
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Tuesday, 22nd October 2014

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 61)

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Counsel to the Inquiry.

1 (10am) Wednesday, 22nd October 2014

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Sorry we
3 have had a delayed start, we have had some technical
4 problems that had to be ironed out. I gather they have
5 now been ironed out. Before we start, can I remind
6 everyone yet again, when the inquiry is sitting mobile
7 phones must be switched off or placed on silent, and no
8 recording of any sort is permitted in the inquiry
9 chamber or within the confines of the building.

10 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman and ladies and gentlemen.

11 The first witness today is HIA 191, he is HIA 191. HIA
12 191 wishes to maintain his anonymity and affirm. He has
13 mobility difficulties, so he will remain seated while he
14 does so.

15 HIA 191 (affirmed)

16 MS SMITH: For the benefit of the panel members and others
17 who need to know, there are a number of documents in the
18 bundle. His own statement is 622 to 628. The response
19 statement from The Order is found at 2481 to 2484 and
20 exhibits relating to that statement are found at 2485 to
21 511.

22 A further response statement was received at RUB
23 4767. There are a number of papers in the bundle from
24 the Health and Social Care Board which can be found at
25 RUB 30134 to 30162. Those papers indicate that he was

1 in the care of Antrim County Welfare Committee, and I
2 should say they have been placed in the bundle in
3 reverse chronological order. So you need to go to the
4 back of 60612 -- 30162 and work backwards 30124.

5 There is an interview that HIA 191 gave to the
6 police, which can be found at RUB 64897 to 64945.

7 There is other documentary material which appears to
8 include extracts from the Antrim Welfare Committee
9 minutes and they can be found at 68150 to 68157.

10 Having spoken to HIA 191, those were documents that
11 he himself received in relation to himself, but they
12 certainly appear to be minutes from the Antrim County
13 Welfare Committee. **BR 2** has provided a
14 statement at 5355 and 5400. The relevant paragraphs are
15 paragraphs 26 to 32, which can be found at 5360.

16 HIA 191, if I can come back to you after going
17 through all of that preliminary material. You will see
18 before you on the screen that there is a witness
19 statement, and it is described as the "Witness Statement
20 of HIA 191", which is the designation we have given to
21 you to protect your identity.

22 If you can just go to the last page of that
23 statement, please, which is 628. Do you see, HIA 191, that
24 there is a great black box at the bottom with the
25 signature HIS 191; can you confirm this is the statement

1 that you have provided to the inquiry and you signed it
2 on 10 March this year?

3 **A. It is.**

4 Q. Would you also confirm, HIA 191, this is the evidence
5 that you wish the inquiry to consider, together with anything
6 else that you tell us this morning?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. If we go back to the first page of your statement, at
9 622, paragraph 1, there you highlight your personal
10 details and you have no longer any contact with any
11 siblings that you had. You were taken into care, you
12 thought, in 1954/1955. You went to Clogreenan
13 Children's Home in Glenarm in Larne, and this is not an
14 institution that is under investigation, by the inquiry,
15 HIA 191, but I am going to read through this briefly so the
16 inquiry get a little of what you say about your time
17 there.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You first went in 1955, met the matron there, a very
20 nice woman. Then you were fostered out to a family -- a
21 name is given there and their address also -- and you
22 think you were with them for a year or 18 months. You
23 were very close to them and their daughter, who sadly
24 died in her 20s, and the mother shortly after that,
25 which meant there was no one to look after you and you

1 had to go back to Clogreenan?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. RUB 30155, if you look at that, I believe you have seen
4 these documents before, HIA 191, but this is an Antrim
5 County welfare document, children's department. I
6 should point out this document has not yet been
7 redacted, but before it is displayed outside this
8 chamber, it will be redacted and the details on this
9 document and others must not be referred to outside of
10 the chamber. It is an agreement between the Antrim
11 County Welfare Committee and the lady who looked after
12 you at that time?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Just scroll down through that, please.

15 **A. I remember being took out of the home and going to that
16 address and meeting a family, and I was a bit nervous at
17 first because I didn't know what to expect. But after a
18 few weeks I started getting on well, everything was
19 going great. Honestly, I will be honest and say I do
20 not remember Christmas or my birthday there. I will be
21 honest in that. I don't even know about my school
22 there. All I know is about the family.**

23 I took to the daughter. She had two daughters, I
24 took to one of them and the mother and he would take me
25 everywhere and make sure I had anything I needed, which,

1 you know, the only thing I would need would be clothing.
2 They would treat me to sweets, being that age. As I say
3 everything was going great.

4 Q. You were happy there, HIA 191?

5 A. Ah, I was happy as Larry.

6 Q. Sadly, unfortunately --

7 A. It was disaster struck. I couldn't believe it. I woke
8 up the next morning and there was pandemonium in the
9 house.

10 Q. Take your time, but certainly you remember that as very
11 difficult and you had to then go back to Clogreenan?

12 A. No, the daughter died first and we buried her. I took
13 it hard, but not as hard as I took it when the mother
14 died. She died not long after it. That only left [REDACTED],
15 the daughter, and [REDACTED] the Da. And there was no way
16 they could look after me and the welfare came in and
17 pulled me out and put me back in Clogreenan.

18 Q. Are you okay? Are you happy to continue or do you need
19 a break? Are you okay, HIA 191? (Pause)

20 HIA 191, if we can just go back to the statement,
21 if that could be looked at, please, at 622. Briefly,
22 if I can just summarise what happened. You went back
23 into Clogreenan and they tried to foster you out again
24 and you didn't like that. You lasted one night and were
25 brought back in Clogreenan?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. There was another lady there who took an instant dislike
3 to you and she hit you across the backside and legs?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You remember an occasion in the home where another girl
6 asked you to take the blame for something she had done,
7 and you did that and got beaten with, you say, five or
8 six bamboo canes until they were broken by this lady who
9 didn't like you?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You said the other lady who you had liken in Clogreenan
12 came back for a short time. You remember the third
13 matron there?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You say she didn't beat you, but sent you to bed without
16 supper or anything to drink?

17 **A. Yes, if you were bad.**

18 Q. You remember that one day you were told to get yourself
19 together, you were moving and not to ask questions, and
20 that was when you were moved to Rubane?

21 **A. No, it wasn't quite like that, but I was told I was**
22 **moving to another home and to gather up what I wanted to**
23 **take with me. I asked why I was being moved because**
24 **there was another boy there and he was the same age as**
25 **me, if not older. I don't know, he was bigger than me,**

1 not much at the time. But I was told to just do what I
2 was told and a car was waiting for me. I put my stuff
3 into the car, got into the front seat and away we went
4 after we said goodbye to some of them.

5 Q. And there is a document that we will look at, 30160. I
6 know you have seen this before also, HIA 191?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. This is from the Antrim County welfare documents and it
9 says there that --

10 A. Oh aye, yes.

11 Q. Then RUB 622: "I collected HIA 191 at Clogreenan
12 on 1 August 1965. He seemed quite cheerful and a trifle
13 nervous. He looked very smart in new blazer and
14 trousers and shoes of which he was very proud. His
15 belongings were all collected together and put in the
16 car. After many goodbyes area, rather off-hand on part
17 of the some of the children we set off. HIA 191 was
18 curious about De La Salle and asked many questions.

19 "After a while he fell silent and looked out of the
20 window for quite a while, he kept his head averted. I
21 think he was trying to hide a few tears. On the way he
22 insisted we stop at a shop so he could spend of the
23 money [REDACTED] had given him on some sweets for the
24 boys he was going to live with, and the social worker
25 thought he was currying favour. He was interested in

1 when we arrived and I explained he was a new boy.

2 I gather the come domestics take quite a large interest
3 in the boys. BR 6 appeared and I introduced them. HIA
4 191 was making sure he didn't lose any of his
5 possessions, especially his gun. He then went off
6 happily to meet the other boys and the boys named there
7 showed him around."

8 Do you remember the journey down?

9 **A. Yes, I can remember it as if it was yesterday.**

10 **For a start, Miss, did you name her?**

11 Q. I did name her and her name will be recorded, but won't
12 be used outside here, but to make it easier for her?

13 **A. [REDACTED] wasn't the matron when I left. It was [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] was the matron of the home when I left in 1965,
15 and I wasn't given any money and I did not, I repeat,
16 did not stop at any shop.**

17 Q. Going on down, that was in August 1965 and the next
18 entry relates to October 1965:

19 "Called down to see HIA 191. Seems to have settled
20 pretty well. Has some difficulties in making friends
21 with the other boys, perhaps to be expected when he is
22 the oldest at Clogreenan. HIA 191 told me something of his
23 day there and mentioned the fact that he didn't like
24 some of the boys. He didn't ask about Clogreenan at all
25 apart from the fact that he left quite a few of his

1 toys, tennis racket and prayer book. I promised I would
2 see what I could do and bring them down. The overall
3 impression was that HIA 191 was fairly happy, but having
4 difficulty mixing with so many boys his own age and
5 older and also feeling rather far away from everyone
6 that he knew. I think he will take a while to settle
7 completely but hope he will do so."

8 Do you remember seeing the social worker coming to
9 visit you after Rubane?

10 **A. Definitely not. One hundred percent no. After she**
11 **left, that was it. I never seen her again. And I never**
12 **had a tennis racquet, or a prayer book for that matter.**
13 **Everything I wanted to take with me, I took with me.**
14 **The rest I didn't care about, but I do not recall seeing**
15 **the welfare person at any time. The only time I seen**
16 **somebody was when I was getting moved out of there to a**
17 **hostel.**

18 **Q.** Yes, if you look at another document, 30156, and this is
19 a document from the children's department, setting out
20 your case history. At the bottom we can see it is dated
21 around the time of you leaving in 1970. This is an
22 application, really, to get you admitted to care for
23 temporary accommodation and for them to seek more
24 permanent accommodation during the next week. It is
25 fair to say that this document seems to be the start of

1 further documents involving social services, and they
2 all relate to after you left Rubane?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. In 1970/1971, I prefer to work with the page notice
5 bundle. Between that entry in October 1965 until you
6 leaving Rubane, there doesn't seem to be any record that
7 we have discovered or been provided with of your time in
8 Rubane from Social Services or from the Antrim County
9 Welfare Committee other than documents that you yourself
10 received from PRONI. We will look at those. RUB 68150,
11 please. You will see that this, again, is relating to
12 your time after you have been in Rubane. It says:

13 "HIA 191, who had been accommodated at Rubane since
14 19 August 1965 is now school leaving age. He left
15 Rubane 27 March 1970 and went to the home of his aunt and
16 uncle for a trial period and was then admitted to Conway
17 House on 3rd April 1970 and where permanent lodgings are
18 being made?

19 **A. That's incorrect. That's totally wrong. Absolutely**
20 **wrong. When I left Rubane, I was put into Arlington**
21 **Hostel on Blacks Road, Suffolk. The guy that run the**
22 **place was a [REDACTED].**

23 Q. There are other documents. Just look at the next page,
24 if you scroll through these very quickly. Do you see
25 that was minutes of 21 April 1970. Scroll on down

1 again, "in lodgings attained 18 years", and that is
2 1973.

3 **A. That is when I left Conway House, 1973. I left it in**
4 **September, I think, 1973.**

5 Q. There is another minute.

6 **A. Or '72, I am not sure which, '73 or '72.**

7 Q. Do you see here there is an entry:

8 "Arrangements made for this child to return from
9 Clogreenan to his mother for a short period at Christmas
10 commencing 27 December 1959. He returned again 6
11 January 1960."

12 **A. I can't remember.**

13 Q. Do you remember leaving Clogreenan to go out to your
14 mum's for Christmas?

15 **A. I mind going out, but, as I say, I didn't know. It**
16 **probably was because I mind during my stay there she**
17 **lived off the [REDACTED], something "View", "Gardens"**
18 **or something. There is the [REDACTED] and then there**
19 **is entrance into it, and at the east corner there is two**
20 **flats, downstairs and upstairs, downstairs and upstairs.**
21 **On the upstairs one of that, that is where my mother**
22 **lived. She took me into Halls Hotel, that is where she**
23 **worked, to show me to her workmates, you know.**

24 Q. There seems to be another couple of minutes that relate
25 prior to your time in Rubane on the next couple of

1 pages, and just scrolling down through them, I will not
2 read them, if we go to 68157.

3 **A. 68154, I have up here.**

4 Q. It is coming up now. Minutes of 2 September 1965:

5 "HIA 191 was transferred from Clogreenan to the De La
6 Salles Brothers, Kircubbin, on 19 August 65. He was
7 looking forward to the move as he had outgrown the other
8 children at Clogreenan and has settled down happily."

9 So in September that is what the welfare officers
10 were reporting back to Antrim Welfare Committee about
11 your move to Kircubbin.

12 **A. Yes, but I wasn't happy, anything but it.**

13 Q. Let's move back to your own statement, HIA 191,
14 which page 623. We know that you were in Rubane for,
15 effectively, four and a half years. You say about the
16 De La Salles home:

17 "I had never met such evil people in my life. I
18 will not even call them Christian Brothers because there
19 was nothing Christian about them."

20 You have named them, BR6, BR2, BR1, BR15 and BR64.
21 You go on to say you know BR1 was prosecuted for sex
22 offences in 2001 --

23 **A. That was my mistake, it was in the 1990s he was**
24 **prosecuted and he was found guilty, but he produced a**
25 **document to the Court via his solicitor and he got a**

1 **suspended sentence because of his so-called poor health.**

2 **He was tracked down nine years later to a golf course**

3 **playing golf, not bad for a guy in poor health.**

4 Q. HIA 191, I take it that this information that you
5 given us was something ~~that~~ that you later learned from press
6 reports and that kind of thing, is that right?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Because just for clarity sake, this particular Brother,
9 while he was prosecuted, was never actually convicted of
10 anything?

11 **A. He was convicted.**

12 Q. Well, the proceedings were actually stopped --

13 **A. Were they?**

14 Q. -- because of his ill-health. This is your
15 understanding of what you had read from the press
16 report, is that right?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Just going on, you set out some of the details about the
19 facilities in Rubane. You said:

20 "... I slept in the dormitory with other boys, about
21 20 boys in each dormitory. I remember the first night
22 somebody threw a boot at me and hit me on the head. I
23 cried that night ..."

24 You started wetting the bed over the course of
25 things happening to you and you kept yourself to

1 yourself. The Order says those boys who slept in the
2 farmyard were the boys who wet the bed and that is why
3 they were put there.

4 **A. I didn't wet the bed before I went there, so that blows**
5 **that out of the water.**

6 Q. Just a few general things about Rubane. You talk in
7 paragraph 11 about the food and the clothing. You say:

8 "In the home we got up at 7 a.m. Breakfast was
9 cereal, toast or porridge. In winter it was always
10 porridge. Dinner was midday, usually potatoes and meat.
11 The food was alright. I always got what I needed to
12 wear. I remember getting a new pair of shoes and
13 standing with my hands in my pockets admiring my new
14 shoes."

15 You then go on to talk about the Brother giving you
16 a whack in the back of the legs to move on, not out of
17 spite, but you were dallying. You can't remember
18 whether you wore school uniform or not. You went to
19 school from Monday to Friday. You are good at maths.
20 You had chores to do every day, such as washing pots and
21 pans.

22 At paragraph 18 -- if I pause there. Do you
23 remember anything else about the home? Other boys
24 talked about a tuck shop being there.

25 **A. Yes, the tuck shop was next to where they showed the**

1 films. It was just, say that's the arch going down into
2 the farmyard, as you come up along there, that is where
3 the table tennis place is. Then round the corner and
4 just down a bit is where the tuck shop is, and next door
5 to it is where they show the films.

6 Q. Do you remember going potato-picking at harvest time?

7 A. I got going one day because an idiot thought he was
8 throwing a lump of muck at me. It turned out to be a
9 stone and cut my lip. That was me, I was off.

10 Apparently, it was good money.

11 Then something else happened. I have no idea what
12 it was to this day, but it struck at least a third of
13 the boys in the home. They were down sick with
14 something, I don't know what. They were sick and
15 everything.

16 Q. So that was another time you missed out on the
17 potato-picking?

18 A. No, that was at the same time.

19 Q. Sorry.

20 A. I don't know what happened, but the main reason why I
21 lost it, was because a guy hit me with what he thought
22 was a lump of muck. But it wasn't, it was a stone and
23 that was me out of it, because you got good money.

24 Q. And that was money you could spend in the tuck shop?

25 A. Oh, yes, well, I know for a fact other guys, the smokers

1 and that, always would keep theirs and then sneak down
2 round the back way down to the corner shop, down in
3 Rubane corner and buy cigarettes and matches, then sneak
4 back up again.

5 Q. Well, in paragraph 18 you talk about Christmas. You say
6 you never knew Christmas nor birthdays in the home?

7 A. No, the only one I can ever remember is being allowed
8 out to see to be with my Aunt [REDACTED] and Uncle [REDACTED] and
9 their daughter.

10 Q. That was just one year?

11 A. That was just one year. I don't know which year it was.
12 I was there either one or two weeks. I don't know who
13 took me. I don't know who brought me back.

14 Q. But you don't ever remember a Christmas in the home?

15 A. No.

16 Q. A Christmas tree or birthdays being celebrated?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Or anything like that?

19 A. No.

20 Q. If we can just move on to some of the specific
21 allegations that you make about what people did to you
22 while you were in Rubane, HIA 191. If we can go back to
23 paragraph 6, please. The first incident you say was
24 with BR1, and I am going to use the name because it will
25 make things clearer, but again the names are not to be

1 repeated. His real name there, BR 1, and you
2 remember you were watching a movie called A Song for
3 Bernadette:

4 "Somebody gave me three cigarettes and matches and
5 told me to give them to the guys who were waiting on
6 them down at the bottom field. I told BR 1 I needed to
7 go to the toilet. I didn't know he followed me and as
8 soon as I got back up to the top of the field, he told
9 me to come with him. He took me into one of the
10 classrooms close by and put the lights on. Everyone was
11 in watching the film. He asked me what I was doing down
12 there, I said I was just seeing a couple of guys. I
13 ended up having to tell the truth. He told me to take
14 my trousers down, bend over the table and put my hands
15 on the table. I knew I was going to get beaten across
16 the backside with a stick or a strap. I was waiting for
17 it, but the next thing he grabbed my testicles.
18 I wondered what was going on. I looked under my
19 shoulder and he was fiddling with his clothes. He
20 pulled his cassock up and pulled out his penis. I
21 turned round and shoved him away from me and he hit me
22 with his stick. I was marked everywhere except on my
23 face. Every opportunity he got after that, he used to
24 slap me on the hand with a stick or thick strap. This
25 happened on a weekly basis."

1 You say another Brother who you name there also
2 slapped you the other time, BR2.

3 In paragraph 7 you go on to say:

4 "There was another time when BR 1 lured me to a
5 secluded place behind the school. He pulled up
6 his cassock and said, 'You are going to give a
7 jerk-off'. He made me grab his penis. He said I was
8 not doing it right and hit me again. I did it as fast
9 as I could to get it over with. When he finished, he
10 told me to say nothing about it."

11 In paragraph 8:

12 "A few weeks later BR 1 went one step further,
13 he took me into the classrooms and made me give
14 him oral sex. He ejaculated into my mouth and I was
15 sick over him and over the floor. He hit me and told me
16 to get the mess cleaned up."

17 After that, you were approached by another Brother.
18 I will come to that in a moment. Those are allegations
19 that you make about physical and sexual abuse involving
20 a Brother, who you name as BR 1, and the Order would
21 say that this particular Brother was not in Rubane
22 during your time there, that he only arrived there in
23 1977, which was seven years after you left, HIA 191.

24

25 **A. No, he was there.**

1 Q. They firmly --

2 **A. They can say what they want. I know for a fact he was**
3 **there.**

4 Q. They would go on to say he only visited prior to 1977 on
5 three occasions: once was in the summer of 1958 when he
6 provided cover as relief worker for someone who was on
7 holiday; once when he went with **BR 46** in
8 January 1970 to speak to a bank manager after a Brother
9 had died; and then again in 1976 before he took up his
10 appointment as Superior in 1977.

11 **A. No, he was there. He was definitely 100%, he was there**
12 **from 65 til I left.**

13 Q. They also say, HIA 191 -- just to be clear, and you
14 have said that you learnt things about this Brother from the
15 press reporting afterwards, and they said because of
16 that publicity that there was about him in the press,
17 that that is where you got his name from.

18 **A. No, no. I knew his name, but like I said, up until the**
19 **time them two cops came to my door in the 1990s I got**
20 **that dumped out of my mind, completely gone. And then**
21 **when them two cops came into my house and mentioned it,**
22 **I sort of said "Aye, aye, aye". I ended up, I told them**
23 **to get the hell out of my house.**

24 Q. Again, going back -- we'll talk about the police in due
25 course and your involvement with them in relation to

1 them with Rubane -- but in paragraph 8 you talk about
2 another Brother, BR2. **BR 2** approached
3 you and wanted you to give him oral sex. You refused.
4 He whacked you across the arm:

5 "He asked me again and I said I was still not doing
6 it. This time he whacked me in the left shoulder and I
7 said I was still not doing it. He said then, 'You will
8 give me a hand job'. I agreed and said I would give it
9 to him this time but told him not to ask me again or I
10 would kill myself."

11 This Brother denies the allegations that you have
12 made against him. If we can look at 5360, please. He
13 has provided a statement to the inquiry, HIA 191, and you
14 will see here that in this statement he said, paragraph
15 26, that he doesn't believe that he was ever interviewed
16 by the police in relation to the allegations made by you
17 against him and not aware -- and I will come back to
18 what you told the police.

19 During the time that you were in Rubane:

20 "I taught in the schools as the special needs
21 teacher and helped out in after-school activities on a
22 voluntary base until 1971, when I was appointed manager
23 of the home."

24 Paragraph 6 of these statements:

25 "He alleges I slapped him the odd time. I have no

1 recollection of this.

2 In paragraph 8:

3 "He alleges I approached him for oral sex. I deny
4 this completely."

5 He goes on to the incident that you describe,
6 paragraph 10, and I will come back to the statement
7 because I think it is better that I deal with the two
8 incidents that you describe in paragraphs 9 and 10.

9 If you can just go to your statement again at 624,
10 and at the bottom of that page, paragraph 9, you say:

11 "Not long after this incident involving this
12 Brother, I found some peace. I had found a stray dog
13 which I started to look after, a black and white
14 mongrel. I always took the dinner scraps for it and it
15 would come running to me and jump on me, I loved it. I
16 used to walk with him in a wooded area. I came down one
17 day and whistled for it but it didn't come. I did it
18 again but it still didn't come. I knew something was
19 wrong."

20 You found out that four guys had hung it. They
21 claimed the dog was terrifying their bantams:

22 "I told them they were going to pay for that, But
23 they said there was four of them and only one of me.

24 Following that incident, I went into the kitchen, took
25 two kitchen knives and I hid them in my dormitory. The

1 next day I went back down to where they were and pulled
2 the knives out. I told them I had evened out the odds
3 when I slashed one of them and tried to stab the other.
4 I got a really bad beating that time by **BR 2**
5 **BR 2**. He said I shouldn't have had a dog. I
6 then got on a bicycle with no tyres, no pedals and no
7 brakes. A lorry hit me and sent me into the ditch.
8 I ended up in Newtownards hospital. I went out on that
9 road with the intention of getting killed. I had had
10 enough."

11 If we can back to **BR 2** statement
12 about that at 5360. The Order would accept that you may
13 have had a dog and that the boys did keep chickens, but
14 they say there is no recollection of this incident,
15 which would have been very serious, and if it happened,
16 they believe your social worker would have been told
17 about it.

18 Looking again at **BR 2** statement, in
19 paragraph 10 he describes an incident in which you took
20 two kitchen knives:

21 "... and claims he received a really bad beating
22 from me. I have no recollection of any such incident
23 and I never gave him a beating. I do recall an occasion
24 when HIA 191 got on a small bicycle in the yard and went
25 out the gate and was struck by a tractor driven **BR 2**

1 [REDACTED], one of the farm hands. I noted the incident
2 in my personal diary and it is 18 March 1970. HIA 191 ,
3 knocked down by [REDACTED]. I saw the accident as I was
4 in the yard at the time, I believe he was 15 years old
5 when this happened. He was discharged from the home
6 five days later and I do not accept he was taken to
7 Newtownards hospital for treatment."

8 Just for completeness, the diary page can be shown,
9 RUB 2488. You will see here, although the year is not
10 on it, it is March, Wednesday, March 18, and it is
11 described as the weather was wet. Then your name is
12 there knocked down by [REDACTED].

13 There is another entry in that about football games.
14 So, essentially, what is being said here is that while
15 you may have had a dog and there were boys who kept
16 chickens, the Order and BR 2 [REDACTED] knew nothing
17 about this incident that you relayed about threatening
18 them and slashing at them and stabbing at them and if
19 that happened, there would be a record of it. They have
20 a record of you being knocked down by on 18 March. They
21 say that was just a few days before you actually left
22 Rubane?

23 **A. No, no. There has got to be a record in Ards Hospital**
24 **because I was in Ards Hospital for at least a week. If**
25 **I had of been a split second slower going out that gate**

1 -- and it wasn't a tractor, it was a lorry -- I would
2 have done the job. I would be dead, I wouldn't even be
3 here. That is a fact.

4 For them to turn round and say it was a tractor is
5 garbage, total lies. They admit I might have had a dog,
6 a while ago they said I didn't have a dog, make up their
7 minds. I had a dog, I had it for about 18 months. The
8 dog never even bothered the banthams, why hang him?
9 They just hung him for badness, just for pure badness.

10 I lost it. I admit I lost it. I went berserk. I
11 went and I done what I done every other night, sneaked
12 down into the kitchen, had a big bowl of cornflakes,
13 covered it in sugar and milk and I ate it, washed the
14 dish and put it away.

15 On my way out, I took two big kitchen knives with me
16 and I hid them in the dormitory. What threat I made to
17 them, I intended to carry out. I went down and I was
18 there first. I was waiting on them because I was
19 standing at the tree where they hung my dog. The four
20 of them just come casually walking down. There were
21 smart ass about it. They said, "Oh, is this the time
22 when you are going to take us four on?" I said "Aye,
23 I said the only difference is I am evening it up a bit,
24 and I ran at them when I pulled out the two knives.
25 When they seen the knives, they near crapped themselves.

1 I slashed one, stabbed at another. I don't think I got
2 him, but I tell you what, they run like hell up that
3 field.

4 And it was then that BR 2 flipping nabbed me
5 and took the knives off me, took me down into the
6 classrooms, one of the classrooms and gave me a beating.
7 I will never forget because not only did I get if on my
8 backside, I got it on my hands as well. He was hitting
9 every inch of my hands. He intended to make sure there
10 was welt marks over my hands and backside. Basically,
11 I couldn't do anything with my hand and sitting down it
12 was a nightmare. I will admit it, I had every intention
13 of killing all four of them. I make no for apologies
14 for it. I was intending to kill them. They killed my
15 dog for no reason, no reason whatsoever. As I say, I
16 had the dog about 18 months. Its farmer gave me the
17 tools and stuff to make a shed for it. Why after 18
18 months bothering with the thing. I fed it scraps every
19 day. Every single day I fed it scraps.

20 See when he were down in Glenarm, the farmer never
21 came and he would tell me he would look after the dog
22 while I was there. We went down to Glenarm every year,
23 I think it was either two weeks or a month. And for
24 them to say that there is no snooker table on that
25 site --

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2 Q. HIA 191, we will come back to that. We will deal with the
3 snooker table shortly.

4 **A. Sorry, I can't see who is speaking. I thought it was**
5 **coming from that side. That's okay. As I say, after 18**
6 **months why was the dog just suddenly -- no, I did not**
7 **believe a word they said and, like I said, I had every**
8 **intention of killing them, I will be outright and blunt,**
9 **killing them stone dead.**

10 Q. Well, certainly, as I've said, there is no record other
11 than your own recollection of that incident. If we go
12 back to your statement, please, at 626. If I can go
13 back to the previous page, first of all, just paragraph
14 12, there at the bottom of the page. You say there was
15 one Brother who you say is a Christian Brother, you
16 can't remember his name. He could see how lonely and
17 isolated you were there. You told him you hated there
18 and he said: "is that so." You played cards and you
19 were devastated when he died. You name another Brother
20 BR15. You don't remember the name of the person who
21 played cards with you?

22 **A. No, he was a big brute of a man, very kind. I will, on**
23 **this occasion, call him a Christian Brother.**

24 Q. Moving on then to the next page to paragraph 13. In
25 this you describe someone who you named, given the

1 designation BR64, my first encounter with this
2 Brother?A. BR 64, is when I was playing table tennis with
3 BR 6, BR6, he came into watch the game, BR 6 was
4 down six pence and if I lost, I would get no pocket
5 money that week.

6 BR 64 asked me to play him, but he said this
7 time you were playing for a shilling. I was a really
8 good table tennis player. I won the match easily and
9 lifted the money. After that game BR 64 was always
10 brutal towards me. After that he got me on a chair to
11 change a light bulb in the farmyard. There were three
12 other boys there. BR 64 signalled to the guys and he
13 just kicked the table from underneath me. I fell and
14 hit the edge of the table. I got a deep gash in my
15 legs, hurt my elbow, hit my head on the sink and my
16 backside on the floor. He just laughed. BR 64 warned me
17 not to tell anyone or I would get it again. That made
18 no difference as I was beaten by him with a thick stick
19 or strap.

20 Q. You are aware because we have had discussions about this
21 prior to today, that the Order say there was never
22 anybody in De La Salle home at Kircubbin called **BR 64**
23 **BR 64**

24 A. Yes, and I maybe -- this is one part where I will agree
25 with you. I might have got the name wrong, it might

1 have been [REDACTED], the next person I was playing, one of
2 the people like me, I don't know, but BR 64 stuck in my
3 mind. But I will admit it was a Brother I played, a
4 Brother like BR 6 right. I will guarantee his name
5 might not have been BR 64, I always thought it was. I
6 now believe it's not, but it made no difference, he was
7 a Brother and he just lost it. He didn't like the way
8 he was beat. He was made to look like an idiot. It
9 wasn't the same day or anything this here happened. He
10 planned this for me to go up there and change the light
11 bulb, because you don't just say, "Right, you are coming
12 with me, you are coming with me, I am going to put him
13 up in the chair and kick it away."

14 It wasn't done like that. It was done a couple of
15 weeks after it, and on my grandson's grave, I mean my
16 grandson's grave, he only lived 13 days, that Brother,
17 whoever his name is, done exactly what I have said
18 there. This is on my grandson's grave. He kicked the
19 table clear away from me. I hit the edge of the table
20 and it left a gash in my foreleg. I hurt my elbow, hit
21 my head on the sink and landed on my backside on the
22 floor, the hard floor. I tell you that I was sore, and
23 I mean sore. He threatened me not to mention it, but
24 like I said, it made no difference. That guy was just
25 pure evil. It was as if he got a kick out of it. I

1 **don't mean that in the literary sense. Every time**
2 **he got a chance at me, he just took it.**

3 Q. I will come on to talk about what you told the police,
4 what you talked to them about this particular Brother
5 and come back to that shortly.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Just to go through your statement again with you, HIA
8 191. You say you remember they were building a part of the
9 new building before you left?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. It was finished before you left in 1970?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Did you actually move into any of the chalets?

14 **A. No, I was still stuck in the nice dormitory down in the**
15 **farmyard.**

16 Q. Paragraph 14 you talk about a nun, who you say you later
17 found out that nun was in charge of it, she had been
18 moved from Nazareth for interfering with girls?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Now, you didn't meet this nun or have any dealings with
21 her?

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. This was something you heard from someone else?

24 **A. Yes, that was in the home.**

25 Q. But you don't know whether that was true or not?

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. Can I just say the records show and the Order would say
3 that this nun never came from Nazareth Lodge at all, she
4 was from a completely different Order to the sisters?

5 **A. I will have to accept that, but I know her to be SR 32**
6 **SR 32, where she came from, I was told Nazareth House.**

7 Q. This was someone else who had been in Rubane told you
8 this?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. In paragraph 15 you talk about losing a tooth and got
11 punched by another boy. You walloped him as a result
12 and you were given a hiding by BR 2 for
13 that. You said the other Brother had hit you. Firstly,
14 he said it didn't matter because he had seen what you
15 had done. You got six of the best. The Order say there
16 would have been punishment, and there was three strokes
17 on each hand?

18 **A. No, it's garbage, total garbage. Ah, for God's sake.**

19 Q. HIA 191, do you need to take a break?

20 **A. No, I don't need to take a break. These people did not**
21 **give you three on each hand, they wanted to punish you.**
22 **There is blood coming from my mouth. There was blood**
23 **coming from his head where I hit him with a rock. Now,**
24 **he didn't care that the blood was running down my mouth.**
25 **He just took me down on the thing and gave me six of the**

1 best on each hand. Each hand.

2 Now, they always done the same thing. He would
3 start there and work their way right up to your
4 fingertips. I don't know what was worst, the stick or
5 the big strap. See getting that on the backside, I can
6 tell you it is bloody sore. You have welt marks there,
7 so you have. You can hardly lie on your backside it is
8 that sore. But the cane is just as equally as bad. I
9 have had them both. I have had them both done on me in
10 one night. I got six of the best on each hand with the
11 cane. I got six, I got 12 -- no, six on the backside.
12 I had welts with the strap. I was told to go on, go.
13 For them to turn round and say the statutory punishment
14 will be three on each hand is garbage. Total garbage.
15 These people, apart from the ones I have stated, were
16 animals. They were. I wouldn't even give any credence
17 to these people, none whatsoever.

18 Q. I don't know --

19 A. They lied, they lied for 40-odd years, so they did.
20 They said none of this stuff happened, none of it. Then
21 all of a sudden there it is, they came out with a
22 statement: "We would like to offer our apologies and
23 sincere abject remorse at what happened to some of the
24 boys in our care home." I am thinking to myself: What
25 are you sorry for? Are you sorry you have finally been

1 broken down by the inquiries or are you sorry because
2 you really mean it? Well, to me it doesn't make any
3 difference, I don't even want their apology. I don't
4 even accept it. To me, it is garbage. They were
5 animals. They were just sheer animals that got off on
6 hurting other people.

7 Q. I don't know, I can see that you feel very strong
8 whether or not he. Are you happy to go back to your
9 statement to deal with some of the other things that are
10 in it or do you need to take a break?

11 **A. No, carry on.**

12 Q. Going back to paragraph 16 --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- you say:

15 "Every year we would going down to Glenarm, a
16 retreat centre."

17 You recall you were sexually abused by residents
18 there. There were five grabbed you on a snooker table,
19 and you know that the Order say there wasn't, in fact, a
20 snooker table at Glenarm, that there were table tennis
21 tables there. Four held you down, one grabbed you up
22 your shorts, by throwing snooker and balls and cue and
23 you got pounded. You told them and you say they didn't
24 believe you, I take it you say you told the Brothers
25 what happened?

1 A. Yes, I told them. So I got beat for what they done to
2 me because I hit one on the back of the head with a
3 snooker ball and just missed skewering one with a cue
4 that took in the door as he shut it. Now, I got another
5 hiding again for that. For them to turn round and say
6 there was no snooker table, I will say it again on my
7 grandson's grave, [REDACTED] there was a snooker table
8 there. There was a table tennis table there, so they
9 are lying. I wish that place was there now, now, this
10 very minute, like it was in, let's say for sake of
11 argument, 1966, and now you would see the snooker table.

12 Q. HIA 191, then just another allegation that you make in
13 paragraph 17, you say:

14 "One day two residents did a runner and I was sent
15 to catch one of them as I was a fast runner. I caught
16 him before he got very far and we were laughing and
17 joking about it on the way back to the car."

18 Brother [REDACTED] BR 1 asked you what you were laughing at.
19 He told me the boy was a slow runner and he would see me
20 later. I was slapped six times on each hand. I never
21 run again."

22 You say Brother [REDACTED] BR 1 was there?

23 A. He was there. I don't remember what they say. Ah.

24 Q. HIA 191?

25 A. I know for a fact he was there. Ah, as sure as I know,

1 on my grandson's in his grave, he was there. **BR 1**
2 was there. The whole time I was there, he was there, so
3 he was.

4 Q. HIA 191, just coming back to your statement and I am going
5 to then move on. In paragraphs 19 and 20, you talk
6 about leaving Rubane and where you went. Essentially,
7 you are saying that there was no preparation for you
8 leaving, and you talk about the hostel that you were put
9 into, although you know what the welfare recorded that
10 you went to your aunt and uncle's house?

11 A. No, that is wrong, that is incorrect. They took me to
12 Arlington Hostel, Blacks Road, Suffolk.

13 Q. You told about how your own views changed while you were
14 in there?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You moved to Conway House, Islandmagee?

17 A. No, we got into trouble in Arlington Hostel because one
18 of the boys, the older ones -- by this time now there
19 was about four or five of us younger ones. These were
20 guys that were out working, every weekend you would,
21 they would come in and push us around and we were
22 worried if we attacked them the others might help them.
23 But they turned around and said, "Look, if you want to
24 deal with him, deal with them, we will not be stopping
25 you." He came in, sure enough, and started slapping us

1 about and we gave him a kicking and we got threw out.

2 Now, on the thing here -- can you bring it down a
3 bit?

4 Q. You say you went to a place on the Shankhill Road?

5 A. Yes, [REDACTED] (?) on the Shankhill Road, that
6 is where Mr [REDACTED] mother lived. Now [REDACTED], he was
7 the welfare man, he came out and seen me there. He gave
8 Mrs [REDACTED] a token book they were in them days, and one
9 was for each week for so long.

10 Now, unfortunately, she had a massive family, she
11 had 11 kids, I think. Maybe that's why one of them was
12 in the hostel, I don't know. A couple of them were in
13 juvenile places for crimes anyway. To cut a long story
14 short, I was getting into trouble and the welfare
15 decided to pull me out, and they put into me into Conway
16 House in Islandmagee and I stayed there until three
17 months before my 18th birthday and I was put into Larne.

18 Q. Then you talk in the final paragraphs of your statement
19 about your life after care, which we don't need to go
20 into, but I know you have had severe health problems
21 currently. But I am going to come back now to talk to
22 your involvement with the police about Rubane. In 1995
23 you were approached by the police, is that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You said you had blocked out what had happened to you

1 until they came to speak to you?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 **Q.** What was your reaction when they came to speak to you?

4 **A.** I went nuts, I was angry. This thing is completely gone
5 from my existence and for them just to come into my
6 house and say we are doing an investigation into De La
7 Salle boys' home, well, my jaw must have hit the deck.
8 "What do you want with me? What do you want?" I just
9 lost it. I said, "Get the hell out of my house." I was
10 going to say something else, but I remember where I am.

11 **Q.** You used stronger language than what you are using here?

12 **A.** Yes, normally it just flies out without my realising it.
13 I told them to get the eff out of my house. Get out,
14 get away. That was that. My son, it was only me and my
15 son at the time, because I was divorced. He couldn't
16 understand the change in my mood for the next couple of
17 months. I swore blind that I would make sure that
18 nothing like that would ever happen to my son. So when
19 he left school, a fella who ended up being my
20 brother-in-law and me managed to get him into the army.
21 Now, he was in the army for 17 years, three months, one
22 week, one day until he was discharged on 14 January this
23 year on medical grounds, that he suffered at the hands
24 of the British Army while serving. And I am not going
25 to go into that, because it is a different ball game.

1 Q. Obviously, it is not something the Inquiry can look at
2 or deal with. The police first approached you in 1995?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You, basically, tell them where to go?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And they have records, they have recorded you as having
7 no complaint in 1995?

8 **A. That would be their terminology.**

9 Q. That can be seen at 68314. You then do speak to the
10 police in November 2012 and you undertook a video
11 interview and an AB interview. In that interview you
12 only complained about BR 64?

13 **A. It was, as I say at that time, I thought that was.**

14 Q. His name?

15 **A. His name, and he was the only one that was left alive.**

16 Q. How did you know he was the only one who was left alive?

17 **A. Because the two cops -- now they are going to contradict**
18 **me here and this is where it gets confusing -- I**
19 **mentioned BR 64 to them and they turned round, and this**
20 **is the same again on my grandson's grave, they say we**
21 **have a file thick on BR 64. Now, that is the two cops**
22 **in 95 or whatever you said, so I made the complaint**
23 **about what he had done. I didn't want anybody else to**
24 **know that I had somebody else's in my mouth.**

25 Q. Well, if we go to the police statement, it starts at

1 64897 -- we were looking at this earlier, HIA 191, we
2 know that this is what you said. If you just go to the
3 bottom of 64899. You are, basically, telling the police
4 in the course of this that this Brother came to Rubane
5 after you arrived there?

6 **A. What Brother?**

7 Q. We are going to call him "BR 64" because we
8 don't know any other name:

9 "All I know is his name was BR 64. He was
10 called BR 64. There was nothing Christian about
11 him. He wasn't there when I first went to that place.
12 He wasn't in De La Salle boys' home when I first went
13 there in 1965. I can't mind when it was when he came."

14 Then you go on to describe the first run-in you had
15 with him. I am going to scroll down this without
16 reading it all out. You recall I read this out to you
17 earlier today?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. If we can go on scrolling down through that, you relate
20 the incident about the snooker table and about your gash
21 to your leg. You go on to describe him as:

22 "... always running round with a big, long stick
23 that you can bend over, not like the bamboos, about a 15
24 or 16-inch leather strap. I will be honest, I can't say
25 how many times that scum bag hit me on the backside and

1 hands and legs for no reason whatsoever. Then there is
2 other boys in there and they said to me, 'You should
3 run'. I said, 'Why? Sure, you will only get caught'.
4 I was used as a runner for people that run for the
5 place. They named another fella as a runner. Two
6 people went, the other went the opposite direction and I
7 was in that car going in the opposite direction and
8 I spotted him. He must have been three or four fields
9 in front. I said, 'He's there'. He says: "Get him, if
10 you don't, you'll get." So that's alright, I caught him
11 within six fields and on the way back we were joking and
12 laughing. He turned round and says: "What were you
13 laughing at?" I said: "I caught up within six fields.
14 I said I know it shows you the speed I have and I don't
15 think he believed me, so that was another excuse to get
16 another beating between that stick and that strap.
17 I forget how many marks were on my backside and back
18 with that scum bag."

19 This account that you are giving to the police is
20 suggesting that the incident that you attributed to
21 Brother **BR 64**, about how you were treated for catching
22 the boy, was actually **BR 1**

23 **A. No, it was Brother **BR 1** that was in that car, not**
24 ****BR 64**. I don't know where the cops picked this up. It**
25 **wasn't **BR 64**. It was **BR 1**.**

1 Q. You can see --

2 **A. Yes, I know I can see that, but I don't understand it.**

3 **It was definitely BR 1 in the car. He specifically**
4 **asked for me.**

5 Q. You go on at the next page at 903 there, on down towards
6 the bottom of that, you say that three got away, they
7 are dead now and you let him get away with it.

8 That is what you were talking about earlier, about
9 what you understood happened in respect of one of them.

10 Then in 64913, again, this is when you are still
11 speaking to the police and at this point you give a
12 description. You are asked by the police if you can
13 describe BR 64:

14 "Black hair, I never saw them out of those stupid
15 frocks. You know he wasn't thick, just an ordinary man,
16 real dark eyes, just something about him."

17 You go on to talk about you are being questioned
18 again about him: You do tell the police about how you
19 wouldn't speak to them when they came to your door in
20 1995. I will not call that up, 64931 that is. In
21 essence, the only person you complain about to the
22 police when you are questioned in 2012 is this Brother
23 who you named as BR 64 and described him there to the
24 police?

25 **A. Yes, somewhere between the start of this interview with**

1 the cop -- the two cops, they have interluded BR 64 --
2 well, what I thought was BR 64, BR 1 with BR 64.

3 BR 1 is the part where I done the run, I had to do
4 the run for. I had to get the boy or I was going to get
5 it. The other bit is BR 64 because I beat him at table
6 tennis and that was that. As I say, he put me up on a
7 chair. This was way after that. But somehow I don't
8 know how they have done this, but they have went from
9 BR 1 to BR 64 and putting it down as BR 64 as the
10 whole lot. It is not. They have two different people
11 in that statement, one is called BR 1

12 The other one is BR 64, who I thought it was
13 his name. Now I know it is not his name.

14 Q. Just one small point, BR 1, did you know
15 Brother BR 1 surname?

16 A. No.

17 Q. When did you learn that?

18 A. In the newspaper.

19 Q. That is all I want to ask you about your time in Rubane
20 and your involvement with the police about your time in
21 Rubane.

22 Is there anything else about your time in Rubane
23 that you feel that we have not covered, either in your
24 statement or what you have told us today, do you feel
25 that there is anything that you have left out that you

1 have not told us about?

2 A. No. Well, the Brothers, them two in particular weren't
3 the only, I will call them paedophiles if you want to
4 call them, there were other boys like that too. Sexual
5 abuse from other boys in the place, that is not counting
6 the five down at Glenarm retreat. You know, it was
7 rampant through the place, and the beatings.

8 Now, I listened to the news on Monday announcing the
9 inquiry and I listened to it last week and some of the
10 stories I heard, and I thought to myself, I can't mind
11 that there, it must be before me, way before me. People
12 disappearing. Well, to an extent that could be possible
13 that they took off in the middle of the night to get the
14 hell out of there.

15 Q. But certainly you don't have any memory of that and you
16 can only speak about --

17 A. I can only speak about one that I was on and I never
18 volunteered again to go for anybody else.

19 Q. That is the boy?

20 A. I caught one and I wouldn't do it again.

21 Q. HIA 191 --

22 A. As for the place itself, I suppose in a way the dog kept
23 me going. He kept me going through all of it, but once
24 they done that to the dog that was it. I was gone. At
25 the time I was gone. I don't mean gone, I am getting

1 the hell out of here, I just lost it. People got to the
2 stage of fearing me for the simple reason of what I done
3 to those four, tried to do to them four guys that hung
4 my dog. Nobody came near me. They were scared to come
5 near me, because I would have had no hesitation in
6 killing them. That's why. I don't know what excuse, I
7 can't remember what excuse they put.

8 I went down the thing then, I went down that
9 driveway with the intention of getting killed on that
10 road. Now, for them to say it was a tractor is absolute
11 garbage. It was a lorry, and I wish I had been a split
12 second sooner and he would have whacked me straight on.
13 I would be dead. Instead he fired me right into the
14 ditch and an ambulance -- no, I tell you better still,
15 I didn't wake up until I was in Ards Hospital. That's
16 right, Ards Hospital. Now there has to be a record of
17 me being in Ards Hospital in whatever year that was.
18 There has to be a record. So if you can check that
19 record and find out -- if it says I was there, then I am
20 telling the truth, not them. Because it has to be
21 there. You keep records, so you do. I was in it, I
22 don't know, I think about a week, done my leg.

23 Q. HIA 191, can I ask you one final question that we ask
24 everybody, which is that the inquiry has to make
25 recommendations to the Government about what ought to

1 happen as a result of what we have heard from yourself
2 and others like you and I want to know what your
3 thoughts are on that in terms of whether there should be
4 redress or some sort of memorial, I know you have
5 already said what you thought of the apologies and what
6 your view is?

7 **A. Well, for a start whoever is in charge of these people**
8 **needs to get up, and in front of, like I am now,**
9 **addressing, say, the press, and say:**

10 "I am very sorry for what our Brothers done around
11 the world, not just here, around the world because it
12 didn't just happen here, it is happening everywhere. I
13 have heard about the Australians and Americans. So far
14 out in America they have paid out somewhere in the
15 region of two to three billion dollars in compensation.
16 Brady, he shouldn't even be -- well he is not cardinal
17 now, he should never have been made one. This all comes
18 from the people down. Now they could have got Smith out
19 of this situation.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA 191, we know what you feel about these
21 things, we have read what you say about it. We are
22 asking you what you feel should happen from your own
23 experience, not what other people may have done?

24 **A. Apologise.**

25 THE CHAIRMAN: That is something to be looked into.

1 A. Places like that should be under scrutiny because there
2 are kids, vulnerable kids involved. You know, they are
3 there for one reason or another. I know what my reason
4 was, I was an orphan, my ma couldn't look after me. My
5 Da was somebody else's Ma and Da -- or Da or whatever,
6 but these institutions, they are closed in. We should
7 be more open. That means -- I will give you an example.
8 My wife works in the nursing home. Now, you don't get a
9 warning when you go, you go in and look all round you
10 and make sure everything is alright. The same thing
11 should apply to all these institutions that look after
12 vulnerable young people. They should just have the
13 authority to walk in and see everything for themselves.
14 That is what I think should happen.

15 Like I said about their apology, I, for one, will
16 never accept it. I have had it hard ever since
17 I started this ball rolling. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] --

5 THE CHAIRMAN: HIA 191, I can understand these things are
6 veryvery important to you in your life but we don't think it
7 is necessary for you to tell us these things.

8 **A. I feel I need to get a burden off my chest.**

9 THE CHAIRMAN: I can understand that, but it is possibly in
10 your own best interests that you don't expose these
11 things to everybody in the way that you are doing.

12 MS SMITH: HIA 191, there is someone here you can speak to
13 later if you feel the need to, if you find the whole
14 process extremely difficult --

15 **A. You have no idea.**

16 MS SMITH: We do very much appreciate the fact that you have
17 come to tell us about your experiences today but
18 I certainly have no further questions for you HIA
19 191. I am not sure if the Panel have anything they
20 want to ask you?

21 MR LANE: No, thank you.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: HIA 191, we can see this has not been easy
23 for you. We do understand it is a very difficult thing that
24 you have been asked to do to come and speak to us.
25 Thank you very much for that. I am sure you will be

1 glad to hear that we don't have any further questions
2 for you.

3 **A. Thank you for listening.**

4 THE CHAIRMAN: We will take a short break for the benefit of
5 the Stenographers and sit again at 12 o'clock.

6 (Short Recess)

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Aiken?

8 MR AIKEN: Chairman and members of the panel, the next
9 witness is HIA 110 HIA 110. He was
10 aware, Chairman that you are going to ask him about
11 taking the oath or affirming.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA 110 , you can either make a religious
13 oath or make what is called an affirmation, which is a
14 solemn promise. They have the same effect, it is
15 entirely for you to choose.

16 **A. The oath.**

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Would you just stand, please, take the bible
18 there in your right-hand and repeat the words after me.

19 HIA 110 (sworn)

20 Examination by MR AIKEN

21 MR AIKEN: Will you bring up 585, please? And HIA 110 , we
22 discussed beforehand your concern about seeing the
23 screen, so just listen to what I am saying to you and we
24 will work off what I am saying. When I refer to
25 paragraph numbers I am referring to the panel, you just

1 listen to me.

2 The statement on the screen, do you remember me
3 talking about the black boxes?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. I just want you to look at the one that you have got
6 that doesn't have the black boxes and make sure that
7 they are the same document. Can you just confirm that
8 they are?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. If you just turn with me to the very last page where
11 your signature is and if we can go to 593, please.
12 I want you to check the one on the screen has a black
13 mark over your signature, but I just want you to look at
14 the one that you can see your signature on. Turn to the
15 last page. Can you see your signature on that document?

16 **A. Yes, I can.**

17 Q. Is that your handwriting?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And you have dated the statement as well?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. That is the same apart from the black mark, the one that
22 we can see on the screen?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Do you want to adopt the content of that statement as
25 your evidence to the inquiry?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You want to keep your anonymity, you don't want it
3 published?

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. Bear with me for a moment **HIA 110** while I give the
6 Panel some references, this will just take a moment.
7 The De La Salle replying statement is RUB 2222 through
8 to 2224. And the Health and Social Care Board team is
9 8086 to 8087. As I was explaining to **HIA 110** earlier
10 the Health and Social Care Board don't have a file on
11 **HIA 110** and it appears that he was an entirely voluntary
12 patient who came from St. Joseph's baby home and
13 Nazareth Lodge and Rubane. When he left Rubane he was
14 dealt with by the Nazareth Lodge After Care Committee.

15 **HIA 110** you were born on

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You are now aged 59?

18 **A. 59.**

19 Q. And you came up through St. Joseph's and Nazareth Lodge
20 and then to Rubane, and you went to Rubane on 16th
21 August 1967 when you were 12?

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

23 Q. That was part of that annual group of boys who at 12
24 went to Rubane on the mini-bus?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. You state there until 22nd April 1971 when you were 16?

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

3 Q. And in summary, I know you have a lot to say about
4 Nazareth Lodge and your time there, and you appreciate
5 we will come back to that after Christmas, but Rubane
6 was better than Nazareth Lodge was?

7 **A. It was better. It was better.**

8 Q. And the record which I will not pull up is at 2226 and
9 it records the dates coming from Nazareth Lodge and
10 being discharged to the Nazareth Lodge After Care
11 Committee. If we can go to 589. HIA 110, you described
12 to the inquiry in paragraph 26 -- don't worry about the
13 pages, I will talk to you -- you remember a series of
14 Brothers, you remember BR 6, BR 3
15 and you mentioned to me 489, the BR 22, Brother
16 26. You remember BR 6, who is BR6, Brother
17 BR 3 BR3 and BR 13 BR13?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And BR 2 who is BR2?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. And you don't have any complaints about them?

22 **A. No, no. No.**

23 Q. You got caned like everybody else the odd time?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. But they weren't bad to you in any way?

1 **A. No, no.**

2 Q. You describe **BR 13** in particular, he is in
3 paragraph 27, the Panel will see that he took you on
4 walks?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And you remember Biscuit Corner?

7 **A. Yes, that's right, Kircubbin.**

8 Q. And you would have gone for walks and stopped at that
9 point to eat biscuits and sweets?

10 **A. We all got biscuits.**

11 Q. Was he the main Brother who took you for walks?

12 **A. Yes, he was the main one.**

13 Q. What I want to ask you about, when you lived in Rubane,
14 when you first went there, you were in a dormitory in
15 the main house?

16 **A. Yes, I was.**

17 Q. And there were 20 to 30 beds in the dormitory next to
18 one another?

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

20 Q. Then during your time in the home the chalets got
21 finished?

22 **A. Yes, the chalets got finished.**

23 Q. And you went into chalet four?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. And you got a room on your own?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And can I ask you to tell the Panel when you moved to
3 the chalets was that better or worse than in the dorm?

4 **A. It was better.**

5 Q. And what was it about it that was better?

6 **A. Basically the beds were nice and comfortable and the**
7 **food, you got breakfast in the morning and your dinner**
8 **in the evening time and maybe tea at night-time, tea and**
9 **sandwiches.**

10 Q. You had room to yourself?

11 **A. I had a room to myself.**

12 Q. And it had furniture where you could keep your clothes?

13 **A. I had a cupboard.**

14 Q. Did that feel more homely?

15 **A. It did.**

16 Q. And was that a better feeling than when you were all
17 together in the dorm?

18 **A. It was. It was dead on, correct.**

19 Q. You mention in your statement Brother BR 22

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. And you have a good word you want to say about Brother
22 BR 22

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Brother BR 22 he was Brother BR 22 He
25 arrived in September 1968, so shortly after HIA 110 had

1 come, about a year afterwards. He was 66 when he
2 arrived and he had spent 40 years in the Keady community
3 of the De La Salle Order and his CV it is RUB 962, and
4 he stayed in Rubane for six years. At paragraph 48 of
5 the statement if we go to 592. BR 22 introduced you to
6 a family in Keady called the

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

8 Q. And by you going to them through Brother BR 22 that
9 contact has kept going right until today?

10 **A. It is still going on.**

11 Q. And they take you down for Christmas?

12 **A. Christmas and the summer.**

13 Q. And do you remember the first time you got picked up?

14 **A. I did.**

15 Q. You were picked up at Rubane; is that right?

16 **A. We went out of Rubane and went to Portadown, we were**
17 **and myself and the next thing cars came up and**
18 **picked us up. I was the last to get picked up to go to**
19 **Keady.**

20 Q. BR 22 arranged for a number of you to go to
21 Portadown?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. And the family you were with picked you up in Portadown?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. That relationship that was formed some 40 plus years

1 ago, that's kept going?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. To today?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. And that is why you have a good memory of BR 22

6 BR 22 what he did for you in creating that
7 relationship?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. And you mentioned that he had a particular nickname?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Do you want to tell what his nickname was?

12 **A. BR 22**

13 Q. That was to do with --

14 **A. He had big ears.**

15 Q. Did you call him that, did he know you called him that?

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. But you never had any problem with him?

18 **A. No, no.**

19 Q. And one of the things about the chalets and BR 22

20 BR 22 , you had the opportunity to sit up more in the
21 lounge; is that right?

22 **A. Yes, and watch TV.**

23 Q. And you mentioned to me that it is not in your
24 statement, SR 57

25 **A. Yes, she was one of the nuns too.**

1 Q. She was American?

2 **A. Yes and SR 32**

3 Q. SR 32 was the other one. Did you have a good
4 relationship with them?

5 **A. SR 57 was dead on. I had no trouble with her.**

6 Q. Was there trouble with the other one?

7 **A. SR 57 was my chalet. SR 32 was chalet two.**

8 Q. So Brother Adrian and SR 57 looked after you?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And you had a good time with them in the chalet?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You described a number of aspects of life in the Rubane?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. I mentioned them beforehand. The tuck shop?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You mention that in paragraph 31 on 590. And BR 3

17 BR 3 ran the tuck shop?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You have a --

20 **A. Yes, he did.**

21 Q. You have a good memory of getting your treats?

22 **A. A box of shandies.**

23 Q. What did you do with the shandies?

24 **A. You got a bottle of shandy and let on you're full.**

25 Q. You pretended you were drunk and that was good fun for

1 people?

2 **A. Yes, there was.**

3 Q. You mentioned that there was a lot of sports going on,
4 you weren't into sport?

5 **A. I wasn't into sport.**

6 Q. But there was sport a lot. But what you did mention
7 was, and you mentioned this in paragraph 34, there was
8 gardening?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Your gardening plot was one of the best?

11 **A. It was.**

12 Q. And what sort of items did you grow, can you tell the
13 Panel?

14 **A. Like roses and daffodils.**

15 Q. And that hobby you have continued on. You live in West
16 Belfast now?

17 **A. Yes, Divis Towers.**

18 Q. And behind where you live is allotments?

19 **A. Yes, they do vegetables.**

20 Q. And you use those vegetables, a pal comes up and makes
21 home made soup with the vegetables?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. That love of gardening has continued on from your time
24 in Rubane?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. You also mentioned paragraph 33 of your statement, you
2 got trips to the Newtownards cinema?

3 **A. Yes, we did.**

4 Q. To see the latest films?

5 **A. Any films came on we sat and watched them.**

6 Q. And that was something you enjoyed doing?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You also mentioned to me, and you alluded to this in
9 paragraph 36, you made good friendships and you
10 mentioned HIA 19

11 **A. Yes, HIA 19**

12 Q. The inquiry will know that name. The name shouldn't be
13 mentioned for the purposes of the media. That is a
14 friendship you have kept with?

15 **A. I am still friends with him.**

16 Q. Were there other boys that you formed good friendships
17 with?

18 **A. Yes, HIA 152 and HIA 64**

19 Q. So the Brothers?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. And you were friendly with and still are?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You would see them?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. And you described then in paragraph 37 you loved the

1 potato-picking?

2 **A. Yes, there was two tractors driven by Brother**

3 **BR 2 and**

4 Q. Brother BR 2 doesn't remember driving the
5 tractor?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. There were two Brothers in any event?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Driving the tractors?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You thought it was good to get away from the Brothers
12 for a while?

13 **A. Yes, it was.**

14 Q. You were out in local farms?

15 **A. Yes, picking potatoes.**

16 Q. You described then at paragraph 35 of your statement the
17 fun that you had camping in the Woods?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Now, you mentioned BR 6 and you say BR 6
20 BR 6 he was always down in the woods?

21 **A. He was always down in the wood. He would sneak up
22 behind us, BR 6 so he would.**

23 Q. You yourself never had any difficulty with him?

24 **A. No, no.**

25 Q. You just remember him being in the woods?

1 **A. Yes, in the woods all the time watching us.**

2 Q. Were you ever told you were not allowed in the woods?

3 **A. Yes, we just went in the woods anyway. Just a play**
4 **about in the woods.**

5 Q. Did anyone say don't be going there?

6 **A. No, no one knew about it.**

7 Q. You mentioned huts, small huts?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. What were they made out.

10 **A. Corrugated timbers, ool bits of trees and everybody**
11 **would have a wee camp fire with tins of beans and bits**
12 **of bread to make toast, and the toast was as black as**
13 **the ace of spades.**

14 Q. It was good fun apart from the burnt toast?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Did you stay overnight in the woods when camping out?

17 **A. No, we had to go back up to the chalet.**

18 Q. To sleep?

19 **A. Aye.**

20 Q. I will give the Panel a reference, the Order 7 in your
21 replying statement 2223, that there weren't huts in the
22 woods. But if I can give you **BR 3** on 29th
23 August 2012, that is at page 66379, talks about the boys
24 being in the woods. Brother **BR 15**, his
25 interview on 21st November 1995, talks about chicken

1 huts at the bottom of the playing fields. I am not sure
2 whether that is the same huts, 61443 or 61444.

3 Your recollection, HIA 110 is that there were these
4 huts that you made in the woods?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. The Order say that they accept these huts at the bottom
7 of the hurling pitch, which is what BR 15 and
8 BR 3 was talking about. Perhaps this
9 reference to huts are these dens. It is an issue that
10 might come up in later evidence to an individual farmer
11 who is coming on to the land.

12 You describe in paragraph 38 about DL 282 , DL 282
13 DL 282 ?

14 **A. A welfare woman.**

15 Q. She was with the Nazareth Lodge. I explained to you
16 about the Diocesan Committee that was set up and she
17 would come down. Do you remember her visiting you?

18 **A. She came down one time to visit me and came down again
19 and took me out of Rubane House.**

20 Q. To take you up to Belfast?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. She was the one who got you somewhere to live?

23 **A. Digs in Eliza Street with HIA 19 and HIA 152**

24 Q. Then you got work?

25 **A. I got work in Lisburn.**

1 Q. I think you mentioned one of the brothers helped
2 you get work?

3 **A. Yes, HIA 19**

4 Q. You did that for a long time?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Do you remember going to St. Augustines youth club?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Was it in Great Victoria Street or had it moved to the
9 Falls Road?

10 **A. I wasn't at the one in Great Victoria Street but the one
11 on the Falls Road, the other office.**

12 Q. That is --

13 **A. Everybody met up there.**

14 Q. You gave your wages in?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You mentioned that DL 282 would have got you
17 clothes from a shop on Castle Street?

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

19 Q. And you say in paragraph 39, HIA 110 591, that you
20 never heard of any physical or sexual abuse taking place
21 in Rubane?

22 **A. No, no. No. No.**

23 Q. None of the boys ever talked to you about that?

24 **A. No, no, they didn't.**

25 Q. And nobody ever touched you, whether other boys or

1 Brothers?

2 **A. No, no. No.**

3 Q. And you weren't aware of anything happening in the
4 school toilets or the main house?

5 **A. No, no. No.**

6 Q. And it wasn't mentioned to you about night crawlers,
7 nobody ever touched you in your bed that you were aware
8 of?

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. You described that BR 15 would have
11 tipped you up?

12 **A. Yes, he would come down a couple of hours later, lift
13 the bed up and that was it, used to say you would be in
14 your birthday suit.**

15 Q. When you were watching films in the dining room part of
16 the basement?

17 **A. And the basement.**

18 Q. That was just an answer enjoyable experience?

19 **A. Yes, and standing up, standing up, everybody was sitting
20 down. If you sit down they show another picture.**

21 Q. So if you stood up before you were told to stand up you
22 were put out?

23 **A. Yes, and the ones sitting down they showed another
24 movie.**

25 Q. And did you get to see the other movie?

1 **A. I stood up too.**

2 Q. You got put out?

3 **A. Yes, and the second time I didn't stand up.**

4 Q. You learnt to stay seated?

5 **A. Yes, yes.**

6 Q. You mentioned in paragraph 41 that when you were leaving
7 it was unexpected, you were just sitting in class and
8 the next thing **BR 6** told you it was time to
9 move on?

10 **A. Time for me to move on, which was unexpected. So DL 292**
11 **DL 292 came up and picked me up.**

12 Q. Had there been any conversations with you before that
13 day before you leaving?

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. How you were?

16 **A. No, just all unexpected. I was in the class so I was,**
17 **BR 3 class and BR 6 came and told**
18 **me that you are leaving that day.**

19 Q. That is what happened?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. The Order describes how **DL 292** coming to visit you
22 was part of preparing you to leave, and you don't recall
23 it that way; is that right?

24 **A. That's right. The only thing I was brought to her, I**
25 **was brought to a boarding house, the first boarding**

1 **house,**

2 Q. And you describe a small case as you went off with DL 292

3 DL 292 ; is that right?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. And the Inquiry Panel can see what you described life

6 being like after care and how you are involved with

7 people in Black Box?

8 **A. Go to Black Box every Wednesday, go to art class every**

9 **Friday.**

10 Q. You are also into art?

11 **A. I am into art.**

12 Q. I asked if you had brought me anything to see?

13 **A. No.**

14 Q. Maybe if you come back in Nazareth Lodge we will get to

15 see something of that work?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. And so that's something that you enjoy and continue to

18 work at?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. And you set out for the Panel your experiences in

21 Nazareth Lodge, and those are things that we will return

22 to in due course. **HIA 110** , I am not going to ask you

23 anything else, but if you just stay where you are the

24 Panel members may want to ask you something?

25 **THE CHAIRMAN:** Has **HIA 110** any suggestions about redress?

1 MS SMITH: HIA 110 , we asked, and I should have done this,
2 we asked each witness at the inquiry at the end of his
3 evidence if he has any recommendations to make about
4 some form of apology or some type of memorial or some
5 other means of redress, is there anything to do with
6 Rubane that you want to suggest to the Inquiry Panel.

7 **A. No.**

8 MS SMITH: I should also say, as I said to you I would, and
9 we always say to every witness, if there is anything
10 else that you want to say about your time in Rubane on
11 this occasion that I have not covered properly or
12 haven't covered in enough detail, is there anything else
13 you would like to say?

14 **A. Rubane was better than Nazareth Lodge, so it was. At**
15 **least you got out for walks and something like that, you**
16 **know. They brought you, they had their own swimming**
17 **pool in Kircubbin, it was stinking.**

18 MS SMITH: Would you bear with me for a moment, HIA 110 ?

19 THE CHAIRMAN: HIA 110 , can I ask you something more about
20 when you went down to the woods, you said you would make
21 the fire and burn your toast and the baked beans and so
22 on.

23 **A. Aye.**

24 THE CHAIRMAN: You said BR 6 would often be there?

25 **A. In the woods.**

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Watching you. Did you think that that was
2 odd in any way?

3 **A. I thought it was odd. He used to sneak up when we were**
4 **playing in the woods and see what you were at.**

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Would he chase you out of the woods and say
6 you shouldn't be here?

7 **A. I don't think he would chase you out of the woods.**
8 **Everybody used to play in the woods all the time, always**
9 **play in the woods.**

10 THE CHAIRMAN: How close were the woods to the main
11 buildings at Rubane, were they nearby?

12 **A. They were just about five minutes walk, so it would.**

13 THE CHAIRMAN: And I suppose that young boys like to go off
14 and do things that were adventurous.

15 **A. Yes. Sports day, I didn't like sports.**

16 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: Thank you, HIA 110 Did you say that
17 you slept in your birthday suit?

18 **A. That is what BR 15 used to call it. He got us**
19 **out of bed he, threw us out, BR 15 in your**
20 **birthday suit.**

21 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: Did you sleep in pyjamas?

22 **A. I had pyjamas on me. He used to lift the bed up and**
23 **made sure you were up.**

24 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: One of the things other people told us
25 about is that there was a white line that you weren't

1 unfit to give evidence to the inquiry and a medical
2 report can be found in the bundle RUB 8207 to 8209. I
3 understood you have had the opportunity of considering
4 that report. I should say this applicant has his own
5 legal representation. They are not present and there
6 appears to be some confusion as to the need for their
7 attendance, but they are aware we are proceeding in
8 their absence and we will make sure that they receive a
9 transcript.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

11 MS SMITH: In respect of other papers that related to this
12 witness, his statement, which was signed on 18
13 February 2014, for the benefit of the inquiry can be
14 found at RUB 416 to 424, and I will go through that
15 shortly. The Order's response can be found at RUB 2628
16 to 2631 and the Exhibits attached to that are at 2632 to
17 2648, and they include a school report which was
18 prepared for **HIA 16** leaving of RUB. That can found at
19 2635.

20 The Health and Social Care Board papers, there is a
21 statement from them at 8088 to 8089 indicating that
22 **HIA 16** admission to care was by way of private
23 admission and they have no records relating to him.
24 There is in the bundle a number of police material and
25 police papers, which I will return to in due course and

1 I will give the reference number when I deal with those
2 at the time. HIA 16 statement is at 416, RUB 416.

3 MS SMITH: We pull up the statement at RUB 416 and HIA 16
4 personal details are set out in paragraphs 1 and 2. At
5 paragraphs 3 through to 16 he discusses the time that he
6 spent in Nazareth Lodge in Belfast. Now, I don't
7 propose to open any of that material to the inquiry at
8 this point and we will come back to it when we deal with
9 the module subsequently. At that stage, obviously, we
10 will review the situation with regard to HIA 16 and he is
11 able to come and speak to us in person, otherwise we
12 will deal with the material that I propose in respect of
13 that one.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: I must make clear even though HIA 16 is not
15 here, there is no reason to believe that he wishes to
16 wave his anonymity, so that shouldn't be assumed just
17 because he is not here.

18 MS SMITH: Yes, Chairman. The inquiry has no reason to
19 suspect he wishes his anonymity removed.

20 If we could move straight through to paragraph 17,
21 which is at page 619. You can see here that in
22 paragraph 17 he says he left Nazareth Lodge when he was
23 11 and moved to Rubane House, Kircubbin:

24 "We were collected in a mini-bus by BR6, who was in
25 charge of the home at the time."

1 In paragraph 18 he says that he slept upstairs for
2 the first six months, that BR15 was in charge of the
3 main house. He used to come into the dormitory, and
4 lift the legs of the bed and throw the boys out of the
5 bed:

6 "BR6 was the head Brother in charge when I was
7 transferred to Rubane."

8 In paragraph 19:

9 "They had built four chalets and I was moved into 2.
10 There were three rooms, two single rooms for two of the
11 boys, and a Brother and a nun also had two single rooms.
12 He names SR32 as a really good American nun there that
13 dealt with me really well."

14 And BR6 also stayed in chalet 2. That they had
15 their own rooms in the landing and he had a single room
16 because he asked for it. The Order don't believe that
17 BR6 was in chalet 2 and they believe it might have been
18 another Brother, whose name I will use because I can't
19 recall his designation, **BR 3**

20 He goes on to say those who wet the bed were sent to
21 stay in an old farmhouse, in paragraph 21. He describes
22 the routine in Rubane in paragraphs 22 and 23. He says
23 that he was hungry, when he refers to the food in
24 paragraph 22. What he says is all the boys would grab
25 the food because they were so hungry and he often didn't

1 get any.

2 In paragraph 23 he talks about the schooling and the
3 fact that he was called by a number in the home, but at
4 school they called you by your surname. He refers to
5 pocket money, both in paragraph 23 and paragraph 24.

6 I should pause there to say that the Order, of course,
7 you will be aware will say numbers were only ever used
8 in respect of the voluntaries and boys would have been
9 called by their names.

10 He also refers to the fact that pocket money was
11 withdrawn as a privilege for bad behaviour in paragraph
12 24. He goes on to discuss the school in paragraphs 25
13 through to 27. He said that the teachers in the school
14 were BR6, BR2 and BR3. Lessons were poor and he said:

15 "We did reading and maths, but it was the same as at
16 the Lodge. They never gave you any homework and the
17 standard of education was poor."

18 He refers to BR6, who was the civilian woodwork
19 teacher, a nun who taught English, BR4 taught PE, BR2
20 taught Maths, BR3 taught science and BR6 taught in the
21 school, but he doesn't remember what he taught.

22 He said at lunchtime they had to go outside, even in
23 bad weather, and the Order would say that certainly when
24 they did go out at lunchtime they were never forced out
25 in inclement weather. He describes where meals were

1 taken, lunch in the main house. The food was bad:

2 "You were always hungry. You had your evening meal
3 in the chalet."

4 He also talks in paragraph 29 and makes a complaint
5 there about a particular Brother. He says after school,
6 you had sports, hurling, basketball. There was an
7 outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts. BR4 and BR2
8 supervised the courts. BR4 was a tough man:

9 "He used to give you a lot of beatings. He would
10 beat you for many reasons and arguing with the other
11 boys. He would use a stick and give you six of the best
12 on the hands. Many of the Brothers used this form of
13 punishment. You would be aware that some people have
14 described it as six on each hand, but the Brothers say
15 never more than three on each hand."

16 In paragraph 30 he talks about the bedding, and the
17 clothing at 31. Again at 32 he talks about the layout
18 and being supervised by the nun in his chalet at
19 night-time and talks about facilities in paragraph 33.
20 In paragraph 34 he says he never had any visitors and
21 does not remember any inspections during this time
22 there. He did go out to a foster family who he had been
23 staying with when he was in Nazareth Lodge, and that
24 same family took him out during holiday period. He kept
25 in touch with that family, paragraph 34.

1 At paragraphs 36 and 37 he talks about -- paragraph
2 36 -- during his summer holidays:

3 "... we were taken to Waterfoot in Glenarm. It was
4 fantastic. They were able to stay up later. We were
5 able to cook in the woods with pots and pans. The
6 Brothers came with us. Two female cooks came down with
7 them. I can't remember their names."

8 In response their names are given by the Order as to
9 the civilian staff who would have attended in Glenarm.
10 He said they went to the cinema in Newtownards about
11 once a year in a mini-bus. The Order would say these
12 cinema trips were more frequent than that. He talks
13 about the chores he had to do every weekend, such as
14 cleaning and polishing the floors. He got bits of cloth
15 round your feet and up and down the stone floors. Wax
16 it first, and go up and down and shine it with your
17 feet. BR6 supervised them in that task and would hit
18 you if you did anything wrong.

19 In paragraph 39 he goes on to make a specific
20 allegation about BR54. He says:

21 "On one occasion when I was about 14 or 15 I stole
22 altar wine from the cellar with friends. We got drunk
23 and caught by BR54 and he punched and kicked me all over
24 the field where he found us. He continued to punch and
25 kick me until I fell to the grounds almost unconscious.

1 When I came round there was blood on my face and nose
2 and my face was badly bruised.

3 If you look at page RUB 2630 and paragraph 17 there,
4 the response in respect to this paragraph is that BR2's
5 diary records for 13 and 14 April 1971 read:

6 "Home at 8.00 pm, BR4 in very bad form. A lot of
7 spirits taken from downstairs. HIA 16 drunk [and other
8 names of boys recorded there as being involved.] Drunk
9 and smashed bottles in the woods. BR4 goes to town on
10 him. Comes over to chalet to punish boys. BR 20th
11 recalls this incident, how he returned and saw HIA 16
12 staggering up the field. BR2 put him to bed and BR2
13 recalls there was no marks on him. He may also want to
14 say there was another boy alleged to have been involved
15 in that incident."

16 The Brother who is named, and I am going to give the
17 name, this was someone in the Order for a short period
18 of time, he is named as **BR 29** , as having been
19 involved in this incident by HIA 16 He came to Rubane
20 in August 1971, according to **BR 15**
21 diary, in 1971. This event took place in April 1971.

22 The gentleman, who was formerly **BR 29**
23 has given a statement to the inquiry which can be found
24 at 5335. In his statement he categorically denied the
25 allegation, and at paragraph 24 he said the main

1 allegations against me by -- I should point out this
2 document has not been redacted, and will have to be
3 redacted before it goes on to the website. The full
4 names there must not be used outside this chamber:

5 "The main allegation by HIA 16 revolves around the
6 wine incident which, according to BR 15
7 diary, is 16th and 15th April 1971. According to my
8 best recollection, I only went to Rubane House on 1
9 August 1971 and left on 30 August 1972."

10 If we go back to the statement of HIA 16 at page 422,
11 in paragraph 40 he describes:

12 "A lot of sexual abuse went on amongst the boys. It
13 involved a lot of the boys just touching each other. It
14 was a growing-up thing, not really sexual. It did not
15 go as far as masturbation. It was just exploring our
16 sexuality, but the Brothers knew what was going on and
17 they never did anything about it. I knew because
18 everybody was doing it to each other, everybody was. It
19 happened with me and some of the other boys. I don't
20 recall the Brothers ever abusing anyone sexually. I
21 never saw any sexual abuse by the Brothers and did not
22 hear the boys discuss the matters."

23 As you will see when I come to discuss the police
24 material that we have obtained, he does in fact make an
25 allegation that he was sexually abused by a Brother in

1 the police statement, but I will come back to that and
2 discuss that in due course.

3 The Order will say that they were aware of sexual
4 activities among boys and took steps to deal with this.

5 BR 15 in his statement on 28 March 2014 at
6 RUB 1080 deals with this in paragraphs 122 to 128.

7 Paragraph 19 thereof, I am not going to call this up, if
8 you wish to look at this paragraph, your response
9 statement, there are examples given of the entries where
10 the Brothers were concerned and what steps they took to
11 speak to boys about whom they had concerns as being
12 engaged in sexual activity amongst each other. HIA 16
13 was one of the boys to whom BR 15 spoke
14 and, to the best of his recollection, HIA 16 denied any
15 wrongdoing.

16 In paragraph 40 HIA 16 says that he left Rubane when
17 he was 15 and a half or 16:

18 "BR6 came suddenly one day to the ground and said,
19 'Go back to the chalet and get ready, you are going back
20 to Belfast today.' Three or four of us left at the same
21 time. We each left with a shirt and a pair of
22 trousers."

23 He talks then about where he lodged, and from
24 paragraphs 42 to 45 he talks about what life was like
25 for him before he turned 18. He said the welfare people

1 were no longer involved with him after he was 18. This
2 was the Welfare Committee who looked after those boys
3 who left Rubane, and speaking about the Health and
4 Social Care Board predecessors.

5 In paragraphs 46 to 53 he talks about his life after
6 he left care. If you just scroll down through that,
7 please, he talks at paragraph 50 about the difficulties
8 he has had and the psychiatric help he has had. He
9 talks about his parentage and the contact with his
10 brothers and sisters.

11 Finally, at paragraph 53 he said:

12 "I made a report to the police and gave them a
13 statement about my experience in care on 4 May 2010 and
14 28 July 2010."

15 And again the Police Constable to whom he spoke
16 (names)

17 I am going to turn and look at the material we have
18 received from the police in respect of **HIA 16** The first
19 statement he made to the police was, in fact, in 1982.
20 We can see that at RUB 616368 of that group of
21 documents.

22 61368, do you have that,

23 MS SMITH: Bear with me and I will get you the reference.

24 61368, it is. This is a statement that **HIA 16** gave to
25 police on 2 April 1982 and it is a brief statement,

1 which reads:

2 "I was in care at De La Salle Home, Kircubbin, from
3 1969 to 1973. During my stay there I did not take part
4 in any homosexual acts with any other boys or members of
5 staff. I have no complaint to make regarding my stay
6 there."

7 The police carried out investigations into
8 activities in Rubane during the mid-1990s and HIA 16 and
9 another boy, who were residents at Rubane at the same
10 time, were accused of serious sexual abuse by two former
11 residents. The papers in relation to this can be found
12 in the bundle at RUB 63608 through to 63677.

13 If we can just briefly go to 63618 we will see here
14 this is the opinion taken of the matter under
15 investigation by the police officer investigating the
16 case, Detective Constable Marks. I should say when
17 interviewed about these allegations, HIA 16 denied them
18 and no prosecution was directed. Certainly, the opinion
19 of the police at that time was that it was not in the
20 public interest to prosecute HIA 16 as he himself would
21 appear to be a victim of circumstances.

22 That view is supported by Detective Inspector
23 Pentland and Detective Superintendent Meeke, and the
24 following two pages, that is 63619 and 63620. In the
25 course of being interviewed by police in respect of

1 these allegations, HIA 16 then made allegations himself
2 and he accused **BR 15** of sexually assaulting
3 him.

4 A witness statement was recorded from him on 5 March
5 1996, which can be found at RUB 63628, if we can just go
6 to that. 63634. The complaint relates largely to his
7 time in Nazareth Lodge at the outset of the statement.
8 And at page 63630, if we can just go to that, please,
9 HIA 16 makes an allegation in the statement about another
10 boy. If you can just scroll down, do you see there he
11 says:

12 "When I was 11 years old I was moved to the De La
13 Salle boys' home in Kircubbin along with a number of
14 boys ..."

15 Who he names. Those are all the names he can
16 remember.

17 We can scroll down then to:

18 "I was sexually abused by one of the older boys in
19 the home, HIA 147, who was about two years older than
20 me. I remember one evening after school he took me down
21 to the old school building near the swimming pool at the
22 rear of the premises. He took me into the toilets and
23 took his trousers down and made me masturbate him until
24 he came. He then masturbated me, but I can't remember
25 if I ejaculated. This sort of thing between HIA 147 and

1 me took place several times and sometimes down in the
2 woods. It never went further than masturbation. I was
3 also abused at Rubane by one of the Brothers BR 14 every
4 Saturday in the loft. He was also responsible to get
5 the boys to bed and up in the morning. I remember one
6 weekend I was in the loft of the clothing store, at this
7 particular time I was there on my own, I was about 12
8 years old. When I went into the loft BR15 was there and
9 I asked for a change of clothes. As I was changing my
10 clothes in front of him, which is what you did, he put
11 his hand down my underpants and touched my private
12 parts. He done this for a few minutes, keeping his hand
13 against my penis and balls on the inside of my pants,
14 then he made me play with him. He lifted his habit and
15 opened the front of his trousers, then he took my hand
16 and placed it on his penis which he pulled out of his
17 pants. His penis was very hard and he made me move my
18 hand up and down his penis, which I now know was
19 masturbation. I can remember he didn't come. It only
20 lasted a couple of minutes. After this he told me to
21 go, and I remember on this occasion I got good clothes
22 from him. I remember after this being very frightened
23 and didn't tell anyone because the Brothers wouldn't
24 believe you.

25 "I only recall one other incident where exactly the

1 same thing happened in the clothing store a few months
2 later when BR15 made me masturbate him again and he felt
3 my private parts. Some time after this when I moved
4 into the chalet, I went to chalet 2 and I told someone
5 what had happened with me about BR15, and he told me the
6 same thing had happened to him. We had no one to turn
7 to because we knew we would get a beating if you said
8 anything. I think I might have told HIA19 what happened
9 with BR15, and that is all that ever happened to me with
10 BR15."

11 I should pause to say that we were informed you
12 would expect a further statement from HIA 16 about his
13 allegation involving HIA147, in which HIA 16 is supposed
14 to say that this was consensual activity between the two
15 boys, but certainly that is not what he said in the
16 statement to the police.

17 HIA147 was interviewed by the police about HIA 16
18 allegations, and what he says is found at RUB 63492 to
19 63499. He was interviewed about that and other matters.
20 He described HIA 16 as a bit of a headcase. He further
21 alleged at page 636, this is HIA 16 alleged at 63633,
22 that he was abused by another boy who he names there,
23 who was three years older than him. He said that that
24 boy got HIA 16 to masturbate him. He told police that
25 this sort of behaviour was widespread, that there was

1 widespread knowledge of this sort of behaviour in
2 Rubane.

3 At 63631 to 63632, which I have just read out, is
4 his complaint about **BR 15** . He also alleges
5 that he was abused whilst in Kircubbin by a part-time
6 farm worker:

7 "I don't remember his name, but even now I would
8 know him to see. He worked in the complex helping out
9 the farmer."

10 He gives the farmer's name and his partner:

11 "I was picked out by DL92 to do some farmwork and
12 I enjoyed this time of work. I remember DL140, who
13 lived in the old farmhouse building. I would say I was
14 13 going on 14 when one day I was working on the farm.
15 At this stage, I worked on the farm most days as then I
16 wanted to go on to be a farmer. I was working in the
17 pig sheds, clearing them out, and DL92 and DL98 were out
18 in the field somewhere. This part-time worker came into
19 the sheds and started to mess about with me, rubbing his
20 face against mine. He pulled my trousers down slightly.
21 Then he took my pants down and started to play with my
22 penis, then opened his trousers and he took his penis
23 out. I remember his cock was big and hard, and after
24 playing with me for a few minutes he made me get up to
25 the wall, facing the wall with my hands above my head,

1 then he came up from behind me and tried to put his cock
2 into my backside. I remember the tip of his cock was on
3 my back passage and it was hurting me. I then told him
4 to stop and pushed away from him. He didn't actually
5 push it right inside me. He told me to say nothing and
6 gave me a couple of cigarettes. He then cleared off and
7 DL92 and DL98 came back."

8 He goes on to say he didn't tell them what had
9 happened because he was afraid they would tell the
10 Brothers, and he never told anybody about this and he
11 can't remember working in the farm after that. The
12 police were unable to interview the part-time farm
13 worker, but did the Brother about a number of
14 allegations in 1995. At RUB 61397 to 61570 this Brother
15 confirms that he was responsible for getting boys to
16 bed, and up in the mornings and for giving out changes
17 of clothing. However, he completely denied any
18 allegations of sexual abuse that were made by **HIA 16**

19 **HIA 16** gave another statement to police in May 2010,
20 which can be found at RUB 64857 to 64862. Again, he
21 reiterates complaints about Nazareth Lodge. Then if you
22 look at 64859 and if you scroll down through it, he
23 talks about going to Rubane, and he says:

24 "The Brothers were strict and there was a lot of
25 discipline. At no time was I ever sexually abused by

1 any of the Brothers or staff members, although there was
2 physical abuse but not to the extent of the Lodge.

3 I recall on numerous occasions getting six of the best,
4 both which was six strokes on my hand with a cane or
5 stick if we were out of line. This was administered by

6 BR 6 , BR 15 and BR 3

7 BR 3 ."

8 He then goes on to talk about the incident of
9 sneaking into the altar and taking the wine and getting
10 drunk, and again names BR 29 as the person
11 who punched and kicked him all over the field until he
12 was unconscious, and he got up and went down to his room
13 which was called chalets. He said:

14 "The following morning, every Sunday we used to get
15 a reward which was pocket money that we could use in
16 here to buy sweets in a shop inside the Home. The
17 Sunday following this I got a reward, but the boys I was
18 with didn't get pocket money and were given six of the
19 best."

20 Now in respect of this, there is another statement
21 made on 24 July 2013. If we look at that, it is RUB
22 64964. In this he said:

23 "Just to confirm BR 29 beat me real bad
24 after drinking the altar wine, which I have described.
25 My face was badly bruised. I didn't receive any medical

1 attention or see a doctor. None of the staff said
2 anything to me when they saw the bruises or asked what
3 happened. He said boys witnessed what happened to him.
4 He can't remember much of BR 29 , just he was
5 studying to be a Brother and didn't teach. He can't
6 remember anything more about that. He said the Brothers
7 had caned him where BR 15 and BR 3
8 BR 3 and BR 6 , and he has nothing further
9 to add in relation to any of those Brothers:

10 "... and I have suffered no other forms of abuse by
11 them or any other Brother whilst at Kircubbin. Brother
12 BR 15 was interviewed about a number of matters
13 and he, in the course of that interview, said that
14 corporal punishment was given by him and other Brothers
15 in the home, but he has no recollection of administering
16 the same to HIA 16

17 As I have indicated, BR 29 , who left
18 the Order a year after coming to Rubane, was interviewed
19 under his civilian name by police, and that interview can be
20 found at RUB 64996 to 65039. In that interview he said that
21 he never saw any physical or sexual abuse by Brothers during
22 his time there and he didn't recollect HIA 16 name or any
23 incident involving altar wine, and denied assaulting him or
24 anyone else.

25 That concludes my summary of the material relating

1 to HIA 16. Unless there is anything further that requires
2 to be drawn to your attention, I will leave the matters
3 about Nazareth Lodge until a later date.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, thank you.

5 MS SMITH: Chairman, that concludes today's evidence. I
6 will be ready to commence again at 10 o'clock tomorrow
7 morning.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, we will adjourn now until 10
9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

10 (The hearing adjourned until
11 Thursday, 23rd October 2014 at 10.00 am)

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