

<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 Thursday, 30th January 2014 21 commencing at 10.30 am 22 (Day 6) 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 <b>A. Yes.</b> 2 Q. And you were admitted to Termonbacca on 25th March 1955 3 after having first spent your early years in Fahan? 4 <b>A. Yes.</b> 5 Q. And you stayed in Termonbacca until you were, in fact, 6 adopted in 1966? 7 <b>A. Yes.</b> 8 Q. And if I could just ask that SND-1414 be pulled up, 9 please. You see, HIA196, this is an extract from one of 10 the registers that we received from the Sisters of 11 Nazareth. If that could just be enlarged. Thank you. 12 It shows there your christian name, which you will see 13 is covered with a black strip with the designation that 14 we have given you over that, where you were born, your 15 date of birth, where you were baptised, your parents' 16 name, her occupation and who it was recommended by that 17 you be placed in Termonbacca, and then the date you were 18 received and the date you left and the observation that 19 your mother was living. 20 Can we then go, please, to SND-1404? HIA196, this 21 is a copy of the statement that you provided to the 22 Inquiry. You will see there that it says that it is the 23 "Witness statement of HIA196" and that's just covering 24 your name. 25 Then if we could go to the last page of that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 Thursday, 30th January 2014 2 (10.30 am) 3 HIA196 (called) 4 MS SMITH: Morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and 5 gentlemen. This morning's witness is HIA196 and, 6 HIA196, if you would just stand, the Chairman would like 7 to ask you a few questions. 8 <b>A. Okay.</b> 9 CHAIRMAN: Would you prefer to take the oath or make what's 10 called an affirmation? They have the same legal effect. 11 It's a matter entirely for you. 12 <b>A. I'll take an oath.</b> 13 CHAIRMAN: Very well. 14 HIA196 (sworn) 15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 16 Questions by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY 17 MS SMITH: Just sit down, HIA196. You are quite content for 18 me to call you HIA196. Is that correct? 19 <b>A. Surely, yes.</b> 20 Q. Can I ask you if you can just speak into the microphone, 21 because everybody in the chamber has to hear what you 22 say -- 23 <b>A. Yes.</b> 24 Q. -- and we have to get a record of it also. Thank you. 25 Now, HIA196, you are now aged 60. Is that correct?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 statement, which is SND-1413, and you'll see there that 2 there's a large black block with the "HIA196" and the 3 date 31st October '13 on that. Can you just confirm 4 that under that on the original statement is your 5 signature? 6 <b>A. I don't see a signature.</b> 7 Q. You can't see it on that -- 8 <b>A. No.</b> 9 Q. -- but have you seen the original statement and your 10 signature is there under that black box? 11 <b>A. Yes, yes, yes.</b> 12 Q. And that statement is the evidence that you wish the 13 Inquiry to consider. Is that correct? 14 <b>A. Yes.</b> 15 Q. Thank you. Now when you first went to Termonbacca, you 16 were placed in the nursery. 17 <b>A. Yes.</b> 18 Q. Is that correct? At paragraph 3 of your statement on 19 page 1404 -- sorry -- paragraph 4 at the bottom of that 20 page you talk about the nursery and you describe it as 21 consisting of rows of beds lined up with the odd cot and 22 small toilet. You say there was a side room in which 23 the nun slept. You say: 24 "At that age I was happy and loving. I didn't know 25 any different and I wasn't going hungry. There was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 always plenty of food in the nursery, because you 2 couldn't have babies going hungry." 3 You say you stayed there until about six, when you 4 made your Holy Communion. 5 <b>A. Yes.</b> 6 Q. Have you any recollection of how many nuns were in the 7 nursery? 8 <b>A. There would only have been one nun. There -- at that 9 time I think there was workers. I am not quite sure if 10 there was definitely workers, but I think there was 11 girls that worked in it. My feeling at the time was 12 that I was really happy and at some stage I missed the 13 company of -- I sort of got the feeling that there was 14 people in it that came out of my life or left it, or 15 maybe I was transferred from the nursery to the other 16 part of the home, but it definitely was a happy time.</b> 17 Q. And you say later in your statement that you actually 18 made friends in the nursery you said who remained your 19 friends throughout. That's right? 20 <b>A. Well, they were -- they were children that were reared 21 beside you morning, noon and night. So because we were 22 only -- at that time I was two years old. So I'm having 23 three or four years with children of the same age. So 24 it's -- again I don't know any different. So I'm happy 25 enough in the environment.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 <b>in -- in Termonbacca, but when -- when I went up to the 2 house in Creggan, there was a whole family and lots 3 of -- seemed to be lots of people there. So I wouldn't 4 have known if my mother was one of them. So basically 5 that was the end of that. I sort of thought, "Well, 6 this could be the start of maybe ..." Why did she not 7 come and say, "Look here. I'm your mother", but it 8 never happened?</b> 9 Q. Can I ask you -- you go on in your statement to talk 10 about how you moved from the nursery to the junior 11 dormitory on the following page at paragraph 5, and you 12 say that you were about 6 or 7. You say that a certain 13 nun was in charge of the dormitory and you actually name 14 her there and she is seen on the statement here as SR2. 15 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b> 16 Q. There was another nun who was in charge of the senior 17 dormitory and she is shown in your statement as SR1. 18 You say: 19 "The dorm was basically an ex-army hut with a tin 20 roof made out of corrugated iron." 21 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b> 22 Q. "Beds were lined down the middle of the room and there 23 was a much larger bed in the corner for a senior boy." 24 <b>A. Yes.</b> 25 Q. "Whoever was in charge of the dormitory slept in the big</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 Q. But what I am saying to you is that in your statement 2 later you say that those were the friends you grew up 3 with? 4 <b>A. That would have -- yes, we would have gone through the 5 ranks together later on, yes.</b> 6 Q. Can I ask you throughout your time in Termonbacca did 7 you have any contact with your mother at all? 8 <b>A. No. Definitely not, no, because at that stage I was -- 9 I mean to say I wasn't aware that -- I suppose, because 10 I never had a mother, I didn't know that you actually 11 had a mother. You were a child in an orphanage, but 12 I often wondered, "What's this all about?" She did send 13 a lady up to see me in a little room that I was asked to 14 come to.</b> 15 Q. Yes. It was at one of the parlours in the home? 16 <b>A. Aye, a little small room there between the nursery and 17 the main -- as the chapel would have been, maybe the 18 next room to it, and I walked into the room and this 19 lady said that my mother had sent her, because she had 20 a baby the same time as her, born the same time as her, and 21 I asked, "Where is she?" and she said, "Well, I'm 22 going to take you out for a day up to Creggan where 23 I live and you can spend the day out with me, basically 24 for like a day out", and she did have one of her 25 children with her there in -- when she came to visit me</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 bed in the corner. In the other corner there was 2 a cubicle with a window where the nun slept." 3 Can I just confirm that when you say whoever was in 4 charge of the nursery, what do you mean by that? Who 5 would have been in charge -- sorry -- of the dormitory. 6 Who would have been in the charge of the dormitory? Who 7 would have slept in that bed at the end of the -- 8 <b>A. As in the senior boy? It could have been any. It 9 seemed to be not the same person all the time. I don't 10 know whether they took turns or -- but that -- that 11 particular bed was for a senior person. I wouldn't -- 12 I couldn't say that the same person all the time was in 13 that bed, but I do know that that person was basically 14 in charge of that room, and a lot of the time when we 15 were going to bed the room seemed to be overrun with 16 older boys, who were at liberty to be there, do what 17 they like, just basically were the bosses, but 18 definitely no nun to be seen to regulate anything.</b> 19 Q. Yes. You say that the nuns gave the responsibility over 20 to the senior boys to look after you. Is that correct? 21 <b>A. Well, not so much in -- I mean, to see it from our point 22 of view, they were there and we wouldn't be aware of who 23 was meant to be doing what, but I couldn't more or less 24 say -- the nun was in charge, but, sure, you know, there 25 was just too many people for her to handle, so obviously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>

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<p>1 <b>the seniors took control basically and were let do it.</b></p> <p>2 Q. And when you talk about the seniors and the older boys,</p> <p>3 you say in your statement, paragraph 6, that they would</p> <p>4 have been about 14 or 15 when you were about 6 or 7.</p> <p>5 <b>A. Yes, pretty much. They were senior to us anyway. There</b></p> <p>6 <b>wasn't like -- between 6 and 7 to 14, there definitely</b></p> <p>7 <b>was that gap where they were superior to us.</b></p> <p>8 Q. You go on in paragraph 7 to say that:</p> <p>9 "The nuns seemed to love having them around, because</p> <p>10 they had responsibility for us",</p> <p>11 and you would seldom ever see the nuns and that the</p> <p>12 nuns spent very little time with you. Is that correct?</p> <p>13 <b>A. Well, I mean to say there was two different buildings.</b></p> <p>14 <b>There was a large stone building, like a very large</b></p> <p>15 <b>stone building, where the nuns -- basically that was</b></p> <p>16 <b>their -- their quarters, and the Nissan hut as such</b></p> <p>17 <b>would have been ours. So they weren't able to spend</b></p> <p>18 <b>24/7, because they spent quite a lot of time going to</b></p> <p>19 <b>offertory, as we learned it was, to go praying. You</b></p> <p>20 <b>know, we were left -- basically left to your own</b></p> <p>21 <b>devices, but the older boys definitely had a playing</b></p> <p>22 <b>field.</b></p> <p>23 Q. Well, we will come back to that. Just if I can take you</p> <p>24 to paragraph 7 there, you say:</p> <p>25 "At night the senior boy in charge" -- this is in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 Q. Perhaps can I -- I don't want --</p> <p>2 <b>A. Do you want to elaborate yourself?</b></p> <p>3 Q. Well, I'm not --</p> <p>4 <b>A. You know, I know what you are saying. Is there</b></p> <p>5 <b>something you want to ask me?</b></p> <p>6 Q. You use the description that the boy used the younger</p> <p>7 boys for his entertainment and that you were called on</p> <p>8 a couple of occasions. Is there anything you want to</p> <p>9 add to what's there or would you rather not?</p> <p>10 <b>A. No, no. It doesn't leave much to the imagination</b></p> <p>11 <b>really.</b></p> <p>12 Q. You do talk about the Sisters and refer to them and you</p> <p>13 do speak about SR2 in particular.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>15 Q. At paragraph 6 you talk about her and you say that you</p> <p>16 couldn't approach her, that she wasn't nice.</p> <p>17 "She was a bully and she was very controlling. She</p> <p>18 was the sort of person who made you feel like you were</p> <p>19 always doing something wrong and you were a problem.</p> <p>20 There was no love in her at all."</p> <p>21 You say that she was an evil, hateful bitch. She</p> <p>22 gave you a nickname "Tucker" and it stuck, and, as you</p> <p>23 say, you wouldn't have minded if this was a nickname</p> <p>24 that you had been given by your friends, but it was</p> <p>25 given to you by the nun, and you then heard her voice on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 charge of the dormitory -- "would walk up and down the</p> <p>2 dormitory and batter us across the legs with a brush.</p> <p>3 I would just lie there and say nothing out of fear. The</p> <p>4 senior boy in charge would change depending on who was</p> <p>5 available and the older boys would take turns",</p> <p>6 which is again just in accordance with what you</p> <p>7 just told us:</p> <p>8 "Every night the senior boy would call out the names</p> <p>9 of the younger children. He would take them round to</p> <p>10 his bed and strip them and use them for his</p> <p>11 entertainment. You had to pretend you were sleeping.</p> <p>12 You wouldn't even be able to breathe, because if he</p> <p>13 thought you were breathing, you would be called over to</p> <p>14 his bed. I often heard my name being called. I was</p> <p>15 brought over to a senior boy's bed on a couple of</p> <p>16 occasions. I never once saw the nun walking up and down</p> <p>17 and checking on the boys, and she must have heard names</p> <p>18 of boys being called. I can't understand how she never</p> <p>19 once came out that door. The dormitory was a bad place</p> <p>20 to be. There was no way out and the nun was no</p> <p>21 advantage to us."</p> <p>22 Is there anything you want to add to that, HIA196,</p> <p>23 or does that sum up --</p> <p>24 <b>A. No, that's basically -- you couldn't add much more to</b></p> <p>25 <b>that. It's just terrible.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 the radio some time later and she was going to work in</p> <p>2 Africa, in South Africa.</p> <p>3 You then talk about her again at paragraph 13, where</p> <p>4 you say that, the second line there. She was always</p> <p>5 threatening you "If you don't do this ...", you wouldn't</p> <p>6 be going to the family who eventually adopted you for</p> <p>7 a week in July or August. She would have you pairing</p> <p>8 socks on a Thursday evening from 5.00 pm until midnight.</p> <p>9 You would be kneeling on the ground and she would have</p> <p>10 you like that for five hours until the blood stopped</p> <p>11 flowing to your knees. It was cruelty.</p> <p>12 "I used to love getting out of Termonbacca in the</p> <p>13 summer. She would give you a wee case and send you off</p> <p>14 on your holidays. It was great to get away, but it was</p> <p>15 devastating to come back."</p> <p>16 I will talk again about you leaving the home,</p> <p>17 HIA196, but again you speak about this particular nun at</p> <p>18 paragraph 18:</p> <p>19 "Even after I left Termonbacca these people still</p> <p>20 had access to the younger boys."</p> <p>21 By "these people" you mean the older boys. Isn't</p> <p>22 that correct?</p> <p>23 <b>A. Even after I left Termonbacca?</b></p> <p>24 Q. Yes. You are saying that even after you are gone you</p> <p>25 were aware that the older boys were still having access</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

<p>1 to the younger boys. You say:</p> <p>2 "I just don't understand why that was allowed to</p> <p>3 happen. Was it because they were this particular nun's</p> <p>4 favourites and they were the ones that helped her? She</p> <p>5 knew it was going on. It is not what she did; it is</p> <p>6 what she could have done. She could have put things in</p> <p>7 place to stop it happening. Those older boys had the</p> <p>8 run of that place. They were bullies."</p> <p>9 <b>A. 100%, correct.</b></p> <p>10 Q. Can I just ask you: do you ever remember anybody from</p> <p>11 Social Services coming to Termonbacca when you were</p> <p>12 living there?</p> <p>13 <b>A. Never.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Or do you ever remember any visits by any senior nuns</p> <p>15 from the congregation?</p> <p>16 <b>A. Never, never.</b></p> <p>17 Q. What about anybody else? Was there any visitors who did</p> <p>18 come to Termonbacca?</p> <p>19 <b>A. The -- what do you call them? George Johnston -- St.</b></p> <p>20 <b>Vincent de Paul. They would have come up on Sundays</b></p> <p>21 <b>mostly, Sunday evenings, and walked about basically with</b></p> <p>22 <b>the nuns and maybe had bits of conversation with the</b></p> <p>23 <b>boys as -- because there was a good -- we actually</b></p> <p>24 <b>looked forward to them coming, because there was very</b></p> <p>25 <b>few -- there was actually nobody ever came to visit as</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 13</p>	<p>1 you?</p> <p>2 <b>A. It would have been Christmas time only.</b></p> <p>3 Q. Only at Christmas?</p> <p>4 <b>A. Only at Christmas, aye. There was no such thing as</b></p> <p>5 <b>birthday parties or -- I mean to say they had probably</b></p> <p>6 <b>that many children, but I was always of the opinion when</b></p> <p>7 <b>SR1 was giving out the money on Saturday for us to go</b></p> <p>8 <b>down the town, she would have had a large ledger book,</b></p> <p>9 <b>and when I'd come in to get the money, I'd always make</b></p> <p>10 <b>a point of looking at the date, thinking the date that</b></p> <p>11 <b>I seen was my birthday, but it turned out it wasn't. It</b></p> <p>12 <b>was the date I was put into that home.</b></p> <p>13 Q. Can I just ask you about the nun giving you money to go</p> <p>14 into town was this?</p> <p>15 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>16 Q. Was this like pocket money?</p> <p>17 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>18 Q. And was this on a weekly basis?</p> <p>19 <b>A. Well, from memory, yes.</b></p> <p>20 Q. And did --</p> <p>21 <b>A. I mean, it could have been every two weeks, but I think</b></p> <p>22 <b>-- I think now it was every week.</b></p> <p>23 Q. And can you remember how much you got?</p> <p>24 <b>A. Half a Crown in those days, 2 and 6.</b></p> <p>25 Q. 2 and 6. Some of us are certainly old enough to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 15</p>
<p>1 <b>such. I don't remember anybody coming up to -- to do</b></p> <p>2 <b>anything really. We would have had a music teacher,</b></p> <p>3 <b>Giles Doherty, would have come to teach us how to sing</b></p> <p>4 <b>and we also had a man called Mr McCaffrey, who was out</b></p> <p>5 <b>of the secondary school that we attended, come up and</b></p> <p>6 <b>done the plays at Christmas, but other than that there</b></p> <p>7 <b>wasn't -- there was no Social Services people at all.</b></p> <p>8 Q. What about the plays at Christmas? Was there anyone</p> <p>9 came to that?</p> <p>10 <b>A. As in visitors? The -- SND131 was the bishop and he</b></p> <p>11 <b>always came every -- it was quite a good -- we looked</b></p> <p>12 <b>forward to that, because it was -- brought a bit of life</b></p> <p>13 <b>to the place and was -- we all took part in it, singing</b></p> <p>14 <b>and I think even had our own brass instruments band. It</b></p> <p>15 <b>had -- the home itself had its own band, which was</b></p> <p>16 <b>something different, and we did have music lessons maybe</b></p> <p>17 <b>-- probably once a week or maybe once every two weeks,</b></p> <p>18 <b>but he came and done -- done that, the music lessons,</b></p> <p>19 <b>but other than that there wasn't -- there was very</b></p> <p>20 <b>little entertainment as such.</b></p> <p>21 Q. And what about presents? Did you ever get any presents?</p> <p>22 <b>A. Well, in those days cowboys, feathers and bow and arrows</b></p> <p>23 <b>and that's pretty much what was in the presents.</b></p> <p>24 <b>That's -- that's what we got. There was presents, yes.</b></p> <p>25 Q. There were presents. When were these presents given to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 remember what that is --</p> <p>2 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>3 Q. -- but it translates into about 12 and a half pence</p> <p>4 I think in new money.</p> <p>5 <b>A. Well, in today's money, yes. I think -- now I am not</b></p> <p>6 <b>quite sure, but I think maybe the older boys might have</b></p> <p>7 <b>got more than the younger boys. I think there might</b></p> <p>8 <b>have been -- you know, there was -- and then on your</b></p> <p>9 <b>behaviour too, you know.</b></p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN: I think it is fair to say it was a not</p> <p>11 insubstantial sum in those days.</p> <p>12 MS SMITH: Yes, it was quite a lot of money in the 1950s and</p> <p>13 '60s.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Yes. I am saying the older boys might have got that and</b></p> <p>15 <b>the younger boys might have got less. They might have</b></p> <p>16 <b>got 2 shillings and the older boys might have got the 2</b></p> <p>17 <b>and 6.</b></p> <p>18 Q. Did everyone in the home get this money?</p> <p>19 <b>A. Well, from -- I would think -- I think everybody did,</b></p> <p>20 <b>because we used to go in groups, and it was the</b></p> <p>21 <b>highlight of the week. You know, it was something --</b></p> <p>22 <b>you know, we were never out other than going to school.</b></p> <p>23 <b>It was an adventure to go down -- down the town.</b></p> <p>24 Q. And can I then ask you if we can go to paragraph 9 in</p> <p>25 your statement, you talk here about the daily routine in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 16</p>

<p>1 Termonbacca and you do talk about bedwetting here and 2 you say that: 3 "The daily routine began when we were awakened by 4 a bell. If any boy had wet his bed, he would have to 5 carry his sheets the whole way from the dormitory to the 6 bathroom. We were all lined up naked for our bath and 7 they bathed us in Jeyes Fluid. The smell of the Jeyes 8 Fluid was horrendous. We had to go to mass at about 9 7.00 am. When we came back, we would have breakfast and 10 then go to school." 11 Can I just pause there and ask you if you -- if mass 12 was at 7.00 and people were being bathed beforehand, can 13 you recall what time of the morning you might have got 14 up at? 15 <b>A. Well, because mass was actually in the home, I don't 16 know were we wakened at 6 o'clock or 6.30 or 7.00. 17 I just wouldn't know exactly what time, but, first of 18 all, if you had to get up -- it says there about going 19 for a bath. Well, not everybody -- it was only one or 20 two and they would have had to carry -- his name I think 21 -- am I allowed to say his name?</b> 22 Q. Yes. It can't be repeated outside this room, but you 23 are certainly able to name somebody. 24 <b>A. Well, I think the lad -- it was the same lad all the 25 time every morning, and I used to -- I used to feel</b> Page 17</p>	<p>1 <b>wouldn't have had to bath every morning, but when we did 2 have a bath, it was definitely done in Jeyes Fluid.</b> 3 Q. You go on to talk about being an altar server as well. 4 You didn't eat until after mass. Isn't that correct? 5 <b>A. Yes.</b> 6 Q. And you talk about fainting at mass because you were 7 hungry. You say you weren't ill treated by the priests 8 and that there was one nice priest who you name in that 9 paragraph who would have played with you and he seemed 10 like a lovely man. 11 <b>A. He seemed to -- from recollection he seemed to be the 12 only priest that came over to play in the playing fields 13 and he was a young priest, but he was -- definitely was 14 all right, like. He never done anything. He was Father 15 Lynch, was a very nice priest, but somewhere along the 16 line I heard that he had left the priesthood, or I don't 17 know. It's just something in the back of my mind that 18 he had left the priesthood, but he was a very nice man.</b> 19 Q. HIA196, at paragraph 21 you talk about the fact that you 20 were called by a number in the home and that you were 21 number 28. 22 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b> 23 Q. Can I just ask you about that? It's been suggested by 24 the congregation that they didn't have any policy of 25 numbering children, that what they did may have been to Page 19</p>
<p>1 <b>sorry for him, because obviously it wasn't -- it wasn't 2 a deliberate thing, but he wet his bed every day, and 3 I think it was SND153. I'm not -- I'm not -- I mean to 4 say I'm only saying that for the purposes of here, but 5 he was made carry his sheets and was made an exhibition 6 of, and it wasn't done quietly. It was "You've done it 7 again" and he was made carry the sheets from here to the 8 far side of the building.</b> 9 <b>There was a bathroom on -- up at the large 10 dormitory. There was facilities there, but a room that 11 had about 10 or 15 sinks in it had been closed for years 12 and years. At one time I would never have seen into it, 13 and at some stage it got -- it only had sinks in it now, 14 but at some stage it got opened up or fixed or whatever 15 was wrong, but he would have had to carry his sheets 16 from the large dormitory down through a room that we 17 would have called the recreation room, down a corridor 18 past the small dormitory and down a corridor past the 19 sewing room and the boot room, and that was quite -- he 20 was having to carry his sheets. I don't know. There 21 definitely always was the one boy, but I don't know was 22 there half a dozen. I don't think there was as many as 23 half a dozen, but I do know that he -- this was on 24 a daily occurrence with him and he was made 25 an exhibition of. As for the rest of the boys we</b> Page 18</p>	<p>1 sew a number into the clothing -- 2 <b>A. Yes.</b> 3 Q. -- so when clothes came back from the laundry -- 4 <b>A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.</b> 5 Q. -- and they needed to give you the shirt that fitted 6 you, they would say, "Number 28, here's your shirt". 7 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b> 8 Q. Can you say anything about that? 9 <b>A. I would actually agree with that. I would say that was 10 a sensible thing to do. The numbering wasn't -- it 11 wasn't like in a prison that you might be know by your 12 number and not your name. We were definitely known by 13 names such as "Tucker", you know. So I'm not aware that 14 other boys had a label as such put on them, but 15 I definitely had, and I wasn't talked, "28, come here" 16 or "Go there" or "Do this". 28 was definitely only 17 for -- it was the number was there, okay, but I remember 18 it in the boot room and I don't really remember it being 19 on my clothes, but obviously it played some part in the 20 -- in the running of the place.</b> 21 Q. When you say you remember it being in the boot room, can 22 you explain what you mean by that? 23 <b>A. Well, the boot room was square holes with numbers on 24 them and that's where your boots went or your shoes. It 25 was called the boot room, but maybe the clothes --</b> Page 20</p>

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<p>1 I mean to say if you were wearing a coat or anything, 2 I think the coats may have gone into that same room. 3 Q. Thank you. Now can I ask you just what was your 4 relationship with the nuns was like? How would you 5 describe it? 6 A. Well, SR1 was the older of the two nuns that was in 7 charge and I never had any problems with her. I have 8 witnessed her giving boys beatings, but I must have been 9 a good boy, because I didn't get any beatings off her. 10 SR2 was a completely different kettle of fish in 11 that she had a built in anger, hatred. There was no 12 relationship whatsoever with her. You could say she was 13 under pressure, but she really didn't have to be, 14 because, you know, the boys were doing a good job in 15 running the place and she should have had the life of 16 Riley. 17 Q. Can I ask you what you want to tell the Inquiry about 18 the food that you got in Termonbacca? 19 A. Well, food would have been brought up out of the kitchen 20 whatever meal times or that. I found that on a Sunday 21 you would be starving, absolutely starving, and that the 22 reason given for no tea or anything in the middle of the 23 day or perhaps after 12 o'clock on any day would be that 24 the visitors were coming up, which was St. Vincent de 25 Paul.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>	<p>1 did not eat with us. So we hadn't a clue what -- what 2 kind of a breakfast. I know the priest that came up got 3 a nice breakfast every morning, because I served mass 4 and I could smell the food. So ... 5 Our food was basic enough. We got gruel, which is 6 meant to be porridge, and we got tapioca. I think 7 that's what you call it, but there was no -- it was 8 basic food just. 9 Q. Okay. Can you confirm to the Inquiry that you have no 10 complaint to make about the clothing that was provided 11 to you? 12 A. Well, clothing -- we had our school uniforms, which were 13 cleaned. I remember them having to be cleaned in August 14 time for starting with some kind of vinegar or 15 something. I don't know what was used on them, but they 16 were stinking. I never actually seen new clothes as 17 such. You know, I don't know where the clothes came out 18 of, but I would not have been looking forward to putting 19 on something that I knew was new. 20 Q. Can you say anything about chores in the home? Did boys 21 carry out chores? 22 A. Well, you were made do it whether you wanted to do it or 23 not. We would link up in long lines. There was that 24 corridor there between the small dormitory. It was just 25 a long running corridor. We would link and you would</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p>
<p>1 The meals room was a large -- large room and 2 basically I got to know that there was a tub of Flora, 3 if I was lucky enough, and I would go in and run my 4 finger across it and eat it and run back out again in 5 case you get caught, but as for food, you got your meals 6 at meal times and that was basically it, but Sunday was 7 a terrible day, because you weren't going to get 8 anything to eat, possibly 6.00, 7.00, or whatever, 9 6 o'clock probably, and that's -- the hunger in the 10 morning too would have been one of the reasons why 11 I would have fainted at mass, because you were getting 12 up and you didn't get your breakfast till after mass. 13 Then you were to be at the school. We walked to school, 14 there and back, all schools, and you wouldn't have got 15 anything to eat until it was time to go to school. So 16 you'd a long space from you got up until you -- because 17 of mass. 18 Q. And you say in paragraph 20 that you were always hungry 19 in Termonbacca. You say you think it was run on 20 starvation. Now it has been suggested there was food 21 from the farm and that the boys and nuns ate the same 22 food. Have you any comment to make on that? 23 A. Well, we wouldn't know what the nuns ate, because the 24 nuns did not eat along with us. They -- everything -- 25 their life was over in the big stone building. So they</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 have a cloth under your right foot and you would go back 2 and forward and back and forward, and that's one of the 3 chores, and the other chore that I had and detested was 4 pairing socks for four hours or whatever it took for the 5 whole of the place and no help whatsoever from anyone. 6 Q. What do you want to say to the Inquiry about the 7 education you received when you were in Termonbacca? 8 A. Well, there was no facilities for education in 9 Termonbacca. I mean to say, you went to school, and if 10 you had homework, you done your homework, but other -- 11 there was no facilities for sports or anything other 12 than being basically kept from morning to night and fed 13 and watered and put -- get to your bed and that's 14 basically it. It was a ritual morning to night, night 15 to morning. Nothing really forward -- to look forward 16 to, and the only form of entertainment I remember was 17 a tennis table, and at most only four people could play 18 on it, but there was never -- I don't remember football 19 or swimming. We went to swimming with the -- because of 20 the school, but that was -- had nothing to do with the 21 home, you know. 22 Q. Can I just take to you paragraph 10 of your statement? 23 You said that you went to primary school in Nazareth 24 House in Bishop Street. You walked there on foot. Your 25 teacher was called Mrs Casey and you were happy in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p>

<p>1 school.</p> <p>2 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>3 Q. You describe the classrooms. You do describe</p> <p>4 an occasion when you were punished in school for</p> <p>5 knocking another boy off his chair by the nun who --</p> <p>6 <b>A. I knocked a girl off her chair. They took me in next</b></p> <p>7 <b>door to SR9. She taught all girls. She got the girls</b></p> <p>8 <b>to hold me out like a star, eagle-shaped or whatever,</b></p> <p>9 <b>but, of course, it couldn't be done unless you were</b></p> <p>10 <b>stripped naked, and she battered me as hard as she</b></p> <p>11 <b>could, and I presume at primary school I was probably</b></p> <p>12 <b>five years old, and that I will never forget.</b></p> <p>13 Q. Do you remember after leaving Bishop Street did you go</p> <p>14 to Bridge Street at all?</p> <p>15 <b>A. Went to Bridge Street, yes.</b></p> <p>16 Q. Then you went on to secondary school in St. Joseph's in</p> <p>17 the Creggan?</p> <p>18 <b>A. Uh-huh, yes.</b></p> <p>19 Q. You talk about that in paragraph 11. You say that you</p> <p>20 had to walk up the hill to school every day no matter</p> <p>21 what the weather was like.</p> <p>22 "There was no transport in those days. At school we</p> <p>23 were always called 'the home boys'. We were ashamed."</p> <p>24 <b>A. Well, there was a label put on you that -- that was it.</b></p> <p>25 <b>You were different than everybody else, and you didn't</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 going to talk about some of the specific allegations</p> <p>2 that you want the Inquiry to hear about. At</p> <p>3 paragraph 15 -- perhaps if I just read this. It is on</p> <p>4 the page before you. There seems to be a difficulty</p> <p>5 with the statement and what has happened to</p> <p>6 paragraph 15, Chairman, but perhaps if I just read it</p> <p>7 anyway and I will read it slowly. You can't see --</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN: Perhaps you would use the designations for the</p> <p>9 individual's surname.</p> <p>10 MS SMITH: I will do.</p> <p>11 "On another occasion I was told that a certain</p> <p>12 person wanted to see me up in the laundry."</p> <p>13 I am not going to name that person.</p> <p>14 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>15 Q. "The laundry was a newly built place up a walkway some</p> <p>16 way away from the main building. It wasn't too far from</p> <p>17 the little cottage where two workers lived."</p> <p>18 You name those workers, and you are saying that you</p> <p>19 never had a problem with either of those two people.</p> <p>20 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>21 Q. One of them, in fact, was a nice man, but you say that</p> <p>22 you always thought there was something going on between</p> <p>23 one of them and one of the nuns who you name.</p> <p>24 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>25 Q. You say:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 <b>mingle with the rest of the boys, because if you were</b></p> <p>2 <b>a home boy, you come to school with them and you were</b></p> <p>3 <b>going home with them. So there was no outside contact</b></p> <p>4 <b>with any -- you didn't make friends with the outside</b></p> <p>5 <b>world really, because you weren't part of it.</b></p> <p>6 Q. You talk about the uniform and about the vinegar there.</p> <p>7 Then you say that:</p> <p>8 "But I always thought I was well enough dressed. It</p> <p>9 is not like we were in rags or anything."</p> <p>10 You say that:</p> <p>11 "As far as the nuns were concerned, we were living</p> <p>12 in the lap of luxury. Education-wise I always felt like</p> <p>13 a gopher. We were never encouraged to aim for anything</p> <p>14 in life."</p> <p>15 Can you explain what you were trying to say to the</p> <p>16 Inquiry there?</p> <p>17 <b>A. About?</b></p> <p>18 Q. Just in that -- those couple of lines about --</p> <p>19 <b>A. That sentence?</b></p> <p>20 Q. Yes.</p> <p>21 <b>A. You just felt disadvantaged. You know, you were in</b></p> <p>22 <b>a rut, a situation that -- because it is through no</b></p> <p>23 <b>fault of your own. You are just in that situation.</b></p> <p>24 <b>Nothing you can do about it.</b></p> <p>25 Q. Just move to paragraph 15, please. HIA196, I am now</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 "They were very close" -- that is the nun and this</p> <p>2 person -- "and they would stand for hours and hours --</p> <p>3 and this person would stand for hours and hours in the</p> <p>4 sewing room talking to her."</p> <p>5 Then paragraph 6 goes on:</p> <p>6 "We would have had absolutely no reason to be in the</p> <p>7 laundry. I went up, and when I opened the door, I saw</p> <p>8 my friend ...",</p> <p>9 and I am going to name him. He is SND11. I know</p> <p>10 you want to talk about him later, HIA196. So I am</p> <p>11 naming him for you.</p> <p>12 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>13 Q. "I saw my friend SND11 standing totally naked. This</p> <p>14 other person was the instigator of what was going on.</p> <p>15 Sister SR2 had this person doing the laundry work. So</p> <p>16 he would have had access to whoever he wanted.</p> <p>17 I remember being stripped naked and laid on a wooden</p> <p>18 rack. This person and his mates would have touched me</p> <p>19 sexually, but they didn't make me touch them. SND11 and</p> <p>20 I were both subjected to this. The abuse never went</p> <p>21 further than touching."</p> <p>22 In paragraph 17 you say:</p> <p>23 "I couldn't believe it, because I was only a child.</p> <p>24 I was about six or seven and he think he would have been</p> <p>25 14 or 15. I had my little circle of friends that I had</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p>

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<p>1 known since nursery in Termonbacca and they were like                  2 brothers to me. So we got attached. He infiltrated                  3 that friendship."                  4 Then you go on to describe what you learned happened                  5 to SND11. I think you want to talk about that, HIS196.                  6 <b>A. Well, I just want to go to the start of that where --</b>                  7 <b>how I ended up in the lorry -- laundry. I was actually</b>                  8 <b>sent for. I was sent for, in other words.</b>                  9 Q. Yes. I don't want you to name anybody.                  10 <b>A. Oh, no, no, no. I am not naming a name, but I was</b>                  11 <b>actually approached by somebody who that person sent for</b>                  12 <b>me. So obviously he had a conversation with SND11 and</b>                  13 <b>he asked him, "Who is your friend or who do you hang</b>                  14 <b>about with?" or whatever and that's why I ended up,</b>                  15 <b>because I was actually sent for.</b>                  16 <b>What was your second one there?</b>                  17 Q. You were just -- you wanted the Inquiry to hear what had                  18 happened to SND11.                  19 <b>A. Well, I attended one of your meetings in Derry and I --</b>                  20 <b>there were some of the boys from Termonbacca there, who</b>                  21 <b>were there after I was there, but SND11, his name was</b>                  22 <b>mentioned. I think I said that he was run over by</b>                  23 <b>a train or something in London and they -- their</b>                  24 <b>information wasn't correct and they sort of made little</b>                  25 <b>of it, that he was a nut case or something to that</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 29</p>	<p>1 <b>A. Yes.</b>                  2 Q. You say that you can't be completely sure, but you think                  3 one of the older boys who abused you in a dormitory was                  4 a different lad. You are 60% sure that it wasn't the                  5 person who was in the laundry who was in the dormitory.                  6 <b>A. Yes.</b>                  7 Q. Then you go on at paragraph 19 to describe another                  8 occasion when during the summer you were out playing and                  9 you noticed a light on in the bathroom.                  10 "The windows were high up. I climbed up to look in.                  11 I saw [this person who had been in the laundry] standing                  12 there with a load of boys. He grabbed me and pulled me                  13 up through the window."                  14 Now can I just ask you -- just pause there and ask                  15 you to explain how that was possible, how he was able to                  16 grab you through the window?                  17 <b>A. Because I climbed up off the ground up. The window</b>                  18 <b>would have been at a higher level and was -- there was</b>                  19 <b>probably a waste-pipe or something there and I was</b>                  20 <b>able -- the reason I climbed up there was to see in at</b>                  21 <b>the window, because there was a light on, so out of</b>                  22 <b>curiosity, for no other reason. I wouldn't be aware of</b>                  23 <b>what was going on in there, but when I did climb up and</b>                  24 <b>I seen -- they seen me then too and they pulled me on</b>                  25 <b>into the bathroom.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 31</p>
<p>1 effect, and because they weren't -- they had been there                  2 after I was there and that was the story they had in                  3 their heads, I didn't go into it or I didn't change it,                  4 but I could have told them that SND11 took his own life                  5 because of what happened him obviously. He wasn't                  6 adopted or he wasn't -- I wasn't aware that he had any                  7 family, which we probably wouldn't have had information,                  8 and also I wouldn't have been in contact with him from                  9 I left Termonbacca. So I don't know how long he stayed.                  10 The last information I got was that he had taken his own                  11 life and that information was given to me by --                  12 Q. By someone else?                  13 <b>A. -- someone else who had been in the home, who had worked</b>                  14 <b>in the kitchen all his life and who -- basically that's</b>                  15 <b>the story, and he hadn't much pity for him either, but</b>                  16 <b>I would like to say that I know that SND11 was in that</b>                  17 <b>position and I don't think that he took his own life for</b>                  18 <b>no reason.</b>                  19 Q. Now you talk in paragraph 18 -- we have referred to some                  20 of that, but you just say that you remember this person                  21 who we have talked about who was in the laundry and                  22 another older boy who you name, and this is again if                  23 I can just -- about halfway down through paragraph 18.                  24 You couldn't remember this person's surname, but you                  25 thought it wasn't another person by the same first name.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 30</p>	<p>1 Q. You go on to say that another boy whose name you can't                  2 remember hit you with a towel rail across the head --                  3 <b>A. Yes.</b>                  4 Q. -- and you had to go to Altnagelvin for treatment --                  5 <b>A. Yes.</b>                  6 Q. -- and you say you still have a scar.                  7 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b>                  8 Q. You believe that the person who you saw who worked in                  9 the laundry ended up across the border, that you were                  10 told that by someone. Is that correct?                  11 <b>A. Yes. I reported this to Nexus and Nexus came back with</b>                  12 <b>information to me that he had been transferred or was no</b>                  13 <b>longer in -- had been maybe taken for doing something in</b>                  14 <b>Derry. I don't know. It's basically that information</b>                  15 <b>is in my head from what Nexus said. That was reported</b>                  16 <b>to Nexus in 2002 or thereabouts.</b>                  17 Q. While you were in Termonbacca, you were actually                  18 fostered out, HIA196.                  19 <b>A. Yes.</b>                  20 Q. First if we go back to paragraph 12, you initially went                  21 to a family in Omagh --                  22 <b>A. Yes.</b>                  23 Q. -- with another boy.                  24 <b>A. Yes.</b>                  25 Q. You say they were nice people, and then you were</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 32</p>



<p>1 fostered out to a family who eventually adopted you when 2 you were about 13.</p> <p>3 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>4 Q. That would have been in 1966, and you talk about in 5 paragraph 12 and other paragraphs about how you enjoyed 6 being there, how you worked hard and eventually you took 7 over the -- your adoptive father's business.</p> <p>8 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>9 Q. Isn't that right?</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>11 Q. In the years after you left Termonbacca have you had any 12 contact with the nuns?</p> <p>13 <b>A. None whatsoever, only to -- when I was getting married, 14 I went up for my mother's details, which sister give me.</b></p> <p>15 Q. SR2 I think this is.</p> <p>16 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>17 Q. She gave those details to you, and how was she to you 18 that day?</p> <p>19 <b>A. Oh, lovely, very nice.</b></p> <p>20 Q. And can you comment on that?</p> <p>21 <b>A. No, other than she got the details for me and was just 22 very nice about it. No con... --</b></p> <p>23 Q. Just to be clear this was the same nun about whom you 24 were complaining earlier?</p> <p>25 <b>A. Oh, yes. Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 <b>given the responsibility. It is up to them to -- if 2 they take it on, they should carry it out, you know. 3 It's just a sad story.</b></p> <p>4 Q. Finally, as you know, HIA196, this Inquiry has to make 5 recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive about 6 a potential apology, or some form of appropriate 7 memorial or tribute, and also whether some other form of 8 redress is appropriate.</p> <p>9 I wonder is there anything you would like to say to 10 the Inquiry about those matters?</p> <p>11 <b>A. No.</b></p> <p>12 Q. You have no view on what should be recommended?</p> <p>13 <b>A. No, I don't. This is as much as I can handle anyway. 14 I know it will get carried out all right, but I don't 15 have any view as to what -- I don't think there's 16 a solution to the problem as such, but to be able to say 17 what you have to say and, you know, it's good to get the 18 opportunity, you know.</b></p> <p>19 Q. Finally, is there anything else that you wish to say 20 that we haven't covered?</p> <p>21 <b>A. No. That's pretty much it there.</b></p> <p>22 Q. Thank you. The Chairman and Panel Members may have some 23 questions for house.</p> <p>24 Questions by THE PANEL</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN: HIA196, can I just ask you about what you have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 Q. And --</p> <p>2 <b>A. I had -- I actually would have had my fiancee with me, 3 so -- not that that would have made a pile of 4 difference, but she actually wasn't the person you would 5 have thought that you experienced years ago.</b></p> <p>6 Q. Subsequently you did marry and that marriage sadly 7 ended--</p> <p>8 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>9 Q. -- and you have four children, and you have been with 10 your current partner for the last four years.</p> <p>11 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>12 Q. Can I ask you -- just before I go on to that you talked 13 about the brass band. Did you actually play in the 14 brass band?</p> <p>15 <b>A. No, no --</b></p> <p>16 Q. Did --</p> <p>17 <b>A. -- but lots of boys did. They had a band obviously. 18 I just -- I know the band existed and quiet good.</b></p> <p>19 Q. Well, can I ask you, HIA196, what is your attitude today 20 to those who looked after you at Termonbacca?</p> <p>21 <b>A. It's not good. It's not good. It's just a sad story 22 from start to finish. Unfortunately, you know, when 23 you're born, you have no say in your future, and a lot 24 of it is left up to the people, especially your parents, 25 and if you parents don't exist, then somebody else is</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 described to us when you were allowed to go into the 2 town on your own and you got pocket money, 2 and 6 3 a week you thought? You left Termonbacca completely 4 when you were adopted in 1966. So you are talking about 5 a time when you were coming up to or certainly you 6 weren't any more than 13 -- isn't that right --</p> <p>7 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>8 Q. -- when you were going down town?</p> <p>9 Were you and the other boys allowed to go down on 10 your own, or did you have to go in groups, or what way 11 did it work?</p> <p>12 <b>A. Well, they did go in groups, yes. They definitely did 13 go in groups. I don't think anybody went on their own. 14 We had our own wee friends as such. You would have 15 had -- you definitely went in groups, okay, and other 16 than that you -- there wasn't -- I don't think there was 17 anybody went on their own as such. Definitely not.</b></p> <p>18 Q. And you were given 2 and 6 before you went presumably so 19 you could spend it on sweets or lemonade or whatever you 20 wanted to spend it on?</p> <p>21 <b>A. Yes, yes.</b></p> <p>22 Q. And I am old enough to remember that 2 and 6 would go 23 quite a long way in those days.</p> <p>24 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>25 Q. Buy quite a lot of lemonade, or chocolate, or sweets, or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

<p>1 whatever. Isn't that right?</p> <p>2 <b>A. Uh-huh.</b></p> <p>3 MS DOHERTY: HIA196, thank you for your testimony. I was</p> <p>4 just wondering if you want to say anything about how</p> <p>5 your time in Termonbacca affected your life as an adult.</p> <p>6 Do you feel it had any ...?</p> <p>7 <b>A. Well, I can just put one word on that: disaster,</b></p> <p>8 <b>disaster. My life has been -- because of being a baby</b></p> <p>9 <b>to start with, having met up with my mother, making</b></p> <p>10 <b>arrangements to meet her after I got married, more or</b></p> <p>11 <b>less being told, "It's pretty much your own fault".</b></p> <p>12 <b>I've -- she went on to have six children and I was her</b></p> <p>13 <b>first child out of wedlock, but she went on to have</b></p> <p>14 <b>six -- seven children, and more or less told me not to</b></p> <p>15 <b>be coming near her, just stay away. Didn't want to</b></p> <p>16 <b>know.</b></p> <p>17 <b>In the adoption end of it, because of the life that</b></p> <p>18 <b>I would have had in Termonbacca, I was pretty glad to</b></p> <p>19 <b>get taken out by anybody. They were good people, yes,</b></p> <p>20 <b>but I done work that their own children didn't do or</b></p> <p>21 <b>wouldn't do or couldn't just -- wouldn't have had a clue</b></p> <p>22 <b>how to do it, but in saying that I am very grateful for</b></p> <p>23 <b>having been taken out and been given a home, but the</b></p> <p>24 <b>experience of somebody having been put in somewhere</b></p> <p>25 <b>where the child has no say in what -- how things go, but</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 37</p>	<p>1 (Short break)</p> <p>2 (11.40 am)</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN: Yes.</p> <p>4 Perusal of documents and biography of nuns SR5 and SR11</p> <p>5 given by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY</p> <p>6 MR AIKEN: Good morning, Chairman, Members of the Panel,</p> <p>7 ladies and gentlemen. I intend to be brief this morning</p> <p>8 and I'm going to briefly look at the fourth and fifth</p> <p>9 nun in the biography process that we were engaged in</p> <p>10 yesterday and then look at two small sets of documents</p> <p>11 from the 1950s that relate to Termonbacca in a similar</p> <p>12 vein to the SND131 documents that we looked at a couple</p> <p>13 of days ago.</p> <p>14 So if I can first deal with -- we dealt with three</p> <p>15 nuns yesterday, SR1, SR2 -- and you will find the</p> <p>16 references on page 6 of the designation list -- and SR3,</p> <p>17 and this morning I am going to deal briefly with SR5,</p> <p>18 who you will find on page 6 also.</p> <p>19 There is not a major amount of information that is</p> <p>20 available at the moment on SR5, who is an individual who</p> <p>21 will come up in various witnesses' evidence that you are</p> <p>22 going to hear, but if we can first of all bring up</p> <p>23 SND-6341. While I am going to use the name, the name is</p> <p>24 not to be published.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN: Do we need to know the name really?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 39</p>
<p>1 <b>certainly I don't know who should have put something in</b></p> <p>2 <b>place or why it wasn't detected or why was it let go or</b></p> <p>3 <b>... The fact this inquiry is taking place will tell you</b></p> <p>4 <b>that there was something not right.</b></p> <p>5 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>6 MR LANE: Thank you very much.</p> <p>7 <b>A. Thank you.</b></p> <p>8 Q. The Chairman has already asked the question I was going</p> <p>9 to ask.</p> <p>10 <b>A. Yes. Sure.</b></p> <p>11 Q. Thank you for that.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN: Well, thank you for coming today, HIA196. That's</p> <p>13 all as far as we are concerned. If you would like to go</p> <p>14 now, you are free to go.</p> <p>15 <b>A. Yes. Thank you for everything.</b></p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.</p> <p>17 (Witness withdrew)</p> <p>18 MS SMITH: Chairman, that concludes the oral testimony for</p> <p>19 today. There is some material I understand that</p> <p>20 Mr Aiken will be presenting to the Inquiry, but perhaps</p> <p>21 it is appropriate to take a short five-minute break.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will start again at 11.40.</p> <p>23 MS SMITH: 11.40.</p> <p>24 (11.30 am)</p> <p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 38</p>	<p>1 MR AIKEN: Well, we can --</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN: The parties have the designation.</p> <p>3 MR AIKEN: They do. They do. You can see the designation</p> <p>4 list doesn't contain the Christian name of the nun, but</p> <p>5 we can deal with that in another way, but you'll see --</p> <p>6 in fact, you won't see from the document, but you can</p> <p>7 take it from me, Members of the Panel, that SR5 was born</p> <p>8 in _____ and you will see she comes from County</p> <p>9 Cork. Further down the document at the bottom you will</p> <p>10 see -- it is again redacted for our purposes -- but she</p> <p>11 died on _____.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN: So if we just look at her religious life, she was</p> <p>13 professed on 15th August 1950. So she was 2...</p> <p>14 MR AIKEN: 28.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN: 28.</p> <p>16 MR AIKEN: This appears to be a personnel record, if I can</p> <p>17 classify it in that way, that was kept by the</p> <p>18 congregation in respect of Sisters. They are not</p> <p>19 available for all of the Sisters as yet, although, as</p> <p>20 Mr Montague says, there's a further search underway to</p> <p>21 see if more information can be found, but this Sister,</p> <p>22 SR5, then worked in Termonbacca from 1971 to 1974 and</p> <p>23 during that period she was aged 49 to 53.</p> <p>24 If we bring up SND-5781, please. Just maximise the</p> <p>25 page for me. I am afraid that's the one that hasn't got</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 40</p>

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<p>1 the number, but that is SR5.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN: She is number three on the list --</p> <p>3 MR AIKEN: Yes.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN: -- and described as being responsible for the</p> <p>5 boys and being bursar?</p> <p>6 MR AIKEN: Yes. If we move to the next page, SND-5782,</p> <p>7 please, and we have got the same problem. If we go to</p> <p>8 SND-5784, again she is the Sister without her</p> <p>9 designation appearing.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN: In both 1972 and 1974 she is both the bursar and</p> <p>11 it seems had some group responsibilities. Is it group</p> <p>12 or groups?</p> <p>13 MR AIKEN: Group. It appears that by this stage, by the</p> <p>14 start of the '70s, there is a description of a group of</p> <p>15 children as opposed to just children, which you've seen</p> <p>16 on the earlier records, and that may signify the move</p> <p>17 towards a --</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN: A form of unit --</p> <p>19 MR AIKEN: Yes, a unit structure.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN: -- structure inside the home as opposed to the</p> <p>21 older fashioned dormitory type --</p> <p>22 MR AIKEN: Yes.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN: -- existence that we have been hearing about?</p> <p>24 MR AIKEN: Yes. You will hear a number of individuals talk</p> <p>25 about SR5 over the next period of time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 41</p>	<p>1 That continues in that form through to 1960.</p> <p>2 If we can go to 5770, please.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry. Do we have SR6 in this list in 1951?</p> <p>4 MR AIKEN: SR6?</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN: Isn't that who we are dealing with?</p> <p>6 MR AIKEN: SR11.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN: Oh, I beg your pardon.</p> <p>8 MR AIKEN: If you take me to 5770, please, you will see now</p> <p>9 the one down from the top, SR11, and again that has the</p> <p>10 reference we were referring to yesterday of LC. The C</p> <p>11 may well stand for "councillor". The L is something we</p> <p>12 will have to clarify, but she is working with the boys</p> <p>13 still. By this stage she is now age 36.</p> <p>14 When we look at the next page, SND-5771, we will see</p> <p>15 that SR11 is stroked out. You will see we have the</p> <p>16 reference to "councillor", which is probably what the --</p> <p>17 one of the two letters LC relates to, and now her</p> <p>18 working with the children has come to an end. She's</p> <p>19 moved from Termonbacca. Where else she went and what</p> <p>20 other work with children she did isn't yet clear.</p> <p>21 That's again something Mr Montague may be able to look</p> <p>22 into for us.</p> <p>23 So those are the two further sisters who are talked</p> <p>24 about in the evidence that you've heard this week and</p> <p>25 will hear shortly when we resume, and I don't propose,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 43</p>
<p>1 The fifth sister that I want to look at is SR11.</p> <p>2 Again her reference is on page 6 of the designation</p> <p>3 list.</p> <p>4 If you would bring up for me, please, SND-6342.</p> <p>5 Again if you could max out the size of that page. Again</p> <p>6 this is a record that appears to have been maintained by</p> <p>7 the congregation about the life of the Sister.</p> <p>8 Again you will see she is from County Cork</p> <p>9 originally. Her date of birth is ,</p> <p>10 which has been redacted for our purposes, and you will</p> <p>11 see at the bottom of the page that she died -- again it</p> <p>12 is redacted out -- on</p> <p>13 She worked in Termonbacca --</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry. Could you just give me her date of</p> <p>15 birth again, Mr Aiken?</p> <p>16 MR AIKEN: Yes. It is . Sorry.</p> <p>17 . I'm obliged.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN: So she was 2...?</p> <p>19 MR AIKEN: 27 when she first goes to Termonbacca and when</p> <p>20 she was professed she was 23. She first goes to</p> <p>21 Termonbacca in 1951, and if we can bring up SND-5760,</p> <p>22 please. We are clearly having a problem with our</p> <p>23 designations this morning, but just move down to the</p> <p>24 next page for me, please. So we can see in 1951 SR11 is</p> <p>25 working with the boys. It's the penultimate entry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 42</p>	<p>1 unless there is anything you want me to address, to deal</p> <p>2 any further with those Sisters at this stage.</p> <p>3 What I want to do now is to look at two small sets</p> <p>4 of correspondence, documents that the Inquiry has</p> <p>5 received.</p> <p>6 The first is at SND-6214, and if you could -- rather</p> <p>7 than use the cursor to maximise that if you make the</p> <p>8 page as large as possible so we get the first half of it</p> <p>9 and then we'll scroll down as we go.</p> <p>10 The document --</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN: Can we just have a minute to read this, please?</p> <p>12 MR AIKEN: Yes.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN: You say -- oh, yes. There are a number of</p> <p>14 documents pinned together, but we are just looking at</p> <p>15 6214 at the moment?</p> <p>16 MR AIKEN: Yes. This is a record -- so it is clear to</p> <p>17 anyone who is watching, this is a record that appears to</p> <p>18 have been written by the Superior at Termonbacca at the</p> <p>19 time -- and I will explain why I say that in due course</p> <p>20 -- and it is recording a visit that was paid by her and</p> <p>21 another nun to a hospital in respect of the treatment of</p> <p>22 a boy who had hurt himself, and I've provided the Panel</p> <p>23 and congregation with a copy, so the names can be seen.</p> <p>24 Can I just ask you to scroll down so we can see the</p> <p>25 bottom half of the page, please?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 44</p>

<p>1 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We note this is not dated, but Miss Doherty  2 confirms that the reference to the City &amp; County  3 Hospital would suggest that this is pre-Altngelvin --  4 MR AIKEN: Yes.  5 CHAIRMAN: -- and Altngelvin Hospital was built I think in  6 the late '50s and early '60s.  7 MR AIKEN: I am going to --  8 CHAIRMAN: You have some other way of establishing who we  9 are referring to?  10 MR AIKEN: Yes, there is.  11 CHAIRMAN: Yes.  12 MR AIKEN: So this is a document that was provided to the  13 Inquiry again by the Diocese of Derry, and it came  14 alongside the 1951 SND131 documents. That may lend some  15 weight to suggesting that it is of that vintage.  16 However, that's speculation, but what we can say is that  17 the memo appears to be dated or written in either 1951  18 or 1952, and I say that because you can see there are  19 two nuns that are identified. Again their identities  20 aren't to be revealed, but those two nuns were both  21 present.  22 If we turn to SND-5761, that's going to appear black  23 on the screen, but the Panel and Mr Montague are able to  24 see that in 1951 the two nuns who are named in -- who is  25 accompanying the author to the hospital is identified,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>	<p>1 hospital record to explain what happened beyond this,  2 but the doctor's view is made clear from the document.  3 CHAIRMAN: Yes.  4 MR AIKEN: As I indicated, this came from the Diocese of  5 Derry. No doubt Mr Montague will ascertain whether the  6 congregation has a copy of this document -- it was  7 clearly written by the Superior in Termonbacca -- and  8 whether there are any other documents that show whoever  9 this memo was written to, what steps, if any, they took  10 on foot of it and what was done about it.  11 The other document that I want to look at this  12 morning is two memos that can be found -- if you look  13 firstly at SND-6215. Again I have given the unredacted  14 versions to the Panel in hard copy for ease.  15 You will see from the bottom of this memo  16 Miss Forrest is one of the Children's Inspectors in the  17 Ministry of Home Affairs and she is writing on  18 21st November 1958. You will see that she's referring  19 to something she's been made aware of in the last week  20 relating to boys from Termonbacca and about two boys  21 being placed out to work on a farm after two of the sons  22 of the farm had been taken. She draws attention to the  23 way the scheme is supposed to work in terms of aftercare  24 and voluntary homes notifying the Welfare Authority  25 whenever a child is leaving the care of a voluntary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p>
<p>1 and if the author is the Superior of Termonbacca,  2 because the doctor asked to speak to the Superior, and  3 the document is written in the first person as the  4 person who spoke to the doctor on foot of his request,  5 then the Superior in 1951 can be seen on the list. In  6 1952 they are also both present, but not in 1953 and  7 only one of them is present in 1950.  8 So by the process of elimination it is possible to  9 say that the document is likely to be either 1951, when  10 the Superior was one individual, or it is 1952, when the  11 Superior was a different name, but one or other of those  12 are likely to have been the author of the document and  13 the person who accompanied them to the hospital was with  14 them in Termonbacca in '51 and '52 and not '53.  15 CHAIRMAN: Just one moment. Does the nun who accompanied  16 them have a designation? I suppose the Mother Superior.  17 MR AIKEN: Because she doesn't have a designation on the  18 designation list, she is appearing in blacked out form,  19 if we go back to SND-6214 --  20 CHAIRMAN: Yes.  21 MR AIKEN: -- because up until receipt of this document the  22 Inquiry had not received any other complaint about  23 either the author of the document or the nun who  24 accompanied the author to the hospital, and there are no  25 other documents as yet for the individual boy or any</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 home, and something that we'll look at in greater  2 detail, but you'll see also in passing, which is again  3 something we will return to, in the last paragraph  4 Miss Wright was another Children's Inspector within the  5 Ministry of Home Affairs, and you will see the  6 implication in the last paragraph of the memo that  7 Miss Wright was going to be visiting Termonbacca in the  8 near future for other reasons and would take -- it was  9 suggested she could take this matter up.  10 So it's some evidence to suggest -- and I will be  11 dealing with the inspections in greater detail -- but  12 some evidence to suggest there was Ministry of Home  13 Affairs inspections taking place in respect of  14 Termonbacca under the 1950 Act.  15 So that memo then of 21st November was followed by  16 another handwritten memo, which is more difficult to  17 read, at SND-6216. If you would just use the tool to  18 maximise this page out to its full width, please.  19 I will just read it out. This is of 24th November 1958.  20 It says:  21 "The Minister of Home Affairs", who at that time was  22 Mr Topping, "was approached by the Minister of  23 Agriculture about two boys who had been boarded out  24 somewhere in the Feeny area from St. Joseph's Home,  25 Termonbacca."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>

<p>1 I think that's:  2 "The Permanent Secretary passed a note into this  3 branch asking for details of this case."  4 Now "this branch" I am going to suggest is the  5 Children's Branch or the Childcare Branch of the  6 Ministry of Home Affairs:  7 "No clue was given as to why there should be any  8 query. So the matter was passed to Miss Forrest to see  9 if she could throw any light on the case. A copy of  10 her minute", which is the one we have just looked at,  11 "is filed above",  12 and indicating Minister's jottings (undated) were  13 returned for filing.  14 If we go back to the note at SND-6215 --  15 CHAIRMAN: I think "PS" might be Private Secretary.  16 MR AIKEN: Private Secretary.  17 CHAIRMAN: Yes.  18 MR AIKEN: If you just maximise. So at the moment that's  19 the extent of what we know about. Certainly some  20 suggestion of these individuals going to a farm and that  21 then being raised as an issue with the Ministry.  22 As you are aware, Chairman and Members of the Panel,  23 I have been trying to this week look at some of the 1950  24 to '65 documents, because that's the era of the oral  25 evidence that you've been hearing. These documents date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p>	<p>1 I might just make it clear to anyone who has been  2 studying our website and wonders why the documents which  3 have been produced to the Inquiry on each day have not  4 yet appeared on the website for the day in question,  5 this is proving technically rather more difficult to  6 achieve, but they will appear in due course. It may  7 well be that for some time what we have to do is to put  8 the transcript up as soon as we can and then the  9 documents for that day will follow later.  10 Very well. We will sit for the other matter at  11 2 o'clock.  12 (12.10 pm)  13 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 am  14 on Monday, 10th February 2014)  15 --ooOoo--</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p>
<p>1 from that time and there are not many more documents  2 specific to events in Termonbacca other than those that  3 we've looked at. There are many more documents about  4 the policy and procedures operating generally and we  5 will look at those in due course as part of other  6 themes.  7 That's all I propose to say to you this morning  8 unless there's anything I can assist with.  9 CHAIRMAN: No, I don't think so.  10 Mr Montague, I understand you are still looking into  11 the matters that were referred to earlier in the week.  12 MR MONTAGUE: Yes, we are indeed, Chairman. I will have  13 a statement for you next week and I can address the  14 Panel prior to when we resume on Monday week.  15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.  16 MR MONTAGUE: Thank you.  17 CHAIRMAN: Well, that concludes the sitting for this  18 morning. I will be sitting this afternoon to deal with  19 an application, but so far as the hearings in relation  20 to evidence are concerned that completes the public  21 aspect of the Inquiry's work for this week. The public  22 sittings relating to taking of evidence will, as  23 I explained yesterday, re-commence on Monday, 10th  24 February, and prior to that we will, of course, be  25 publishing the list of witnesses for that week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">I N D E X</p> <p>HIA196 (called) .....2  Questions by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY .....2  Questions by THE PANEL .....35</p> <p>Perusal of documents and biography .....39  of nuns SR5 and SR11 given by  COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p>