 11 Q. What do you wish to say about the older boys?  
 12 **A. Well, there was times I thought I was going die, like.**  
 13 **See, you would be thrown on the ground. You know, when**  
 14 **you are very small, your bones are not developed, you**  
 15 **know. There was times -- I used to get -- things used**  
 16 **to -- I used to get as if everything was kind of --**  
 17 **a blackout or something like that, you know, and**  
 18 **I got -- my hands are -- to this very day one hand is**  
 19 **bigger than the other, you know.**  
 20 Q. That was as a result of injury you sustained --  
 21 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 22 Q. -- at the hands of older boys?  
 23 **A. Yes, yes.**  
 24 Q. If I can just perhaps -- in ease of yourself in  
 25 paragraph 6 if we can pull up page SND-504 beside

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<p>1 SND-503, please. You go on at the top of that page to</p> <p>2 say that they were always beating you on the back of the</p> <p>3 head --</p> <p>4 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. -- pulling you by the hair, pushing you, slapping you or</p> <p>6 leaving you with some sort of injury.</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b></p> <p>8 Q. You go on to say you still have a scar on your chin from</p> <p>9 an encounter with one of the older boys.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes. Just there.</b></p> <p>11 Q. You are just pointing that out. That was when he pushed</p> <p>12 you into one of the old-fashioned radiators and you hit</p> <p>13 your chin on it as you fell?</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. You relate another occasion when an older boy pushed you</p> <p>16 into a stack of coal and slack and hurt your left hand.</p> <p>17 You say there is still a scar on that.</p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You go on to say that you never reported any of the</p> <p>20 incidents.</p> <p>21 <b>A. No. There was ...</b></p> <p>22 Q. You were afraid to report it as you say the nuns</p> <p>23 wouldn't have believed it.</p> <p>24 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>25 Q. You didn't want to tell your parents as the church was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p>	<p>1 liked bath time in the home."</p> <p>2 Is that correct?</p> <p>3 <b>A. That's right, Ms Smith. As a matter of fact I had such</b></p> <p>4 <b>a fear of that bathroom that I'd start -- I used to</b></p> <p>5 <b>start bleeding at the nose, you know. I used to bleed,</b></p> <p>6 <b>you know. I remember the water -- the bath water</b></p> <p>7 <b>turning red, you know.</b></p> <p>8 Q. You actually go on to talk about that at paragraph 14 of</p> <p>9 your statement.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Sorry. I beg your pardon. Sorry. I'm ... Sorry. I'm</b></p> <p>11 <b>...</b></p> <p>12 Q. Can I ask you to confirm just about some of the things</p> <p>13 about which you have no complaint and that is that you</p> <p>14 have no complaint to make about the clothing with which</p> <p>15 you were provided in the home?</p> <p>16 <b>A. No, no.</b></p> <p>17 Q. Or in the food?</p> <p>18 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>19 Q. About the food? I think in paragraph 9 you actually say</p> <p>20 you felt you were lucky to get food.</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. This is in the early '50s in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>24 Q. At that time people may not have had as much food</p> <p>25 outside.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>
<p>1 powerful and they were afraid of authority and afraid to</p> <p>2 complain.</p> <p>3 <b>A. That's right.</b></p> <p>4 Q. That's your parents.</p> <p>5 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>6 Q. You've described -- what you say is you didn't think you</p> <p>7 would survive there, because the older boys were like</p> <p>8 a gang and you were always afraid of them and meeting</p> <p>9 them every day and it was like torture to have to face</p> <p>10 another day.</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes. That's right, yes.</b></p> <p>12 Q. So you're actually describing there a situation where</p> <p>13 the older boys were particularly bullying?</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes, Ms Smith, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. And you also relate at paragraph 13 on page SND-505</p> <p>16 something else that the older boys did and this was in</p> <p>17 relation to bathing. I will go on to some of the other</p> <p>18 allegations, but you do say you got bathed -- you</p> <p>19 dreaded going into the bathroom because you got bathed</p> <p>20 one after the other.</p> <p>21 "The older boys would be there and they would put</p> <p>22 strong disinfectant in the water that stung my eyes and</p> <p>23 affected my skin for days afterwards. On one occasion</p> <p>24 I slipped in the bath and gulped some of the water,</p> <p>25 which left my insides burning for days. So I never</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>	<p>1 <b>A. That's right. I was aware other people probably</b></p> <p>2 <b>wouldn't have much food either. So I didn't think of</b></p> <p>3 <b>myself with regard to much.</b></p> <p>4 Q. About toys or activities that were provided for you?</p> <p>5 <b>A. No, that wouldn't have bothered me too much, no, no.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Certainly I think you do talk about being taken on day</p> <p>7 trips.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. And being part of a band that was organised by --</p> <p>10 <b>A. I was in a band. I played an instrument, yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. You have not complained about being asked to do work in</p> <p>12 the home.</p> <p>13 <b>A. No. Well, I never -- work never bothered me too much,</b></p> <p>14 <b>because that is my demeanour throughout my life. I like</b></p> <p>15 <b>doing things, working, you know.</b></p> <p>16 Q. So it suited you to be busy and to be working?</p> <p>17 <b>A. Yes, yes. That's right, Ms Smith, yes.</b></p> <p>18 Q. What do you say to the Inquiry about the education that</p> <p>19 you received?</p> <p>20 <b>A. I didn't have any, you know. I'd none at all.</b></p> <p>21 Q. In paragraph 19 you refer to this. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>22 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. That's page SND-507.</p> <p>24 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>25 Q. You say that you went to Bridge Street Primary School.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p>

<p>1 You say that while you were there no-one really looked 2 after your education. You didn't have a good level of 3 primary education and you think they must have thought 4 there was something wrong with you, because they didn't 5 push you.</p> <p>6 <b>A. No. I used sit at the desk and I would look and stare 7 -- stare all day, you know. I didn't -- I don't know if 8 there was something wrong there, but the teachers were 9 kind, you know. The teachers were ...</b></p> <p>10 Q. The teachers were kind?</p> <p>11 <b>A. They were kind. They were kind, yes.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Can I just -- in paragraph 15 you set out the names of 13 those nuns that you actually remember being present. 14 Can I just ask you specifically do you recall a nun 15 called SR78 at all?</p> <p>16 <b>A. No, no.</b></p> <p>17 Q. Again it's clear from your statement that you don't 18 complain about everyone that you encountered. You have 19 named certain nuns --</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. -- and you do recall positive times in Termonbacca. 22 What do you wish to say to the Inquiry about that?</p> <p>23 <b>A. Yes. Like in every situation there was -- there was 24 good nuns, you know. There was -- like, for instance, 25 SR10 was -- seemed to be horrified about the whole</b> Page 57</p>	<p>1 <b>A. Yes. Okay.</b></p> <p>2 Q. -- and you want the Inquiry to know about. At 3 paragraph 11 you say that you were sexually abused by 4 an older boy in the bathroom when you were eight years 5 old.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. You don't know his name --</p> <p>8 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>9 Q. -- but that he was a lot older than you --</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. -- because you thought at the time he was about school 12 leaving age.</p> <p>13 <b>A. Yes, that is correct.</b></p> <p>14 Q. I know there were different school leaving ages.</p> <p>15 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>16 Q. Would that have been about 14 at that time?</p> <p>17 <b>A. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>18 Q. You said -- you go on to describe what he did. He put 19 a towel on the floor, made you lie down, locked the 20 door.</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. Tried to have sex with you. You started screaming and 23 made such a fuss that he knew not to take it any 24 further.</p> <p>25 <b>A. Not the first time. It was the second time, Ms Smith,</b> Page 59</p>
<p>1 <b>situation. You know, I got the impression that she -- 2 you know, she said to me one time that she wasn't happy 3 about the situation, you know. I got impression that -- 4 she was a young nun. She said to me, "It's a pity your 5 parents couldn't take you home". So she must have been 6 upset about things.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Yes. You say that you got the impression that she was 8 not happy with the situation --</p> <p>9 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>10 Q. -- as she found it.</p> <p>11 <b>A. That's what I thought, yes, yes. A child will always 12 know, you know, because they have that instinct that 13 will tell them regarding fear and all that.</b></p> <p>14 Q. You do talk about the fact that you were taken out on 15 day trips --</p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>17 Q. -- and about the band and that.</p> <p>18 Do you remember did anyone official ever come to the 19 home from Social Services during your time there?</p> <p>20 <b>A. No, we never met -- I never met anybody, no.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Or do you ever remember any senior nuns visiting?</p> <p>22 <b>A. No, no.</b></p> <p>23 Q. Can I take you to paragraphs 11 and 12, please, on your 24 statement, which are on page SND-505? These are certain 25 specific allegations that you make -- Page 58</p>	<p>1 <b>that I screamed.</b></p> <p>2 Q. Well, the second time you say that it happened you 3 screamed and then you ran out of the bathroom.</p> <p>4 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. And you describe that there was a nun, whom you name in 6 that paragraph --</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- who came and asked what was happening and you told 9 her that you weren't going back into the bathroom again.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. You say that you didn't know what was going on at the 12 time, but you knew that it was wrong.</p> <p>13 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>14 Q. You say that you told this nun --</p> <p>15 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>16 Q. -- and you describe her reaction as having grabbed you 17 by the hair. She shook you. She hit you across the 18 face and said, "You're a bad boy. You're going to hell. 19 Nothing like that ever happened".</p> <p>20 <b>A. That is correct, Ms Smith.</b></p> <p>21 Q. And that was the reaction when you tried --</p> <p>22 <b>A. That was the reaction, yes.</b></p> <p>23 Q. You say that was the only occasion when a nun hit you?</p> <p>24 <b>A. That was the only occasion.</b></p> <p>25 Q. And you say you didn't see the nuns beat any other boys Page 60</p>

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<p>1 --</p> <p>2 <b>A. No, no.</b></p> <p>3 Q. -- although you do say that there was a coldness and a</p> <p>4 heartlessness about the place that always scared you.</p> <p>5 <b>A. Yes. Well, in a normal situation children will cry, you</b></p> <p>6 <b>know, in a normal -- I mean, that's normal, but I have</b></p> <p>7 <b>never heard -- I don't -- I have never heard children</b></p> <p>8 <b>cry like I had in that place. It was one of despair,</b></p> <p>9 <b>and that still haunts me a little bit, you know. It was</b></p> <p>10 <b>a scream of despair, you know.</b></p> <p>11 Q. You go on at paragraph 12, HIA88, to describe another</p> <p>12 encounter with two older boys who locked you in the</p> <p>13 bathroom.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Again you don't know their names, but you knew at that</p> <p>16 stage what they were planning to do to you --</p> <p>17 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>18 Q. -- and you broke down and screamed to get out and said</p> <p>19 that you were going to tell on them. So they did let</p> <p>20 you go.</p> <p>21 <b>A. Ms Smith, that was the second occasion. I think we are</b></p> <p>22 <b>getting a little bit --</b></p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Maybe -- maybe I have been -- forgive me if</p> <p>24 I haven't been clear. So you're saying --</p> <p>25 <b>A. No, no. The second time that happened.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 61</p>	<p>1 <b>then come round and start hitting you on the back of the</b></p> <p>2 <b>head, you know, yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. You have already described about the bathroom.</p> <p>4 Having described the fact that the older boys were</p> <p>5 left to look after you younger boys --</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. -- is there anything you want to say about that to the</p> <p>8 Inquiry in particular?</p> <p>9 <b>A. You see, I wouldn't have been aware of the management</b></p> <p>10 <b>structures, you know. I certainly wouldn't question</b></p> <p>11 <b>them or ask any questions. You weren't -- asking</b></p> <p>12 <b>questions was not the thing to do. You never ever asked</b></p> <p>13 <b>a question, because they would -- that might bring</b></p> <p>14 <b>trouble like, you know. Freedom of expression was not</b></p> <p>15 <b>encouraged in any sense or form. I was always aware</b></p> <p>16 <b>never to draw attention to myself any more than I had</b></p> <p>17 <b>to, you know.</b></p> <p>18 Q. You've described that as you got older, you have</p> <p>19 indicated that you believe with hindsight that you were</p> <p>20 suffering from childhood depression.</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. In your statement you say that as you got holder, you</p> <p>23 became very withdrawn and --</p> <p>24 <b>A. Yes. I would just sit on my own most of the time.</b></p> <p>25 <b>I didn't know what was wrong, you know.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p>
<p>1 Q. That's when you encountered the nun?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Yes, that's right. That's correct, yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. So on the first occasion you were abused by an older boy</p> <p>4 --</p> <p>5 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>6 Q. -- and on the second occasion you kicked up a fuss --</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- effectively --</p> <p>9 <b>A. That's right.</b></p> <p>10 Q. -- and managed to get out of the room, and that's when</p> <p>11 you ran into the nun?</p> <p>12 <b>A. In that order, Ms Smith, yes.</b></p> <p>13 Q. And you are saying that it was only on two occasions?</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes, that's all, yes.</b></p> <p>15 Q. There were only these two incidences of sexual abuse?</p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>17 Q. You say in paragraph 12 that you noticed after this</p> <p>18 second incident, after you had told the nun and what her</p> <p>19 reaction was, that the physical abuse by these older</p> <p>20 boys got worse?</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. They would hit you on the back of the head and bully you</p> <p>23 when the nuns left them in charge?</p> <p>24 <b>A. Yes. They'd make you sleep on a long bench, put your</b></p> <p>25 <b>head down, you know, during the day like, you know, and</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p>	<p>1 Q. It is fair to say that, if I can just summarise, you</p> <p>2 left Termonbacca in 19... --</p> <p>3 <b>A. 4th April 1957.</b></p> <p>4 Q. 1957. At that stage you actually -- if we look at</p> <p>5 paragraph 25, about three years after you left you did</p> <p>6 actually speak to your doctor about the difficulties</p> <p>7 that you were experiencing and you were given a course</p> <p>8 of treatment. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>9 <b>A. Yes. ECT, electric shock treatment, Ms Smith.</b></p> <p>10 Q. And if I can just ask if we could pull up, please,</p> <p>11 SND-537. This is a letter that has been written by your</p> <p>12 general practitioner --</p> <p>13 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>14 Q. -- which essentially indicates -- just before I open</p> <p>15 that you say that when you left Termonbacca, you joined</p> <p>16 the army. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>17 <b>A. I didn't join the army. That was many years later.</b></p> <p>18 <b>Yes, that's right, Ms Smith.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You had a variety of jobs. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>20 <b>A. Oh, yes, yes, yes.</b></p> <p>21 Q. Then eventually you join the army, but that didn't last.</p> <p>22 Isn't that so?</p> <p>23 <b>A. I joined the Irish Army in 197... --</b></p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN: Can we go back to that letter, please, and give</p> <p>25 us a moment to read it?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 64</p>

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<p>1 MS SMITH: Sorry. Page SND-537. I was going to open it to 2 the Inquiry, Chairman, just shortly after I asked -- 3 CHAIRMAN: Yes. It seems to have disappeared from the 4 screen. Could we have it enlarged, please? 5 MS SMITH: Perhaps if I just read this letter -- this letter 6 from your doctor, HIA88, that you have provided the 7 Inquiry. 8 <b>A. Sure. No problem.</b> 9 Q. It's dated June 2013. It says: 10 "HIA88 has been a patient of ours for thirty years 11 and had been treated for severe depression, but it was 12 not until the mid-1990s that he disclosed the existence 13 and the extent of the childhood abuse that he had been 14 subjected to when was taken from his family and placed 15 into an institution in County Derry when he was 5 years 16 old and until he left age 13. This traumatic period had 17 triggered the depression and he had needed seven courses 18 of ECT treatment in 1960. He had buried these memories 19 but had not dealt with them. So it was only when he 20 told me of what had happened that we were able to start 21 appropriate treatment and therapy. He has made a very 22 good recovery, but he is very aware of the deep scars 23 this has left on him and of the effect it had on his 24 childhood and also on his siblings (which still has 25 effects to this very day). I still continue to monitor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 65</p>	<p>1 <b>passed on, yes.</b> 2 Q. And what about contact with your parents after you left? 3 <b>A. Believe it or not, I had contact with them and</b> 4 <b>I attended both their funerals and I didn't hold them</b> 5 <b>responsible for anything that happened. They always --</b> 6 <b>it was because their illness got worse as time went on</b> 7 <b>and they couldn't -- they were in a real bad situation,</b> 8 <b>you know, and I don't hold them responsible at all.</b> 9 Q. You never married yourself or had any children. Isn't 10 that correct? 11 <b>A. No. I couldn't keep a relationship going for very long,</b> 12 <b>Ms Smith, because of -- there were reasons for that,</b> 13 <b>because I'd have -- like most of the jobs I'd have in my</b> 14 <b>lifetime I would hide away, because I'd have a breakdown</b> 15 <b>after a certain amount of time. Like, for instance,</b> 16 <b>I was an award-winning soldier and not long after that</b> 17 <b>I had a breakdown. So that was the pattern or frequency</b> 18 <b>of my life: breakdowns all the time.</b> 19 Q. You do say that you were an award-winning soldier and 20 I think you provided the Inquiry with a clipping -- 21 <b>A. Sure. Sure.</b> 22 Q. -- from a newspaper to show that. I don't know if we 23 have the reference number for that. Do we? 24 In any event you did -- you became a soldier in 25 April 1970.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 67</p>
<p>1 his mental, emotional and physical health on an ongoing 2 basis following these traumatic episodes in his early 3 formative years, as their effects have never left him." 4 Now that is a document that your doctor -- 5 <b>A. Yes, that's correct.</b> 6 Q. -- has described, and I take it that you are still 7 receiving treatment? 8 <b>A. I am still receiving medication, Ms Smith, yes, yes.</b> 9 Q. So can I just ask then clearly you have had and still 10 suffer from depression? 11 <b>A. Oh, yes, yes, but -- yes.</b> 12 Q. What is the position today with regard to your siblings 13 and any contact you might have with them? 14 <b>A. No. It is ironic and it might sound unbelievable that</b> 15 <b>I met my brother here at the HIA for the first time in</b> 16 <b>forty years and that's good. That's positive. So</b> 17 <b>bringing a sense of -- and that was very positive. So</b> 18 <b>thank you, HIA, for that -- for that -- for that ...</b> 19 Q. Sadly you have indicated that some of your siblings are 20 no longer alive. 21 <b>A. The girl that -- my eldest sister -- sorry. The next</b> 22 <b>girl to me, SND290, she was a qualified nurse and she's</b> 23 <b>suffered from severe depression most of her life. She</b> 24 <b>came with me in 1949 and she has died, and</b> 25 <b>that were in Bishop Street has died too, yes. They</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 66</p>	<p>1 <b>A. I joined in January 1972 and passed out in April of</b> 2 <b>1972.</b> 3 Q. I think that's SND-558, please. If that could just be 4 called up. This is something that you -- 5 <b>A. And in that summer not long after I passed out I had --</b> 6 Q. Sorry. I beg your pardon. There was a reference on the 7 photograph all along at the top that I missed. 8 <b>A. Sorry.</b> 9 Q. That's a photograph of you passing -- at your passing 10 out parade. 11 <b>A. Yes. That's correct, yes.</b> 12 Q. Sadly you weren't able to stay in the army, because you 13 had a breakdown shortly afterwards. 14 <b>A. Not long after that I had a breakdown and I tried to</b> 15 <b>leave quietly, because I had other brothers in the</b> 16 <b>service at the time, and I didn't want to draw any</b> 17 <b>attention to them, because depression was not a thing</b> 18 <b>that you talked about 40 years ago, 41 years ago.</b> 19 Q. Can I ask finally, HIA88, just about your attitude to 20 those who looked after you? What is your attitude 21 towards them today? 22 <b>A. Well, in any situation no matter how bad I would be</b> 23 <b>treated my whole demeanour would be one of balance, you</b> 24 <b>know, that I don't -- I would see -- I would see there</b> 25 <b>was some good.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 68</p>

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<p>1 For instance, we would have suffered -- there is 2 a myth or what you would imagine about people like us, 3 that we only suffered in the institutions, but when we 4 came out, for us in our case, you know, we went back to 5 the Republic of Ireland in 1957 and in later years, but 6 we suffered more there. The Republic of Ireland I am 7 sorry to have to say was a cruel and unjust place for 8 people of my background and that's the truth. There was 9 no supports. They only wanted one thing from people 10 like us: to leave the country, and to prove that again, 11 90% of people like us had left Ireland. They didn't 12 want us at all. There was no understanding. There was 13 a lot of ignorance regards people like us. There was no 14 help of any kind. That's -- so what I am trying to do 15 again is not to blame the Sisters of Nazareth for 16 everything that happened to us, to strike a balance. 17 The wider society in the Republic of Ireland couldn't 18 hold their heads too high either, you know. So that's 19 a fair balance.</p> <p>20 Q. Can I then ask you -- as you know, HIA88, this Inquiry 21 has to make recommendations to the Northern Irish 22 Executive --</p> <p>23 A. Sure.</p> <p>24 Q. -- about what should happen next --</p> <p>25 A. Sure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 69</p>	<p>1 A. Sure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions from THE PANEL</b></p> <p>2 MR LANE: Thank you very much for what you said so far. 3 I would be very grateful if you could explain in a bit 4 more detail about what actually happened in visiting 5 times when your parents came to see you. Did you just 6 stay in the parlour at Termonbacca or did you go out for 7 walks or what actually happened?</p> <p>8 A. No. My parents -- they would become very emotional. 9 They would be coming from Donegal, and there wasn't the 10 same trouble in Northern Ireland as there was later, and 11 they were in poor health. Travelling wasn't as easy for 12 them coming as it is today. They would have to visit 13 two orphanages when they came to Derry city or 14 Londonderry. They would have to go to the girls' 15 orphanage. So if you can imagine the trauma that was, 16 you know. Their health was poor. They felt ill at 17 ease, and it was a trauma for them. The Reverend Mother 18 in fairness would try and be of some solace to them.</p> <p>19 Q. Was it just yourself with them or were your brothers 20 there?</p> <p>21 A. Myself. Reverend Mother would be with us. She would 22 try and say -- in fairness, you know, she would try and 23 be positive, you know. You have to be in any situation.</p> <p>24 Q. Yes, and did you just stay within the home when they 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 71</p>
<p>1 Q. -- and whether a potential apology, some form of 2 appropriate memorial or tribute, or whether some form of 3 redress is appropriate.</p> <p>4 Is there anything that you would like to say to the 5 Inquiry about those matters?</p> <p>6 A. Sure, Ms Smith and the Chairman. I'd like to thank HIA 7 for listening to people like me and for the wider good 8 of society in time to come after we are gone, but 9 I would say that the Executive shouldn't delay, because 10 we are not so young any more and we are pretty beaten 11 and broken. If you say to me, "What would make 12 a country great? How would you define a country?", it 13 is not how you deal at the top of society, but how you 14 deal with broken people like us, how you would deal with 15 and how you would address people like us, and not to 16 delay. What they have did is they have did something 17 very positive, and this HIA court here has done that. 18 You have done a very difficult -- it is difficult for 19 you to listen to me. I am very aware of that. The -- 20 society will benefit in time to come, but this can never 21 happen again.</p> <p>22 Q. Thank you very much.</p> <p>23 A. Sure. Thank you very much.</p> <p>24 Q. The Chairman and Panel Members may have some questions 25 they wish to put to you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 70</p>	<p>1 visited?</p> <p>2 A. You mean in the parlour?</p> <p>3 Q. Yes.</p> <p>4 A. Yes, in the parlour until -- and then -- the Reverend 5 Mother would stay with us, you know, and then they would 6 go away with the Reverend Mother and I would go back to 7 the -- back to the boys again, you know.</p> <p>8 Q. Yes. Thank you very much.</p> <p>9 A. Sure. Thank you, sir.</p> <p>10 Q. That's very helpful.</p> <p>11 MS DOHERTY: Thank you very much, HIA88, for what you had to 12 say.</p> <p>13 A. Sure.</p> <p>14 Q. Can I just ask about how often the older boys were left 15 in charge? Was that a regular thing?</p> <p>16 A. Yes. It could be. How do I -- Miss -- yes. How do 17 I address you as?</p> <p>18 Q. That's fine.</p> <p>19 A. Yes. I -- I'd be very afraid of them like, you know, at 20 times, because they were always kicking out at you, you 21 know, and that kind of thing, you know, and -- the older 22 boys like, you know.</p> <p>23 Q. Were they often left in charge without the nuns being 24 around?</p> <p>25 A. The nuns would be away probably over saying some prayers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 72</p>

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1 or something, praying like, you know, at church service  
 2 or whatever.  
 3 Q. Okay.  
 4 A. That's when -- actually, believe it or not, I used to  
 5 get afraid when the nuns would go -- believe it -- which  
 6 seems -- but it's all -- I'm being honest, you know.  
 7 Q. You were more frightened of the older boys?  
 8 A. Oh, yes. Absolutely, yes. I was, yes.  
 9 Q. Okay. Thanks very much.  
 10 A. Sure.  
 11 CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask you, HIA88, you have described  
 12 a number of things that happened to you and you have  
 13 just referred to the Reverend Mother trying to be  
 14 positive to your parents.  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. Would you in any way distinguish between the nuns, the  
 17 individual nuns, and the way they treated you?  
 18 A. Oh, yes, I would.  
 19 Q. Were they all the same or were some different?  
 20 A. Oh, they were different. There was one -- you know,  
 21 I am not comparing them in any instance whatsoever to  
 22 Oscar Schlinder in Schlinder's List, but a child is very  
 23 aware of who they are afraid of and who they feel  
 24 comfortable with. Oh, absolutely, yes. I think some of  
 25 the nuns were very good and you would feel content in

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1 their company and then you would tread -- you would be  
 2 scared with another -- with other ones, yes, Chairman.  
 3 Q. Although I am sure many of us understand what you are  
 4 describing, but your parents were having to come in the  
 5 1950s to see you from right over the far side of County  
 6 Donegal.  
 7 A. Yes, yes.  
 8 Q. They'd have to get a bus presumably into Derry --  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. -- and then the point you are making is they would see  
 11 you in Termonbacca and then presumably they had to go on  
 12 down to Bishop Street to see your sisters --  
 13 A. No, they would do the girls --  
 14 Q. -- see the girls?  
 15 A. Chairman, they would go to the girls' place first. On  
 16 one occasion -- I don't like -- I am a former peace  
 17 worker. I don't talk about politics of any kind north  
 18 or south of the border, but on one occasion in the '50s  
 19 they visited the girls' orphanage in Bishop Street  
 20 first, my father on his own, and when he was coming out  
 21 into Bishop Street, he was surrounded by auxilliary,  
 22 better known as the B Special, police force at the time.  
 23 It was a mistake, you know. They didn't know who he  
 24 was. They just -- but it was -- it was quite  
 25 an experience, because when he came from Bishop Street

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1 back along Bishop Street and up to Termonbacca,  
 2 I remember him coming up. He was a tall man, my father,  
 3 and he was very pale, and he said to me, you know, "Oh",  
 4 he said, "I had a terrible" -- you know, he explained  
 5 the incident. Little things like that while they could  
 6 have -- he was very afraid, you know, like, you know.  
 7 His health was poor and that was an occasion that he ...  
 8 Q. So it seems from what you are describing that the nuns  
 9 in both Bishop Street and in Termonbacca made it  
 10 possible for your parents to see members of their  
 11 family, but obviously it was a very different thing both  
 12 emotionally in terms of travel and everything else for  
 13 them.  
 14 A. The nuns in Bishop Street, no. If anything -- and  
 15 I know I am not here to talk about -- I try and not,  
 16 because you are asking me and -- but I know for a fact  
 17 that my sisters died the day they went into Bishop  
 18 Street, to Nazareth House in Bishop Street. They died  
 19 that day. That's what I think. I'm sure that they --  
 20 because when I met them later in life, they were -- they  
 21 were sad. I have never seen sadder people. So that's  
 22 the experience and that's the truth.  
 23 Q. Thank you. Thank you very much, HIA88.  
 24 A. Thank you, Chairman.  
 25 MS SMITH: Thank you, HIA88. That concludes the questions

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1 unless there is something else that you feel that we  
 2 have not covered and you would wish this opportunity to  
 3 say and to say to the Inquiry.  
 4 A. No. I apologise to the court for showing some emotion,  
 5 but I am the eldest of the family, and I thank you,  
 6 Ms-Smith, for bringing -- and the Chairman and the court  
 7 here for bringing me through a difficult process. Thank  
 8 you very much.  
 9 MS SMITH: Thank you very much, HIA88.  
 10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA88. That's all. If you want to go  
 11 out now, HIA88. There are one or two other things we  
 12 need to discuss, but you are able to go if you wish.  
 13 A. Are you finished now, Ms Smith?  
 14 CHAIRMAN: Yes.  
 15 MS SMITH: We are finished with you, HIA88.  
 16 A. Thank you very much, Chairman, Ms Smith and the court.  
 17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.  
 18 (Witness withdrew)  
 19 CHAIRMAN: Now I know it is a little early, but I have  
 20 a number of administrative things that have to be dealt  
 21 with rather urgently. Our next witness is scheduled for  
 22 2 o'clock. Isn't that right?  
 23 MS SMITH: That's correct, yes.  
 24 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will rise now and sit again at  
 25 2 o'clock.

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<p>1 (12.30 pm) 2 (Lunch break) 3 (2.00 pm) 4 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 5 HIA235 (called) 6 MS SMITH: Chairman, we are just waiting for the next 7 witness to arrive. 8 HIA235 -- 9 <b>A. Hello.</b> 10 Q. -- good afternoon. You are quite content for me to call 11 you HIA235. Isn't that correct? 12 <b>A. Yes.</b> 13 Q. The Chairman is just going to ask you a few questions if 14 you stay there, please. 15 CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA235, would you be kind enough to stand 16 and indicate whether you would prefer to give evidence 17 on oath or by way of affirmation? The choice is yours. 18 They have the same effect. The oath. 19 HIA235 (sworn) 20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Do sit down. 21 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY 22 MS SMITH: Thank you, HIA235. Thank you for coming to give 23 evidence to the Inquiry, and can I just say that we 24 understand giving evidence for some people is difficult. 25 So if at any stage you need a break, just let us know</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 77</p>	<p>1 "Witness statement of" and instead of your name there is 2 a designation that we have given you, which is "HIA235"? 3 <b>A. Yes.</b> 4 Q. But the contents of that statement are what you have 5 told the Inquiry. Isn't that so? 6 <b>A. Yes.</b> 7 Q. And if I could just ask that page SND-488 be put up, you 8 will see there that there is a rather large black band 9 at the bottom of that or in the middle of the page and 10 it is dated 28th October 2013? 11 <b>A. Yes.</b> 12 Q. And will you confirm that you signed that statement on 13 that date and that black box covers your signature? 14 <b>A. Yes.</b> 15 Q. Now, HIA235, if I could also show you another couple of 16 documents. The first of these is SND-493. Can I first 17 of all -- just while that's being pulled up is it 18 correct that you, in fact, over thirty years ago wrote 19 to the Sisters of Nazareth asking for information about 20 your background and did you ever get any response? 21 <b>A. No, no response whatsoever.</b> 22 Q. You never got a letter saying that they couldn't give 23 you information or anything? 24 <b>A. No, nothing.</b> 25 Q. If you just look at this, you will see that it says that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 79</p>
<p>1 and we will take a short break. Okay? 2 Can I also ask you if you would speak into the 3 microphone so that everyone in the chamber can hear what 4 you have to say. Can you just maybe pull that towards 5 you slightly? 6 <b>A. Okay.</b> 7 Q. Also we get a transcript of your evidence. 8 Now, HIA235, you are now age 74? 9 <b>A. Yes.</b> 10 Q. You were born in 1939? 11 <b>A. '39, yes.</b> 12 Q. We believe as far as we can ascertain that your mother 13 had you when she was living in the workhouse? 14 <b>A. Yes.</b> 15 Q. And that she initially placed you with a family in Omagh 16 who looked after you, but that after they moved to live 17 in England you then had to go to live in Termonbacca? 18 <b>A. That's what I understand.</b> 19 Q. Now could I just show you your statement, please, which 20 is SND-482? If that could be put up on the screen. Now 21 you will see there is a document on the screen before 22 you, HIA235. Can you just confirm that that's the same 23 as the document that you have before you except that the 24 one that is on the screen has a number of black 25 lines through it, and you will see that it says there</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 78</p>	<p>1 you were born in Omagh Union and were baptised in St. 2 Mary's, Killyclogher. Your mother's name is given. It 3 says that she has promised to pay 10 shillings monthly 4 for your maintenance, and that you left on 29th 5 November 1951. You haven't seen that document before 6 until today? 7 <b>A. I have never seen this, no.</b> 8 Q. It seems this is a document I should say that we ave 9 obtained from the Sisters of Nazareth, which gives a 10 little details about when you were admitted or when you 11 were baptised and born and when you left Termonbacca, 12 There is also an extract at page SND-491. That 13 document shows that you were received in the home on 14 1st October 1941, which would have been when you were 15 approximately two years old. 16 <b>A. That's what I understand. I have never seen this 17 document before.</b> 18 Q. No. Again this comes from what the Sisters have given 19 to us and those are the details that we have about when 20 you were admitted to Termonbacca. 21 Can I ask you what your earliest memory of 22 Termonbacca is, HIA235? 23 <b>A. I just remember crying all day.</b> 24 Q. And do you have any memory of the people that you were 25 placed with before you went to live in Termonbacca at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 80</p>

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<p>1 all?</p> <p>2 <b>A. None whatsoever.</b></p> <p>3 Q. You were, as I've said, about two. Do you remember your</p> <p>4 mother ever visiting you in Termonbacca when you were</p> <p>5 there?</p> <p>6 <b>A. She did visit me a few times, but I don't know how</b></p> <p>7 <b>often.</b></p> <p>8 Q. And if I can just take you to your statement. Again</p> <p>9 it's SND-482 and paragraph 3 of that. We see at the</p> <p>10 bottom of that page in paragraph 3, if I can just read</p> <p>11 out -- this is what you say happened to you in when you</p> <p>12 were in Termonbacca. You say:</p> <p>13 "I was beaten every day in Termonbacca nearly always</p> <p>14 with a bamboo cane or a thick leather strap. You were</p> <p>15 beaten for anything. I think I wet the bed every night.</p> <p>16 There was a group of us that did. When I left home,</p> <p>17 I stopped wetting the home within a matter of weeks. If</p> <p>18 you wet the bed, you had to strip the bed and stand</p> <p>19 naked in a queue holding the wet sheets waiting for</p> <p>20 a cold bath. We had to hold our hands out to get beaten</p> <p>21 with a bamboo cane as punishment. If you didn't hold</p> <p>22 your hand out, you just got hit anywhere on the body."</p> <p>23 Can I ask you first of all who was it that was</p> <p>24 beating you?</p> <p>25 <b>A. It was one of the nuns who was due to bath us -- bathe</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 81</p>	<p>1 Q. Later in your statement you do talk about bathing</p> <p>2 generally and you say that you were bathed twice a week.</p> <p>3 <b>A. From my memory I think it was twice a week.</b></p> <p>4 Q. This is, in fact, in paragraph 11, where you talk about</p> <p>5 getting up at 5.30 am, 6.00 am in the morning.</p> <p>6 "We had baths on Wednesday and Saturday. They were</p> <p>7 awful. They were like sheep dips. The nuns had gallon</p> <p>8 drums of Jeyes Fluid and they would pour it in the water</p> <p>9 and your privates and eyes would sting and would be in</p> <p>10 agony. Boys would scream with the pain. If you were</p> <p>11 the first boys in the bath, there wouldn't be a lot of</p> <p>12 Jeyes Fluid in it, but it got topped up as the baths</p> <p>13 went on and we all bathed in the same water."</p> <p>14 <b>A. Correct.</b></p> <p>15 Q. Can you recall whether there was any hot water available</p> <p>16 in the home at all?</p> <p>17 <b>A. It was scalding hot during the week, you know, because</b></p> <p>18 <b>-- that was usually of an evening time or something like</b></p> <p>19 <b>that, but the cold baths were early in the morning.</b></p> <p>20 <b>Probably the boiler wasn't working, hadn't fired up. I</b></p> <p>21 <b>don't know.</b></p> <p>22 Q. Well, can I just maybe ask you to explain that a bit</p> <p>23 more in a bit more detail, because the baths on</p> <p>24 Wednesday and Saturday, you are talking about that in</p> <p>25 the same paragraph where you say that you got up about</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 83</p>
<p>1 <b>us -- bath us.</b></p> <p>2 Q. The beating depended on which nun it was?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Correct, yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. You seem to suggest in the next line:</p> <p>5 "I felt it was hurting some of the nuns both</p> <p>6 physically and emotionally to beat us so forcefully",</p> <p>7 although you don't recall the name of any of the</p> <p>8 nuns?</p> <p>9 <b>A. Well, it's the perception I got. I don't know.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Correct me if I am wrong, HIA235, but are you suggesting</p> <p>11 that you felt some of the nuns didn't like having to hit</p> <p>12 you?</p> <p>13 <b>A. Correct.</b></p> <p>14 Q. You don't remember their names or what they looked like,</p> <p>15 but they were all wearing black and white, and you</p> <p>16 believe you may have shut out the memory of their faces?</p> <p>17 <b>A. Correct.</b></p> <p>18 Q. Can I just ask a couple more questions about the</p> <p>19 bedwetting? Were you bathed individually when you went</p> <p>20 after you had wet the bed?</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. You were taken into the bathroom one at a time?</p> <p>23 <b>A. It was just a small, ordinary bath, you know, with</b></p> <p>24 <b>usually cold water, some Jeyes Fluid in it, and it was</b></p> <p>25 <b>just in and out quick.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 82</p>	<p>1 5.30 or 6 o'clock in the morning. Are those two things</p> <p>2 separate or did you have the baths on Wednesdays and</p> <p>3 Saturday mornings?</p> <p>4 <b>A. No. It was Wed... -- I think it would have been</b></p> <p>5 <b>Wednesday evening, you know, and Saturday evening, you</b></p> <p>6 <b>know. That's when everyone got bathed.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Okay, but you generally as a rule got up at 5.30 or</p> <p>8 6.30?</p> <p>9 <b>A. For the people who wet their bed, like I said before, we</b></p> <p>10 <b>stood in a line with our sheets, you know, and stand</b></p> <p>11 <b>naked. We'd have to make a bundle with sheets.</b></p> <p>12 Q. HIA235, if you can just take your time.</p> <p>13 <b>A. I mean, we just -- we'd just line up to get beaten on</b></p> <p>14 <b>the hand, but if you didn't hold your hand out, you just</b></p> <p>15 <b>got whacked.</b></p> <p>16 Q. Well, can I ask you about school? You went to Bishop</p> <p>17 Street School. Is that correct?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Yes, the Naz... -- I think it's Nazareth House. Oh,</b></p> <p>19 <b>yes. Bishop Street. Sorry. It's the name of the</b></p> <p>20 <b>street. Sorry.</b></p> <p>21 Q. That's okay. There was a primary school at Bishop</p> <p>22 Street and there was also a Nazareth House home on the</p> <p>23 same site. Isn't that correct or do you remember?</p> <p>24 <b>A. Yes. I think it was mixed. It was girls and boys in</b></p> <p>25 <b>the class I was in I think from what I -- yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 84</p>

<p>1 Q. At paragraph 4 of your statement you talk about you got 2 the greatest beating of your life at Bishop Street 3 School. You think you were about 7 or 8 years old, and 4 you refer to the name of the nun who you say beat you. 5 Without giving that name I have been asked to ask you 6 whether you can be certain that that was the nun's name? 7 <b>A. Well, I can't be certain, because we called them 8 "Sister" this, "Sister" that, you know, "Three bags 9 full, Sister". It was "Sister", "Sister", "Sister".</b> 10 Q. Can you remember anything about this particular nun, 11 what she looked like, or ...? 12 <b>A. It was small of stature. She was nearly as wide as she 13 was tall, you know.</b> 14 Q. You describe her as a well-built nun in your statement? 15 <b>A. Well-built.</b> 16 Q. This beating came about as a result of an episode which 17 I am sure many people will relate to, something 18 happening in school, where you were waiting for class to 19 start, and you were doodling, and your friend said to 20 you that there was a cobweb in the inkwell and you told 21 him to blow it, and as he did so, ink went all over the 22 place and you started to laugh? 23 <b>A. Yes. I was laughing hysterically. It was one of the 24 funniest things that ever happened but, as it turned 25 out, it didn't -- it wasn't funny for very long.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 85</p>	<p>1 Q. And can you say how much older these boys were than you? 2 <b>A. Three or four years older. I can't be exactly sure.</b> 3 Q. Right. If a hiding was given, was there ever any 4 comment when the nuns returned from whatever they were 5 doing? 6 <b>A. The boy would blame it on the kid who, you know -- who 7 was badly bruised or whatever.</b> 8 Q. Yes. I think in paragraph 7 you say that: 9 "When the nuns came back from praying, some of us 10 boys would have had a black eye or a split lip", 11 but the bully would make up excuses to the nun 12 and say that you had been cheeky or done something to 13 justify his behaviour towards you. 14 <b>A. I think black eyes and cut lips were the order of the 15 day throughout the orphanage, so, you know, another one 16 was not going to make any difference.</b> 17 Q. You go on to say that you believe that the level of 18 violence in Termonbacca was unacceptable at paragraph 8. 19 You remember one occasion when you got beaten for having 20 a hole in your sock. 21 <b>A. Well, I got beaten because I had a hole in my sock and, 22 you know, when she lashed -- the nun lashed me around 23 the legs, the first thing I done I took refuge I think 24 it was under the table or desk or something like that, 25 and I am trying to cover my legs and she's beating me</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 87</p>
<p>1 Q. As a result of this you received a beating, which you 2 describe in paragraph 5. I will not go into the 3 details, but at the end you say you were bruised for 4 weeks afterwards and you never told anyone about it? 5 <b>A. Well, there was no-one to tell.</b> 6 Q. You then go on in your statement to talk about the older 7 boys in Termonbacca in paragraph 6. You say that the 8 nuns put the older boys in charge of you whenever they 9 went to pray. Is that correct? 10 <b>A. It wasn't only when they went to pray. It is when they 11 went -- you know, they had something to do. They put 12 older boys in charge and usually there'd be a group of 13 six to eight boys, you know, roughly about that, and 14 we'd be made to sit with our arms folded and to be 15 quiet, but -- usually it was in a dormitory or something 16 like that. I think there was a row of beds, a row of 17 beds, a row of beds, and then, you know, someone would 18 do something simple like break wind and then someone 19 would start giggling, and then the bully would come 20 round the back of us and smell in our rears to see who 21 broke wind, and we'd all scatter, you know, the guilty 22 and the innocent. We'd be diving on the beds, over 23 beds, under beds, you know, to try to get away.</b> 24 Q. And why were you trying to get away? 25 <b>A. Because whoever he caught would get a hiding.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 86</p>	<p>1 away. So, you know, that's the level the violence was 2 at. So the point I'm making is if you get beaten for 3 a hole in your sock when you are a kid, you know, where 4 does it end or where does it begin? 5 Q. Uh-huh. You have also -- in the same paragraph you go 6 on to say that when you were -- most boys in the 7 dormitory pretended to be asleep even if they weren't, 8 because the nuns sometimes walked up and down between 9 the beds praying, and if you weren't asleep, what 10 happened? 11 <b>A. Well, if you were going to go to the toilet, you could 12 get beaten for that, you know. They didn't understand 13 people wanted to go to the toilet at different times. 14 They just obviously were obsessed with praying. They 15 would walk up and down, up and down, and you knew -- 16 I mean, I wouldn't be asleep. I would be praying 17 I didn't wet the bed or something like that.</b> 18 Q. You have indicated that you were basically put to bed at 19 7.00 pm as you saw it as a form of control? 20 <b>A. Well, as an adult I thought it was a form of control, 21 you know. They knew where we were. They weren't 22 causing trouble or whatever and they could get on with 23 their praying. Who they were praying to I am just not 24 sure, you know. Who would benefit from the prayers I'm 25 not too sure.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 88</p>

<p>1 Q. Can I ask you about whether there's anything you wish to 2 say about the food in Termonbacca which you received? 3 <b>A. We seemed to get fried bread with everything. It seemed 4 to be fried bread, fried bread, fried bread.</b> 5 Q. Is it correct this would have been between 1941 and 6 1951, a period of ten years? It is fair to say there 7 would have been rationing throughout Northern Irish 8 society at that time? 9 <b>A. Yes, of course.</b> 10 Q. Would you accept, therefore, that maybe the food 11 supplies were not -- 12 <b>A. Yes.</b> 13 Q. -- quite what they might otherwise have been? 14 <b>A. Exactly. On the whole -- the home had its own farm and 15 was growing a lot of its own produce. I don't know how 16 many the acres the farm was, but we used to work on that 17 as well. So I just don't know.</b> 18 Q. Was there anything happened to your food with regard to 19 the older boys? 20 <b>A. Well, they'd pinch things like sausages and things like 21 that, you know, and they'd get away with it, because 22 probably there wasn't enough nuns to go around. 23 Probably they were praying. I don't know, you know. 24 They seemed to do what they wanted to do.</b> 25 Q. Uh-huh. Now in the home you say that you all wore the Page 89</p>	<p>1 <b>sort of drop down praying or something like that. 2 I think they call it the Angelus or something, but 3 I don't know. So it was either 5 or 6 o'clock.</b> 4 Q. You said there were retreats where you had to stay 5 silent for hours. 6 <b>A. Well, it could have been at least an hour. We used to 7 get visiting priests or monks from -- I don't know -- 8 maybe other countries or something -- I don't know -- 9 and we would sit in a room and we would have to be 10 silent, but, like I say, it couldn't have been 11 a sponsored silence, because I don't think -- 60 or 100 12 kids or whatever, I don't think we'd a penny between us, 13 you know. So why were we silent? I don't know.</b> 14 <b>There was one thing I remember. We were praying 15 a lot for a Polish cardinal who was being tortured by 16 the Nazis during the war. Whether some of the retreats 17 were on his behalf I don't know.</b> 18 Q. There were other boys obviously with whom you were 19 friendly. Can you say anything in particular about any 20 of those? Did they actually leave the home at any stage 21 or what happened? 22 <b>A. I have been trying to trace on the internet sailings to 23 Australia around '45/'46, because my best friend 24 -- I think that's his name -- you know, he went 25 to Australia, but I tried through the '50s and '60s to Page 91</b></p>
<p>1 same clothes. Is that correct? 2 <b>A. From what I understand, because -- I don't actually 3 remember, but some of the boys used to escape and they'd 4 be brought back within, you know, an hour or two. 5 I just didn't have the sense to escape.</b> 6 Q. How do you relate that to the clothing issue? 7 <b>A. Well, I think they were all dressed the same and the 8 nuns cut their hair so that the haircuts would have been 9 the same, you know.</b> 10 Q. So they would have been readily identified? 11 <b>A. Probably one of the modern haircuts of today, they'd 12 look something like that.</b> 13 Q. So you are suggesting that when boys ran away, they were 14 identified through their clothing and haircuts as 15 belonging to Termonbacca? 16 <b>A. Yes, yes, yes, I would say so.</b> 17 Q. Now you have indicated -- can I just ask you to 18 generally -- in paragraph 12 you talk about the general 19 life in the home and you say that there was a lot of 20 praying in the home to the exclusion of all else. 21 <b>A. Well, we used to say the rosary. I don't know. I think 22 that might have been every day, the rosary. It was 23 either 5 or 6 o'clock. I remember the clock -- there 24 was a radio was on or there was a loudspeaker system, 25 but the gong used to go or a bell used to go and we'd Page 90</b></p>	<p>1 <b>trace him, because Jimmy Young used to have a show on 2 Radio 2 and there was a lady on there from Nottingham 3 and she was talking about people who went out on these 4 ships. So I wrote to her to see if I could trace my 5 friend.</b> 6 Q. Did you ever manage to trace him? 7 <b>A. I never managed to. She couldn't find any trace of him. 8 She did write back a few times, but she never -- she 9 couldn't trace him.</b> 10 Q. Do you recall what age he was? 11 <b>A. I think he was the same age as me. So in '45 he would 12 have been six, seven years old.</b> 13 Q. Do you -- did anyone in the home ever offer you any 14 explanation for his leaving? 15 <b>A. No. Apparently they wanted to take me with him, but my 16 mother wouldn't allow it.</b> 17 Q. When you say wanted to take you, you knew Harry had gone 18 to Australia, did you? 19 <b>A. Yes.</b> 20 Q. So you must have known there were children going? 21 <b>A. Oh, yes. I believe they went from orphanages and places 22 like that from all over the UK, and not only to 23 Australia. I think to Canada as well. They were 24 restocking the land or something like that, you know. 25 I thought farmers done that.</b> Page 92</p>

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1 Q. But certainly you recall that there were boys you were  
 2 friendly with who left Termonbacca?  
 3 **A. Well, he's the only one that I know. There may have**  
 4 **been others left at the same time. I'm not too sure.**  
 5 Q. Can I ask you about what chores you had to do in the  
 6 home?  
 7 **A. Well, every week on a Saturday we used to scrub all the**  
 8 **polish that we put on the week before. We'd scrub the**  
 9 **corridors. We'd scrub all the playrooms. We'd scrub**  
 10 **everywhere, and a nun would stand over us, you know,**  
 11 **with a cane or a stick or whatever, and we'd be going**  
 12 **"River back, river back" in unison, and we'd -- three of**  
 13 **us would be moving down this long corridor. You'd stop**  
 14 **every so often and we had -- we had big bushes about**  
 15 **a foot long, hard scrubbing brushes, with soap and then**  
 16 **"River back, river back", and then we'd put the polish**  
 17 **down and then we'd bump it up till it was all shiny and**  
 18 **new sort of thing everywhere. So we'd do that each week**  
 19 **on a Saturday. The children would.**  
 20 Q. What age were you at this time?  
 21 **A. 7, 8, 9, 10. I don't know.**  
 22 Q. Can you remember what -- I think you talked about going  
 23 to the Bishop Street School down at Nazareth House. How  
 24 did you get on at school?  
 25 **A. Well, I passed the 11 Plus. I don't know if all schools**  
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1 **done the same thing at the time. The clever boys were**  
 2 **put at the back and I was always at the back. So**  
 3 **I passed the 11 Plus and then went to the Christian**  
 4 **Brothers School. I think it was called Brow of the**  
 5 **Hill. I did try and trace it a few years ago, but**  
 6 **I couldn't find it.**  
 7 Q. What's your recollection of the school?  
 8 **A. Well, there was two brothers in particular who were very**  
 9 **cruel. There was a SND208. He had a cleft chin and he**  
 10 **must have been in his early 30s. He was well built. He**  
 11 **looked about 6 foot, 6.1. His party piece was to get**  
 12 **a ruler about a foot long about as thick as one of your**  
 13 **fingers. He would hold it between them two fingers like**  
 14 **that and try to get you on the tip of your fingers like**  
 15 **that and that was his piece.**  
 16 Q. What about the civilian teachers in the school?  
 17 **A. There was -- there was a Mr Doherty and I think it was**  
 18 **his sister. They were very kind. There was a Mr Sloan.**  
 19 **He was excellent, but when I say they were excellent,**  
 20 **they just behaved the way teachers should behave, you**  
 21 **know.**  
 22 Q. Can I ask you -- just one of the things I meant to ask  
 23 you about, the food in the home. We have established  
 24 that it would have been during the rationing time. Do  
 25 you remember whether the nuns ate the same food as the  
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1 children or --  
 2 **A. I've got no idea. I don't know.**  
 3 Q. Did the nuns eat with you?  
 4 **A. I don't think so.**  
 5 Q. If I could just take to you paragraph 15, which is  
 6 actually on the screen in front of you there, you say  
 7 that the older boys in Termonbacca would expose  
 8 themselves to you:  
 9 "... but I was not subjected to any sexual abuse  
 10 during my time there and I did not witness any sexual  
 11 abuse either."  
 12 Can you explain what you mean by saying they would  
 13 expose themselves to you?  
 14 **A. Well, I think it would be a laddish thing, you know,**  
 15 **"Look at this" or something like that, you know. I mean**  
 16 **--**  
 17 Q. It was like a showing off sort of situation?  
 18 **A. Yes, and I think we used to have the odd sports day down**  
 19 **at the Brandywell, Derry City's football ground. You'd**  
 20 **get other kids exposing themselves there, you know, but**  
 21 **they were outside kids and they were big lads, 17, 18,**  
 22 **you know --**  
 23 Q. Uh-huh.  
 24 **A. -- but other than that ...**  
 25 Q. Can I ask you how you came to leave Termonbacca? What  
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1 happened?  
 2 **A. Well, I was doing my homework one evening and a nun came**  
 3 **up to me and just said, "You're leaving us tomorrow" and**  
 4 **that was it.**  
 5 Q. Did she say where you were going or offer you any  
 6 explanation?  
 7 **A. They usually weren't forthcoming with any information**  
 8 **about anything.**  
 9 Q. And what age were you?  
 10 **A. I was 12 I think.**  
 11 Q. And is it correct that you then went to live with  
 12 a couple in County Monaghan?  
 13 **A. The townland -- yes, just outside in**  
 14 **County Monaghan. I think the townland was**  
 15 **called. There was an Annayalla church. We could see it**  
 16 **from the house I was living in. I went to live with**  
 17 **a Mr and Mrs . Mr was very**  
 18 **elderly. They had a son. I think he was around 40.**  
 19 Q. And did you work on the farm for them?  
 20 **A. I worked on the farm for them, you know, ploughing with**  
 21 **horses, you know. I was only a small boy then, but**  
 22 **they'd let me have a go at it sort of thing. So**  
 23 **I wouldn't be strong enough to do it all day long, but**  
 24 **yes. I worked from morning till night, you know.**  
 25 Q. And you relate an incident that occurred when you were  
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<p>1 in the ' home at paragraph 17.</p> <p>2 <b>A. Well, I think it was the same night. I think</b></p> <p>3 <b>Mrs -- I wet the bed occasionally then. Like</b></p> <p>4 <b>I say, I'd virtually stopped, but I went to bed one</b></p> <p>5 <b>night and the bottom of my bed was on two wooden boxes,</b></p> <p>6 <b>you know, and it was tilted up that way. I could see</b></p> <p>7 <b>the logic behind it, you know. When I woke the next</b></p> <p>8 <b>morning, the son was facing Annayalla church out the</b></p> <p>9 <b>window and he was like star shaped and he was naked as</b></p> <p>10 <b>a coot.</b></p> <p>11 Q. You then moved from there a short time later to another</p> <p>12 family and live with them for a while, don't you?</p> <p>13 <b>A. I didn't move of my own free will. Like I say, I was</b></p> <p>14 <b>quite happy there. I was given away to this other</b></p> <p>15 <b>family who lived in Lower Drumbo, Inniskeen. They were</b></p> <p>16 <b>called a Mr and Mrs -- . They had a son</b></p> <p>17 <b>and a daughter I think .</b></p> <p>18 Q. Were you ever given any explanation for the move or did</p> <p>19 anyone --</p> <p>20 <b>A. No, no.</b></p> <p>21 Q. No. Can I just pause there and go back to ask you</p> <p>22 a couple more questions about when you were in</p> <p>23 Termonbacca? Did you ever see anyone from Social</p> <p>24 Services or the government and the welfare at any time?</p> <p>25 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 97</p>	<p>1 <b>which is less glamorous. Mr Duncan, who was the</b></p> <p>2 <b>bandmaster, he was very good.</b></p> <p>3 Q. Now after you worked on the farm in Inniskeen for some</p> <p>4 years you eventually --</p> <p>5 <b>A. I think it may only have been a year or two.</b></p> <p>6 Q. A year or two?</p> <p>7 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>8 Q. You eventually then made your way from there to England.</p> <p>9 Is that correct?</p> <p>10 <b>A. No. Well, prior to that -- I don't know whose idea it</b></p> <p>11 <b>was, but I went to Carrickmacross. I don't know whether</b></p> <p>12 <b>the practice still goes. You could go and hire yourself</b></p> <p>13 <b>out for six months or a year. I went to Carrickmacross.</b></p> <p>14 <b>I don't know how old I was. I might have been 12, 13,</b></p> <p>15 <b>14. I don't know.</b></p> <p>16 Q. And you worked?</p> <p>17 <b>A. I hired myself out for £42.50 I think it was. It has</b></p> <p>18 <b>got £42 on here, but I think it was 42... -- it was old</b></p> <p>19 <b>money.</b></p> <p>20 Q. Pence, shillings.</p> <p>21 <b>A. But I don't know whether the family realised that I was</b></p> <p>22 <b>too young, because I lied about my age. I had to lie</b></p> <p>23 <b>about a age a lot then, because it was a question of</b></p> <p>24 <b>survival.</b></p> <p>25 Q. So you lied about your age to enable you to get work?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 99</p>
<p>1 Q. Or do you ever remember any senior nuns visiting?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Well, we wouldn't have been told about anything. You</b></p> <p>3 <b>know, I wouldn't they didn't, but like I said, some</b></p> <p>4 <b>priests used to come for a retreat and I think monks or</b></p> <p>5 <b>whatever. I don't know.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Did you have any contact with your mother when you were</p> <p>7 in the home?</p> <p>8 <b>A. She used to visit me occasionally, but, as I say, I've</b></p> <p>9 <b>got a cousin who lives in Manchester. I have</b></p> <p>10 <b>asked her. You know, she was a district nurse in</b></p> <p>11 <b>Manchester, her and her sister . I have asked her.</b></p> <p>12 <b>I usually got information either second, third hand. I</b></p> <p>13 <b>don't know.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Can I ask you -- you have given an example of the</p> <p>15 civilian teachers in the school, in the Christian</p> <p>16 Brothers School, who were good people.</p> <p>17 <b>A. There was another brother, SND209. He used to swing</b></p> <p>18 <b>kids round by the hair, you know, me included.</b></p> <p>19 Q. Can I ask you was there ever anyone else -- during your</p> <p>20 time in Termonbacca was there anything positive that</p> <p>21 came out of your time there that you remember positively</p> <p>22 and broadly?</p> <p>23 <b>A. Well, there was the bandmaster. He used to come in.</b></p> <p>24 <b>I don't know whether it was once a week. I always</b></p> <p>25 <b>wanted to play the trumpet and I ended up on the bass,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 98</p>	<p>1 <b>A. In order to hire myself out.</b></p> <p>2 Q. In fact, at some point you went to Liverpool?</p> <p>3 <b>A. Well, the people -- I think what it was it may sound</b></p> <p>4 <b>strange, but I had a bath at my new employers', and</b></p> <p>5 <b>after I had the bath whether I sort of brushed up good</b></p> <p>6 <b>or something like that but the woman wouldn't stop</b></p> <p>7 <b>staring at me. I think she realised then that I was</b></p> <p>8 <b>very young. So whether I was all grimy and grotty</b></p> <p>9 <b>before I don't know, but they sent me back to the</b></p> <p>10 <b>, but the , the parents had died.</b></p> <p>11 Q. They were -- were they emigrating to Australia?</p> <p>12 <b>A. They were emigrating to America. I don't know the</b></p> <p>13 <b>circumstances. They had a brother-in-law who had</b></p> <p>14 <b>a in and I think it was in</b></p> <p>15 <b>financial difficulty. Whether they were selling the</b></p> <p>16 <b>lands for him I don't know. No-one told me anything,</b></p> <p>17 <b>but anyway I went over to Liverpool, because there were</b></p> <p>18 <b>cattle boats at the time. You know, they dropped the</b></p> <p>19 <b>cattle off at Birkenhead and then crossed over the</b></p> <p>20 <b>Mersey. I nearly got off with the cattle at Birkenhead.</b></p> <p>21 Q. When you got to Liverpool, you got a job in Birkenhead.</p> <p>22 Isn't that right?</p> <p>23 <b>A. I got a job in Birkenhead. I lied about my age, of</b></p> <p>24 <b>course. I don't know how old I was then.</b></p> <p>25 Q. So you worked there for a while and as a result of them</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 100</p>

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<p>1 not paying you enough you then went off to Bolton and 2 worked there for some time?</p> <p>3 <b>A. No. I went to Widnes, Bolton's Copper Factory in 4 Widnes.</b></p> <p>5 Q. Sorry. I beg your pardon. In Widnes.</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes, and then -- I never got sacked from a job in my 7 life. So I must have packed the job in, but there was 8 a lot of people going to Birmingham. There was a lot of 9 building work there. They were doing motorways and all 10 this sort of thing. Someone talked me into going, 11 because there was a lot of Irish going there. So 12 I ended up there, so -- but I never sort of saved any 13 money or anything, but -- like I was destitute, down and 14 out, and I think I was picked up by the police. I don't 15 know the circumstances, whether I had been drinking. 16 I don't know, but when I was about 17 and a half, I was 17 persuaded to join the British Army.</b></p> <p>18 Q. And you did that?</p> <p>19 <b>A. And I done that and the system is you join for 22 years 20 with a three-year option to come out after three years, 21 you know. That's the standard. So I done that for 22 three years.</b></p> <p>23 Q. Then when you left the army, you had various jobs: 24 working in Liverpool in Ford factory and you trained as 25 a plasterer. Is that correct?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 101</p>	<p>1 Q. You mentioned Master Duncan. Can I just bring you back 2 to were there other positive experiences? Did you ever 3 get out of Termonbacca at all or go anywhere?</p> <p>4 <b>A. We went once a year to Buncrana. My wife and I went 5 there two or three years ago. It is all built up now. 6 It is all different, but we'd go once a year.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Can I ask you how you feel today about the people who 8 looked after you, about the nuns and about Termonbacca?</p> <p>9 <b>A. Well, I've often said I don't blame the individual nuns, 10 because I've been trying to get something moving on this 11 now for thirty years. I even wrote to the -- to the 12 Southern Ireland government, because with being in 13 Monaghan for a while I thought I would come under their 14 umbrella. I contacted -- there was a Dublin solicitor 15 came over to the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool and had 16 meetings. He wanted to know about people who had been 17 in institutions and I went there. It was only later in 18 the night that I found out he was only dealing with 19 Southern Ireland. He apologised and he was very nice 20 about it, but I wrote to Paul Murphy, who was the 21 Secretary of State for Northern Ireland a few years ago. 22 I wrote to my local MP.</b></p> <p>23 Q. Did you ever come back yourself to Northern Ireland?</p> <p>24 <b>A. I went back to Termonbacca and there was an old man. 25 I don't know the old gentleman's name. He was still</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 103</p>
<p>1 <b>A. Trained as a plasterer. Worked Liverpool Docks. 2 Usually if someone down the road was paying £5 more, I'd 3 go there.</b></p> <p>4 Q. If I can just ask you a little more. You actually 5 married twice. Is that correct?</p> <p>6 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Your first marriage didn't work out?</p> <p>8 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>9 Q. You are now happily married and your wife is with you 10 today?</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>12 Q. How did you feel in the years after you'd left 13 Termonbacca, for example, when you saw a member of 14 a religious order? How did it make you feel?</p> <p>15 <b>A. Well, nuns used to come round when I was living in 16 and I would scream, "Don't answer the door", 17 you know.</b></p> <p>18 Q. You describe in paragraph 20 that in your 20s if you saw 19 a nun, you used to have panic attacks?</p> <p>20 <b>A. I don't think people talked about panic attacks then. 21 So I am not claiming I started them, but ...</b></p> <p>22 Q. That's how you felt?</p> <p>23 <b>A. That's how I felt.</b></p> <p>24 Q. You say that you associated all nuns with cruelty.</p> <p>25 <b>A. The only ones I knew were very cruel.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 102</p>	<p>1 there. He was in his 90s. I think he was 97. He had 2 been an old man when I was there, you know, when I left 3 there. He used to cut the grass with little sharp 4 tweezers, just, you know, something -- he would be on 5 his hands and knees, you know, cutting grass. So 6 whether he was doing penance or not I don't know, but he 7 was still there, and when I mentioned to I think the 8 people who were working there that I'd been -- I'd been 9 in the orphanage such a time, there was a pregnant 10 pause, you know. No-one wanted to talk about it.</p> <p>11 I even went around parts of Londonderry or Derry and 12 was asking questions in the bar, you know, about the 13 home and the barman came up to me and said, "I wouldn't 14 ask questions around here. It's too dangerous", you 15 know. So over the years I have tried.</p> <p>16 Q. You actually lived for a while in Northern Ireland?</p> <p>17 <b>A. Well, when I got divorced, my mother was in an old 18 people's home, because she had been in service all her 19 life and, you know, when she was no longer fit to work, 20 the family she was with in Gortaclare put her in a home. 21 So I went to live in Dromore in County Tyrone with the 22 intention of bringing her out of the home.</b></p> <p>23 Q. You weren't able to do that sadly, because she passed 24 away. Is that correct?</p> <p>25 <b>A. No. She was on a zimmer frame and I was on a first</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 104</p>

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1 floor flat in the main -- high street in Dromore. Like  
 2 a friend said, "What if she falls over while you are  
 3 working?", you know. So I couldn't take her out.  
 4 Q. She, in fact, passed away in 1989?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. HIA235, just finally, as you know, the Inquiry has to  
 7 make recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive  
 8 about potential apologies, some other form of  
 9 appropriate memorial or tribute, or whether any form of  
 10 redress is appropriate.  
 11 Is there anything you would like to say to the  
 12 Inquiry about that and what they might like to  
 13 recommend?  
 14 A. Well, I think perhaps the state of health -- the mental  
 15 state of the nuns who were looking after us has got to  
 16 be questioned, because when you think we were in  
 17 institutions, I was there for ten years. Some of these  
 18 poor unfortunates were there for a lifetime. Excuse me.  
 19 Q. HIA235, this has clearly been difficult for you, but  
 20 this is your opportunity if there's anything that you  
 21 feel you haven't had -- you haven't said until now, if  
 22 there's anything you would like the Inquiry to hear from  
 23 you.  
 24 A. Well, I'd like the Inquiry would take on board just to  
 25 the extent these bamboo canes were used.

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1 occasion -- I should say on another occasion the nun  
 2 asked me to pass her a bamboo stick, and usually the  
 3 bamboos they start off this length with a hook. This  
 4 one was reduced to about that size, and all the end was  
 5 frayed. So she said, "That's no good". So I go to the  
 6 cupboard and gets a new bamboo stick out for her to beat  
 7 me with, you know. I mean, how sad is that?  
 8 In the cupboard there was a box. It was about that  
 9 height. It would have been about 9 inches like that and  
 10 about 4 inches that way and that's what the canes come  
 11 in. So there must have been lots of bamboo canes  
 12 shipped into Northern Ireland -- not only Northern  
 13 Ireland; Southern Ireland as well. There must have been  
 14 tonnes of the stuff. I don't think it grows in Ireland.  
 15 So, I mean, if the bamboo cane goes from that to that  
 16 and it's just for beating children with, you know,  
 17 I think you can draw your own conclusions.  
 18 Q. Apart from the bamboo canes is there anything else that  
 19 you --  
 20 A. We used to get beaten with thick straps. They were  
 21 about an inch and a half, two inches, like that. Some  
 22 of the nuns used to I think hang them on -- they had  
 23 a big -- they had rosary beads down to the floor and  
 24 they had some sort of a belt on or something like that  
 25 and some of them used -- I think they used to hang them

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1 from the belt -- I don't know -- or they used -- they  
 2 might have had big pockets in them or something. They  
 3 had them on their person somewhere. They used to use  
 4 them liberally as well.  
 5 Q. Thank you, HIA235. The Chairman and the Panel members  
 6 may have a few questions for you. If you just stay  
 7 there, please.  
 8 Questions from THE PANEL  
 9 CHAIRMAN: HIA235, can I ask you about what you have said in  
 10 relation to your mother? You said that she visited you  
 11 occasionally. I am not quite clear whether you have  
 12 your own recollection of this or this is something that  
 13 one of your family has told you happened.  
 14 A. No. No, sir. I do recollect her visiting me a few  
 15 times, but when I was 12 and in I actually  
 16 went down to visit her in and, you know,  
 17 whether I got buses down I forget. I just went and  
 18 visited her and I seen where she was working and ...  
 19 Q. Well, if you went down to visit her in County Tyrone,  
 20 did the nuns give you the money for the fare?  
 21 A. No. This is when I was in in County Monaghan.  
 22 Q. Oh, I see. You had moved away from Termonbacca by that  
 23 stage?  
 24 A. Yes.  
 25 Q. Yes, but when you were in Termonbacca, your mother came

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1 to visit you. Is that what you are saying?  
 2 A. Yes. She came occasionally.  
 3 Q. Yes. Now you also said that your mother wouldn't allow  
 4 you to be taken to Australia.  
 5 A. She didn't want me to go.  
 6 Q. Did you know that at the time --  
 7 A. No.  
 8 Q. -- or is this something you learned later?  
 9 A. No, it is something I learned. I used to get a lot of  
 10 information from my cousins and who were  
 11 nurses in Manchester at the time. I mean, they even  
 12 told me who my real father was.  
 13 I was in a bar in Dromore once -- not that  
 14 I frequent bars often -- but I was there on this  
 15 occasion and a friend of mine, he said, "See them two  
 16 fellas over by the bar?" I said "Yeah". He said, "Do  
 17 you know they are your half brothers?" I hadn't, you  
 18 know, but that's ...  
 19 Q. Yes. Well, as you may or may not know, the Inquiry is  
 20 also interested in the children who went to Australia,  
 21 who were sent to Australia --  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. -- which is why I'm asking you about this, but this is  
 24 something you learned later on, that your mother wasn't  
 25 willing that you should go to Australia?

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1 CHAIRMAN: Very well.  
2 Well, ladies and gentlemen, I hope everyone  
3 appreciates that one of the consequences of our having  
4 to deal with material as we go along, which the Inquiry  
5 receives from time to time, is that it is necessary to  
6 take time to look at new material, to assimilate what we  
7 are receiving as we go along and then proceed. So that  
8 is part of what will happen this afternoon. So we will  
9 resume again tomorrow as soon after 10.30 as possible.  
10 Thank you all.  
11 (2.55 pm)  
12 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning)  
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