
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

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(Day 62)

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

1 (10am)

2 Thursday, 23rd October 2014

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Just
4 before we start this morning, can I remind you all,
5 please, to ensure that mobile phones are turned off or
6 placed on silent vibrate and that no photography of any
7 sort is allowed either in the inquiry chamber or
8 anywhere on the premises.

9 Yes, Miss Smith.

10 MS SMITH: Chairman, panel members, ladies and gentlemen,
11 the first witness this morning was to be HIA 56. We are
12 not in a position to deal with his evidence at this
13 stage and I will come back later this morning and update
14 you. In the meantime, Mr Dunne is here to announce an
15 appearance.

16 MR DUNNE: I appear on behalf of an interested party and
17 witness HIA 511, and I am instructed by Armstrong
18 Solicitors, accompanied by Ms Sharon Taylor, solicitor.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Dunne.

20 MR AIKEN: Chairman, members of the panel, good morning.
21 The first witness this morning is HIA 132, who is HIA
22 132. If it is not clear, if I can indicate Mr Dunne's
23 appearance doesn't relate to this witness, it relates to
24 HIA 56. HIA 132 is aware, Chairman, that you are going
25 to can ask him about taking the oath or affirming.

1 HIA 132 (sworn)

2 Examination by MR AIKEN

3 MR AIKEN: If we can bring up, please, RUB 779, and HIA 132,
4 as we discussed, the first thing I want you to do is
5 look at the hard copy of your statement that you have.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. And make sure it is the same as the first page on the
8 screen.

9 **A. Yes, it is.**

10 Q. Save for the black marks.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. If we go to 785, please, and if you can look at the hard
13 copy and confirm that you have signed this statement.
14 Obviously, the one on the screen has a black mark over
15 the signature.

16 **A. I have signed it, yes.**

17 Q. You want to adopt the contents of your statement as your
18 evidence to the inquiry?

19 **A. Yes, exactly.**

20 Q. And I explained to you that the black marks were because
21 of the inquiry's anonymity policy.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. And can you confirm that you want to keep your
24 anonymity?

25 **A. Yes, I want to keep it.**

1 Q. Bear with me for a moment while I give the panel some
2 references to material. The replying statement from the
3 De La Salle Order can be found at 2548 through to 2549.
4 The Health and Social Care Board replying statement is
5 at 8131 to 8132 and simply confirms there is no file on
6 HIA 132 as he was a private placement in Nazareth and
7 then Rubane.

8 HIA 132, you were born on ?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And are you now aged 57?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You were one of four children and you have a wife of now
13 37 years?

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

15 Q. And after you came out of Rubane and did initial jobs,
16 you moved into working as rep in sales?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. For ?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You did that for up until six years ago?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. When you stopped to care for your wife?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. And you are her carer at the moment?

25 **A. That's right.**

1 Q. And you have three sons?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And your witness statement talked about two
4 grandchildren, but since that time there is now four
5 grandchildren?

6 **A. That is right.**

7 Q. That is bound to be keeping you occupied?

8 **A. It keeps you fit.**

9 Q. We had mentioned already, you went into Nazareth Lodge
10 and you were there between 1960 to 1968 between the ages
11 of three and 11?

12 **A. That is right.**

13 Q. Then you moved to Rubane on 20 August 1968?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. When you were 11 as part of the summer intake?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Between the Lodge and Kircubbin?

18 **A. De La Salle, yes.**

19 Q. You stayed there until 25 June 1972 when you were 15?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. The admission record reference for the Panel is at 2551
22 and, as I mentioned, HIA 132 was a private placement --
23 you have later discovered, HIA 132, that your mother put
24 you with your siblings into the care home?

25 **A. The care homes.**

1 Q. And when you left Rubane and you began living in digs in
2 Belfast and began as a waiter in ?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You were involved with the Saint Augustine's youth club?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And initially they were in Great Victoria Street?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. And then moved to the Falls Road?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You mentioned the CBC rooms?

11 **A. Yes, that's right, CBC rooms.**

12 Q. And you were involved with them for a while before
13 moving out, and we will come to the reason why you
14 stopped being involved with them.

15 You mention in your witness statement sexual abuse?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. I am going to deal with that shortly. Can I ask you,
18 first of all, when you moved into Rubane you moved into
19 the main house and the dormitory arrangements?

20 **A. Yes, when I arrived there first, it was into the main
21 dormitory.**

22 Q. And during your period then the chalets were being built
23 and opened?

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

25 Q. You moved into chalet one?

1 **A. Chalet one.**

2 Q. And that chalet was operated by Dl 134 and Dl 135 ?

3 **A. Yes, house parents.**

4 Q. Their names shouldn't be used beyond the chamber. Also
5 BR 13?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. And the inquiry is familiar with his name.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. He was an older Brother.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. He lived in the chalet as well.

12 **A. In chalet one.**

13 Q. Can I ask you about your general impression of that
14 chalet life; how did you find the DL 134 and DL 135 as
15 house parents?

16 **A. I didn't find them good at all. I thought they were
17 torturous bullies. They were supposed to be acting as
18 mother and father to you, but it was the opposite. DL
19 135 was bad tempered and DL 134 was the same, so I
20 wasn't happy there in chalet one under them.**

21 Q. The panel is aware that subsequently their employment
22 ceased, terminated.

23 **A. That is right.**

24 Q. They were there for all of your period living in chalet
25 one.

1 **A. They were, yes.**

2 Q. Can you remember how BR 13, because he has been
3 described to the inquiry as quite a gentle person --

4 **A. I have nothing against BR 13, he was a real gentleman.**
5 **He used to come down and watch TV with us.**

6 Q. How, you are describing the DL 134 and DL 135 as -- DL
7 135 was angry?

8 **A. Yes, she was angry.**

9 Q. How did he interact with that?

10 **A. From my time, he knew that was going on with DL 134 and**
11 **DL 135, but I never seen anything like that with BR 13.**
12 **But he never mentioned anything like that, what she was**
13 **like or anything.**

14 Q. Did he ever tell her "Don't do that"?

15 **A. No, no. No.**

16 Q. Have you an impression of how he --

17 **A. I got the impression that she was in charge, she was in**
18 **control and in control over BR 13 too. He said nothing**
19 **about it. I think he was frightened, that's what I got**
20 **out of it.**

21 Q. And if we go to paragraph 14, please, of your statement,
22 at 782.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You talk about being moved to the chalet and those
25 designations are to the names we are talking about,

1 BR 13 and DL 134 and DL 135.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You say it was regimental.

4 **A. Yes, regimental with the DL 134 and DL 135.**

5 Q. What do you mean by that?

6 **A. It was all, what you call it, orders, "Do this", "Do**
7 **that", "Don't step out of line".**

8 Q. Were you aware that there were some bedrooms that had
9 three or four beds in them, and single rooms; did you
10 have a single room?

11 **A. I had a single room, yes.**

12 Q. How do you compare life in the dorm where you were in
13 with 20 or 30 other boys with beds?

14 **A. I thought it was better to be in the chalet, in the**
15 **single room. You had your own space there as such.**

16 Q. You describe in paragraph 14, just at the end --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- various boys coming in at times and exposing
19 themselves.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Was that other people who lived in your chalet?

22 **A. Yes, that was people who were in the dormitories and**
23 **they came in, in the chalet and they came in to, what**
24 **would you call it, exposing themselves.**

25 Q. They never interfered with you?

1 **A.** No, never interfered with me, but came in exposing
2 themselves and asking me to do the business, but that
3 was all, but none of that took place. I just told them
4 where to go.

5 **Q.** But you do describe in paragraph 15?

6 **A.** Yes.

7 **Q.** Being sexually abused by DL 134 and DL 135?

8 **A.** Yes, DL 134 and DL 135 -- we were taught by ,
9 the accordian man, who came from Newtownards at the
10 weekends there, and DL 134 would collect him and leave
11 him back, and that is when DL 134 abused me, bringing
12 home and then it was on the way back down.

13 **Q.** And you were the only person in the car with DL 134?

14 **A.** Yes, there was times there was other people in the car,
15 but this particular time it was only me.

16 **Q.** You describe then in your statement him fondling you?

17 **A.** Yes, and then forcing me to fondle him.

18 **Q.** And he threatened you?

19 **A.** Yes, he told me not to tell anybody and what would you
20 call it -- and he just waved his fist, "You are not to
21 say it", and that frightened me, that put the fear on
22 me.

23 **Q.** Can I ask you, HIA 132, as you sit here, you are,
24 obviously, 57 now?

25 **A.** Yes.

1 Q. Were you ever able to talk to anyone about what he did?

2 **A. No, I couldn't go to anybody and talk to them. I kept**
3 **that within myself.**

4 Q. When did you first -- for instance, I asked you about
5 your wife and your son.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You first talked to them about it last night.

8 **A. Last night I showed them my statement and the reason why**
9 **I was going to HIA, Historical Abuse Inquiry.**

10 Q. And had you ever been able to talk to anyone else about
11 it, even as an adult?

12 **A. No, never. The only other people I talked about it is**
13 **the HIA. I never talked to anybody else. I was made**
14 **feel at ease and when this inquiry came up.**

15 Q. And you do refer in your statement to some of the other
16 people you were friendly with, HIA 21, HIA 36, and there
17 is some reference which I will come to about that.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. While you talked to them about things generally, did you
20 ever tell them specifically about what happened to you?

21 **A. No, I never mentioned that, never mentioned that to**
22 **them. To me, that was a private matter and also, I felt**
23 **I couldn't talk to anybody in De La Salle about it.**

24 Q. You were living with BR 13.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. And you said he was a nice guy?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Why did you feel unable to talk to him about it?

4 **A. Because I heard rumours that this was going on and**
5 **nothing was being done about it, plus they wouldn't have**
6 **believed you. That's the reason, plus being threatened**
7 **"Don't you tell anybody".**

8 Q. When you say you had heard rumours, is this talk amongst
9 the boys?

10 **A. Yes, among boys and that.**

11 Q. Was that talk specific about DL 134?

12 **A. DL 134 and Brothers.**

13 Q. But you never had any problem with any of the Brothers?

14 **A. No, I never had any problem with any of the Brothers.**

15 Q. And I will come to talk about some of them individually
16 shortly.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. On the subject of DL 134, you met him again in later
19 life?

20 **A. Yes, I met him in later life in .**

21 Q. There is not in your statement.

22 **A. No, I didn't know.**

23 Q. You explained it to me this morning. Can I ask you to
24 explain to the panel that meeting; you were in a
25 shopping centre?

1 **A. Yes, I was in a shopping centre in**
2 **and I met up with DL 134.**

3 Q. He just happened to be --

4 **A. No, I worked as a rep and he used to work for ,**
5 **, and I met him there and he asked me**
6 **would I come and meet him in shopping centre.**
7 **That is how the meeting was tied up.**

8 Q. And did you meet him?

9 **A. Yes, I went along and met him, and he was telling me**
10 **about other people who are trying to pursue, bring him**
11 **to court about interfering.**

12 Q. Can you remember, roughly, what year this was? If you
13 can't, just say.

14 **A. Maybe in the 80s, sometime in the 80s.**

15 Q. It may be, is it possible it could be in the 1990s?

16 **A. I don't know, Joseph, to be honest. I can't remember.**

17 Q. But at the time he was the subject of a police
18 investigation?

19 **A. Yes, that is what he said to me and there was a certain**
20 **boy made allegations to them, and he denied it and he**
21 **said to me, "Did you tell anybody?", and I said "No".**

22 Q. And the boy that he named to you, can you tell the Panel
23 who that was?

24 **A. I can't.**

25 Q. You can't?

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. But he asked you had you told anyone --

3 **A. Yes, exactly, Joseph.**

4 Q. -- about what he done to you?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And you told him you hadn't?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. And at that stage you had never spoken to anybody about
9 it?

10 **A. No, I never spoke to anybody about this until this**
11 **inquiry came about, and I wouldn't have heard about this**
12 **inquiry only because HIA 21 told me.**

13 Q. That is HIA 21?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. He is somebody friendly with you?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. I will come back to that shortly.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. But you mentioned that you had heard rumours about
20 sexual abuse?

21 **A. Sexual abuse in De La Salle, yes.**

22 Q. Are these --

23 **A. These are boys talking to each other.**

24 Q. And this is while you are in Rubane, this talk was going
25 on?

1 **A. Yes, while I was in the house, yes.**

2 Q. But you yourself have already said you had never any
3 issue?

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. Just on that subject, I was reminding you, showing you
6 this morning, a statement that you made.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. It seems to be around the time that the Order was
9 facing --

10 **A. Yes, allegations.**

11 Q. And panel, if we can bring up 4711, please. It is a
12 statement dated 13th August 1997.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. And there is a series of names here, and none of those
15 names should be used outside its chamber. But you make
16 the point:

17 "I can't complain about how I was treated ..."

18 This is in the second paragraph, HIA 132.

19 **A. Yes, I see it.**

20 Q. "... I was very happy ..."

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. "... And I was glad I wasn't fostered."

23 You say in the next paragraph down:

24 "... privileged to have a single room. None of the
25 Brothers every abused me either physically or sexually

1 and I don't know of any boys who were abused by any
2 Brother in the chalet."

3 **A. Yes, but I heard talk about it going on.**

4 Q. And at the time you were doing this statement you don't
5 mention DL 134?

6 **A. No, I didn't want to mention that because the reason
7 being I kept that into myself because I knew nothing
8 would be done about it, and that's why I didn't mention
9 it, but it was always in my mind what DL 134 was like.**

10 Q. And I just want to ask you, the Brothers that you were
11 there with, the principal Brothers, if I can ask you, BR
12 6 who was the --

13 **A. Principal.**

14 Q. At the time?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. The head of the home at the time that you were there?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You had a good relationship with him?

19 **A. Yes, BR 6, yes.**

20 Q. Was he one of the people that you heard stories about at
21 the time?

22 **A. Yes, at the time, yes, BR 6.**

23 Q. But nothing to do with you?

24 **A. No, nothing to do with me. BR 6 was one of them and**

25 **BR 15 .**

1 Q. BR 15 was the other one?

2 A. Yes, and I heard BR 3 's name mentioned too, but they had
3 nothing to do with me.

4 Q. You call him " BR 3 " ?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. At the time he was BR 3 ?

7 A. Yes, he changed his name to BR 3 .

8 Q. Was this just gossip amongst the boys?

9 A. Well, they were talking. Obviously, they said something
10 was happening, yes, they were talking about it, being
11 sexually abused. Different boys.

12 Q. But your experience of these three Brothers --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- was I think you said BR 15 may have handy
15 enough with the cane?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. But you had no difficulty with any of them?

18 A. No, any of the Brothers I have no difficulty with.

19 Q. You also had a good relationship with BR 2 ?

20 A. Yes, I always had a good relationship with BR 2. Even
21 when I left the home and in later years, I used to call
22 in to see him in Dublin.

23 Q. You would have been a rep on the road?

24 A. Yes, and I would call and see him numerous times, and in
25 too, BR 3 , and they looked after me big

1 **time. No problems with them.**

2 Q. And you refer in paragraph 16, if we just go back to
3 783, please.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. To your recollection --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- paragraph 16 -- scroll back a little, please -- you
8 refer here -- HIA 21 -- told you that **BR 15**
9 abused him in the shower?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Can you remember, is that something he told you in later
12 years?

13 **A. I think it is in later years.**

14 Q. Not something at the time?

15 **A. No, no.**

16 Q. And there is also reference, I just want to ask you
17 about it, there is another gentleman called HIA 36 --

18 **A. HIA 36, yes.**

19 Q. If we bring up RUB 478.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. In paragraph 24 he says that there were other boys in
22 other chalets being abused:

23 "I knew that, but there was little you could do
24 about it. I was friendly with ..."

25 And you are one of the three that are named there.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And just scroll down a little, please:

3 "They were in the chalet supervised by Mr and Mrs DL
4 134 and talked to me on occasion about abuse carried out
5 by Mr DL 134."

6 You didn't speak to HIA 36 specifically about DL 134
7 and you?

8 **A. No, I didn't share that with anybody.**

9 Q. But there was talk?

10 **A. There was talk about that happening with the DL 134s and
11 the Brothers.**

12 Q. And I want to ask you then, you were given a
13 responsibility of doing work for the Chaplin?

14 **A. Yes, DL 140.**

15 Q. And DL 140 was the Chaplin when you arrived?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. I think that's right.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And he died in the home I think in 71?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. So you would have still been there?

22 **A. Yes, yes.**

23 Q. When he died?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Can you just explain to the panel what role you had?

1 **A. I was housekeeper. I cleaned his house and also called**
2 **into the kitchens to bring down his breakfast and his**
3 **lunch. He was a very good man.**

4 Q. What type of relationship -- how would you describe --

5 **A. I had a good relationship, very friendly relationship,**
6 **like a fatherly role.**

7 Q. Take a Sunday, for example, what did he do for you on
8 Sundays?

9 **A. On a Sunday in the afternoon when I went down, he would**
10 **have taken me out in his car and brought me round**
11 **Portaferry for a drive for about an hour, and then back**
12 **to the house.**

13 Q. What type of car did he have?

14 **A. A Ford Cortina Estate.**

15 Q. And you never had any difficulty with DL 140?

16 **A. No, I never had any difficulty. He was a gentleman and**
17 **that is the honest truth.**

18 Q. And you mention then in paragraph 17 of your statement,
19 if we can look at 783, please, an element of physical
20 abuse you describe?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You talk about the two nuns from America?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. But then you talk about DL 6, who is DL 6 -- his name
25 should not again be used outside the chamber -- he

1 taught woodwork?

2 **A. Yes, he taught woodwork.**

3 Q. You said he was very good at woodwork?

4 **A. Yes, he was. He and he was a cabinet maker.**

5 **He was supposed to be one of the best.**

6 Q. But he was --

7 **A. Very abusive. He would have got me to make T mortis**

8 **joints, and obviously the T itself, it wasn't a tight**

9 **fit and he would come round the back of you and start**

10 **laughing and making fun of it, and saying, "What is all**

11 **this about?" Then the next thing, he would have lifted**

12 **it and called you a fathead and banged you on the head**

13 **with it.**

14 Q. Did you ever tell anyone about what he had been doing?

15 **A. I told BR 4 and I think it was BR 6 and nothing was done**

16 **about it. They knew that he was doing this. This was**

17 **physical abuse.**

18 Q. Why do you say they knew?

19 **A. Well, it didn't just happen to me. It happened to**

20 **others too because we were a class, and he was going**

21 **round different boys and banging them with the wood.**

22 Q. BR 4 or BR 6 aren't in the class when this was

23 happening, how would they have known?

24 **A. I told them. I said that man is hitting us with what we**

25 **are making. They never responded to me at all. They**

1 **definitely knew it was going on because I told them.**

2 Q. And how would you have --

3 **A. It was a class, Joseph, that you dreaded going back to**
4 **but you had to go back. It wasn't once, it was numerous**
5 **time.**

6 Q. How often did you do the woodwork?

7 **A. I think it was done maybe once or twice a week.**

8 Q. But did you get caned from time to time?

9 **A. If you done something wrong, you know, you would have**
10 **got smacked.**

11 Q. But that is the only --

12 **A. Yes, that is the only time I would have got hit. You**
13 **would get hit as normal with the Brothers, but that was**
14 **the only time that abuse on the head was with DL 6.**

15 Q. None of the Brothers who taught you assaulted you at any
16 time?

17 **A. No, no, not physically or sexually.**

18 Q. Can you remember which Brothers did teach you?

19 **A. BR 3 taught science.**

20 Q. And did you spend most of your time in his class?

21 **A. Yes, I was in his class.**

22 Q. Did BR 2 teach you?

23 **A. I can't remember now.**

24 Q. You don't remember?

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. BR 11, BR 11 taught us. BR 15 , the nuns, SR
2 33.

3 Q. What did she teach?

4 **A. She taught, let me see, I think it was mathematics and**
5 **English.**

6 Q. But you never had any problem with any of them?

7 **A. No, none of them. No.**

8 Q. When you describe in paragraph 21, you say that the
9 education you felt didn't set you up terribly well
10 for --

11 **A. For the outside world.**

12 Q. For later life?

13 **A. No, it didn't. I didn't think the education was good.**

14 **We were never tested. I can't remember doing homework.**

15 **I remember going into a class with BR 4 and he said to**

16 **me, "If you don't want to learn, that's your problem".**

17 **So you were never pushed or tested. I can't remember**

18 **exams or homework. So I think we were, we got food. We**

19 **got our clothing and household things, our care that**

20 **way, but not for the education, I thought it was bad.**

21 Q. And on the subject of not education per se, but you have
22 obviously lived in two different institutions?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Eventually a more family-type structure in the chalets?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Although you had difficulty with the house parents?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What preparation did you have for moving outside Rubane
4 when it came to time to leave?

5 A. Well, all I can remember is I got an hour to leave. I
6 was told an hour to pack and that was it. There was no
7 care facilities after that. There was no preparation on
8 "This is what you are going into", or whatever. You
9 arrived in troubled areas, Ormeau Road, Falls Road in
10 the time of the Troubles and that was it.

11 BR 6 left me up as far as I could remember and he
12 just says "Cheerio", and that was it. So there was no
13 outside for leaving an institution, there was no, what
14 would you call it, back-up there, or saying, "Look, this
15 is what you are going to come against", or whatever.

16 Q. On another more personal subject that you mentioned to
17 me, what preparation was there, what education or
18 understanding were you given about relationships with
19 the opposite sex?

20 A. You were never told. I was never explained the facts of
21 life, or women, or marriage or anything like that.

22 Never.

23 Q. And you describe then in paragraph 21 how you began as a
24 waiter --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- in a hotel. And then you did get on and were able to
2 hold down and have held all your life good jobs --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- in sales?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. But your feeling was you weren't prepared as well as you
7 feel you should have been?

8 A. No, I felt if I had got better education and better
9 care, I think I would have done better, to be quite
10 honest, because you knew you hadn't got the education so
11 you were bluffing employers. You know, you were putting
12 things down on an application form that you had this and
13 had that. You did nothing. It is just that jobs were
14 plenty then and they probably didn't query it. You got
15 the jobs and as life went on, you got poached from one
16 job to the other because they knew that you were
17 competition.

18 Q. Did you feel comfortable disclosing that you had been
19 brought up in children's homes?

20 A. I didn't feel comfortable, but they wanted to know my
21 background. I always found that that would have been a
22 problem.

23 Q. You felt --

24 A. They thought, probably thought "Oh, trouble". There was
25 jobs I applied for and I couldn't get it and I put it

1 **done down to my past.**

2 Q. You describe in paragraph 29 of your statement, HIA
3 132 -- we touched on it, you have said here:

4 "I am glad I have been given the opportunity to tell
5 what happened to me."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. How has that helped you?

8 **A. Well, it has relaxed me. It has distressed me. It is a
9 thing building up on me for years and years. It never
10 leaves you. It is just I have had the opportunity to
11 talk to the inquiry about the institutional abuse, and
12 it has helped me big time.**

13 Q. Obviously you have explained that as part of that
14 process, that's led you then to talk to your family
15 about it?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Is that a positive thing?

18 **A. Yes, that is a positive thing. I have been married 37
19 years and just last night I just showed my statement to
20 my wife for the first time, and my son.**

21 Q. And do you feel that helps them understand more about --

22 **A. Yes, about my upbringing, et cetera.**

23 Q. And will they understand your behaviour --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- in your relationships with them better?

1 **A.** I think they will, yes. I think -- you get married and,
2 you know, you marry your wife and she sees a difference
3 over the years. You are not the same, there's something
4 about you. Then, you know, you go into your background
5 and then they know that you hadn't got the loving
6 upbringing with parents. She would see that difference.

7 **Q.** That was something you said to me, HIA 132 --

8 **A.** **Yes.**

9 **Q.** -- that you recognise the difficulty you came from to
10 end up in care --

11 **A.** **Yes.**

12 **Q.** -- that the start of the problem wasn't in the Nazareth
13 or in the Rubane?

14 **A.** **No, it started with your parents. That is who started**
15 **it.**

16 **Q.** And you recognise that's part of your history?

17 **A.** **Yes, exactly. Definitely.**

18 **Q.** HIA 132, we ask each witness two questions at the end of
19 their evidence.

20 **A.** **Yes.**

21 **Q.** The first is that the Panel at the end of its work has
22 to make recommendations, or consider making
23 recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive and
24 those tend to fall into three categories: some form of
25 apology, memorial or perhaps some other form of redress.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And we ask each witness is there anything they would
3 like to say about those matters to the panel.

4 **A. Well, I would like an apology from both Nazareth Lodge**
5 **and De La Salle, and a memorial would be good too and a**
6 **possibility of compensation to get us educated and to**
7 **move on.**

8 Q. And is that, when you say "compensation", to do with
9 support?

10 **A. Yes, support, yes. Yes, and financial support.**

11 Q. You are, obviously, aware the Orders already have given
12 a general apology.

13 **A. Yes, I know that.**

14 Q. We will have to come back with you to Nazareth.

15 **A. Yes, exactly, at another day.**

16 Q. We will see how that develops.

17 **A. Pans out, yes.**

18 Q. But those are obviously matters that the panel can take
19 into account?

20 **A. Yes, an apology is a big thing.**

21 Q. And the last question that we ask each witness, and you
22 indicated to me that you were going to be nervous and
23 find this difficult.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. But this is your opportunity to say what you would like

1 to say to the panel about your experience.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And maybe something that I have not covered in enough
4 detail or didn't cover at all that you feel should be
5 brought out, is there anything else that you want to
6 say?

7 **A. No, I'm happy enough. I am glad the Historical**
8 **Institution, I am glad that you are about, and I feel**
9 **very relaxed with it and it is off my chest. I would**
10 **also like to thank HIA 21 and HIA 183 for the support**
11 **that they have given me in the last two years. Without**
12 **them, I couldn't be here today.**

13 Q. So they have given you the courage --

14 **A. Yes, the courage to come along here, to take the step**
15 **forward and to contact the Historical Institution or I**
16 **would never have come along. Only for that inquiry,**
17 **I felt comfortable through HIA 21 and HIA 183.**

18 Q. Am I right in saying, as I pick up what you have said,
19 that there were positive things about your time in
20 Rubane?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You built friendships with those types of boys that you
23 have been talking about?

24 **A. Yes, exactly.**

25 Q. And you have good memories of how some of the Brothers

1 behaved towards you?

2 **A. Yes, I have good memories.**

3 Q. You went back to Rubane a few times?

4 **A. I went back with HIA 21 at least twice to see its**
5 **Brothers.**

6 Q. You mentioned that you kept a relationship with BR 2?

7 **A. Yes, BR 2 and BR 6. More BR 2 because he was always**
8 **there, so I can't complain.**

9 Q. HIA 132, unless there is anything else you want to say,
10 there is nothing else I want to ask you --

11 **A. No.**

12 MR AIKEN: -- but if you stay where you are for a moment,
13 the panel may want to ask you something.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 **Questions from the Panel**

16 THE CHAIRMAN: HIA 132, can I just ask you something more
17 about DL 140?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 THE CHAIRMAN: You said that you were essentially his
20 housekeeper?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 THE CHAIRMAN: And that he was a very good man?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 THE CHAIRMAN: A gentleman.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Did you feel at ease with him in the sense
2 of, I think you referred to him as being like a father?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Somebody you could confide in?

5 **A. He was like a father. He took me out and things like**
6 **that, but I don't know if I could have confided in him**
7 **because I did hear stories at that particular time that**
8 **some of the boys told him what was going on and he done**
9 **nothing about it.**

10 THE CHAIRMAN: That is what I just wanted to ask you --

11 **A. So I didn't share that.**

12 THE CHAIRMAN: -- were you aware, for example, from him
13 speaking to you, as opposed to what other boys told you,
14 of him having any meeting for example with boys and
15 saying, "If there is something going on with whoever, to
16 come and speak to me about it"?

17 **A. No, I didn't hear that at all or see that. I can't**
18 **remember anything like that, but I wouldn't confide in**
19 **him because the feed back at that time was they told him**
20 **and he done nothing about it.**

21 THE CHAIRMAN: You say "at that time", in other words, when
22 you were there, that's something you heard?

23 **A. Yes, when I was there. Yes.**

24 THE CHAIRMAN: In your statement you made in 1987 --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 THE CHAIRMAN: -- which we have looked at, you mentioned DL
2 140, but you mentioned a number of other priests, as
3 opposed to Brothers. I will mention them to remind you,
4 but we won't use their names outside the chamber. There
5 is DL 454 and DL 292.

6 **A. Yes, they were curates in Kircubbin, outside the Parish.**

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Would they come into Rubane to say mass?

8 **A. Yes, mass, and I would have got the vestments out for
9 them in the sacristy.**

10 THE CHAIRMAN: But were they sort of assistant Chaplins,
11 they might cover for DL 140 if he was away?

12 **A. If he was away, yes, but I think they more came in after
13 DL 140 died, as far as I can remember.**

14 THE CHAIRMAN: But their main job was to be the curate

15 **A. Yes, in the Parish.**

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Then you also mentioned a from
17 ?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Was he a sort of relief priest that came in?

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

21 THE CHAIRMAN: When you say you met them, would you meet
22 them very often or just occasionally?

23 **A. No, them priests?**

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

25 **A. No, I would say them priests are dead.**

1 THE CHAIRMAN: They are all dead?

2 **A. Yes, I am not too sure on , but DL 454 and DL 292**
3 **died about two years ago.**

4 THE CHAIRMAN: DL 140 died?

5 **A. Yes, 1971.**

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

7 **A. Thank you.**

8 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: Thank you very much, HIA 132. When
9 you were in Rubane, did you ever observe other boys
10 being chastised, was there ever a time --

11 **A. I have seen boys being chastised, getting the stick and**
12 **that, the cane.**

13 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: Would that just be because you
14 happened to be there?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: You are weren't brought in to watch?

17 **A. No.**

18 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: We have heard from some other people
19 about a white line, a white line outside.

20 **A. In the yard. I can't remember the white line, but I**
21 **remember when the whistle went you queued up in the**
22 **yards. You know, once you heard the whistle and you**
23 **were like the army and queued up to be counted, and**
24 **whatever.**

25 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: If you didn't cue up quickly enough?

1 **A. Well, I can't remember being hit or smacked for that, to**
2 **be quite honest, but I remember the whistle.**

3 MS GERALINE DOHERTY: That you very much for coming, HIA
4 132.

5 MR LANE: Just to continue a little bit about DL 140, what
6 was the actual role of the Chaplin; what do they
7 actually do day-by-day?

8 **A. Day-by-day they said benediction and evening mass. I**
9 **can't remember if there was any RE religion where the**
10 **priests came in.**

11 MR LANE: Did they do any of the teaching?

12 **A. No.**

13 MR LANE: Did they do join with other activities like
14 football or anything like that?

15 **A. No, I can't remember DL 140 playing football, seriously.**

16 MR LANE: Just to clarify one point about Mr DL 134 and DL
17 135. When he spoke to you and met up with you
18 afterwards, was he quite clear that he was assuming that
19 he had abused you?

20 **A. Well, he told me, "You didn't mention that other thing**
21 **to anybody?", and I said "No", but he mentioned about a**
22 **certain boy that, what would you call it, he got word**
23 **about he has to go to court or he had made an allegation**
24 **against him of interfering with him.**

25 MR LANE: But asking you whether you told anybody --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 MR LANE: -- and it was about the events in the car?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 MR LANE: Thank you.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA 132, for coming to speak to us
6 today. You know, unfortunately, we have to ask you to
7 come back and tell us what you want to say about
8 Nazareth Lodge on another occasion. Thank you very much
9 for coming to share with us today what you have said.
10 Thank you.

11 **A. Thank you.**

12 MR AIKEN: Ms Smith is taking the next witness, so if we
13 could take a short break to understand where we are at.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: We will sit again as soon as we can.

15 (Short Recess)

16 MS SMITH: Chairman, panel members, just to update you in
17 relation to witness HIA 56, who was due to speak to us
18 this morning. He is not in attendance and we believe
19 there may be an explanation for that, but we will
20 certainly ascertain what the position is with regard to
21 him and hopefully revisit his evidence on another
22 occasion.

23 THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

24 MS SMITH: There is one further witness who was scheduled to
25 give evidence today, and that is HIA 128, and if I can

1 outline the position to the inquiry. I will say, first
2 of all, that the material relevant to this applicant can
3 be found in the bundle as follows. His statement is at
4 RUB 594 to 598; the Order's response statement is at RUB
5 2649 to 2651; and the Exhibits attaching to that at 2652
6 to 2685.

7 BR 2's statement in relation to this applicant can
8 be found at RUB 5362 and the relevant paragraphs are 44
9 to 47. The Health and Social Care Board response is at
10 RUB 8133 to 8152. A statement was also filed on behalf
11 of the diocese, and it can be found at RUB 5456. There
12 are also social work papers to be found at RUB 30225 to
13 30238. There is police material, which includes a
14 transcript of an interview with HIA 128, and that
15 material can be found at RUB 65214 to 65717.

16 Finally, there are papers relevant to a civil claim
17 he brought against the Order, which can be found at RUB
18 50293 to 50298.

19 Chairman and panel members, the inquiry has looked
20 at all this material and particular attention has been
21 given to the statement provided to the inquiry by HIA
22 128. Regard has also been given to the response
23 statements provided by the core participants.

24 The inquiry is very concerned about matter relating
25 to the personal circumstances of this witness and has

1 considered these matters, together with the opinions of
2 his carer and a close family member. In light of this,
3 we take the view that this witness would be unable to
4 provide the inquiry with coherent evidence and,
5 accordingly, consider that, in all the circumstances, it
6 would be inappropriate to call him to give evidence here
7 today.

8 I wish to make it clear that, for the benefit of the record,
9 that you, Chairman, and the panel members have noted the
10 material relevant to this witness

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Thank you very much, Ms Smith. I think
12 that brings us to a rather earlier ending of our
13 proceedings today.

14 MS SMITH: Yes, Chairman.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: And we will sit again on Monday week at the
16 usual time, 10 o'clock. Thank you all very much.

17 (Hearing adjourned until
18 Monday, 3 November 2014 at 10.00 am)

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