
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

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Banbridge Court House
Banbridge

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

1 Tuesday, 14th April 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (10.55 am)

5 WITNESS HIA48 (called)

6 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Before we
7 start can I just remind everyone, as always, to ensure
8 that their mobile phones have either been turned off or
9 at least placed on "Silent"/"Vibrate" and to emphasise
10 yet again that no photography or indeed recording can
11 take place either in the chamber or indeed anywhere on
12 the Assembly -- sorry -- on the Inquiry premises.

13 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and gentlemen,
14 good morning. Before we commence this morning,
15 Chairman, there are a number of appearances.

16 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Boyd?

17 MR BOYD: May it please you, Mr Chairman and Members of the
18 Panel, I appear for NL14. I am instructed by McLaughlin
19 & Company.

20 MR HARVEY: Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel, my name is
21 Ciaran Harvey and I appear on behalf of NL4. I am
22 instructed by PJ McGrory. I am this morning attended by
23 Mr Seamus Collins.

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

25 MR DEERY: If it pleases, Chairman, Members of the Panel,

1 I appear on behalf of HIA430. I am Neil Deery from Ian
2 Mallin Solicitors.

3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Deery.

4 MS SMITH: Chairman, due to the change in timetable there
5 was to be a representative here in respect of someone
6 whose designation I don't actually have in front of me,
7 but it was HIA122. That was Sean O'Hare of counsel.
8 I think he was instructed by what used to be Fearon
9 Mccoy -- Ciaran Steele Solicitors actually --

10 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

11 MS SMITH: -- I think. Because they -- HIA48 or this
12 witness' evidence had to be moved to this morning, they
13 were unable to attend, but I have advised them that we
14 will provide them with a full copy of the transcript.

15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

16 MS SMITH: HIA48, good morning.

17 **A. Morning.**

18 Q. The Chairman is just going ask you to take a religious
19 oath in a moment. I just want to confirm that you also
20 want to maintain the anonymity which the Inquiry has
21 given to you to protect your identity?

22 **A. Uh-huh. Yes.**

23 **WITNESS HIA48 (sworn)**

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA48. Please sit down.

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1 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

2 MS SMITH: Now, HIA48, before I come to deal with your
3 statement I am going to tell the Panel Members where
4 some documents in relation to your evidence are in our
5 bundle of papers. Okay?

6 So HIA48's statement can be found at SNB-860 to 864.

7 The Congregation's response is at 2086 to 2088.

8 The Health & Social Care Board's response is at 5891
9 to 5913 and that includes exhibits.

10 There are civil claim papers, which can be found at
11 70461 to 549.

12 HIA48 herself brought some material to the Inquiry.
13 There is a document at 30236, 41841 to 41851, and she
14 also brought us some photographs, which we will look at,
15 which can be found at 32987 to 32992.

16 There is police material, which can found at
17 SNB-60549 to 60552, 60962 to 60967, 61035 to 61044,
18 62141 to 62169.

19 There are statements of NL4, which can be found at
20 SNB-80006, 80029 -- sorry -- through to 80029 and 80059
21 to 80062, and a third statement at 80079 to 80090.

22 There is also a statement of NL122 at SNB-8893 and
23 a statement of NL14 at SNB-80099 to 80100.

24 A lot of documents, HIA48.

25 If we could pull up HIA48's witness statement,

1 please, at 860, HIA48, you remember we were looking at
2 your witness statement when we were speaking earlier.
3 I was explaining to you that instead of your name it
4 would be blacked out and the designation would be there.
5 So it says "Witness Statement of HIA48". Can you see
6 that okay?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. So that's the -- what we have done to make sure that
9 your name doesn't go outside of this room and can't be
10 used outside of this room.

11 Can I just ask you to have a look through that
12 statement and go to the last page, which is at 864? Can
13 I just check with you, HIA48, that you signed the
14 statement on 27th November 2014?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. This is the statement of evidence to the Inquiry that
17 you want the Inquiry to look at together with anything
18 else that you tell them this morning. Is that right,
19 HIA48? You are happy enough this is the statement you
20 gave to the Inquiry?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Well, if we go back to the first page of your statement
23 -- and you can either look at it on the screen, or if
24 it's easier for you to look at the document you have in
25 front of you, HIA48, whichever is easiest for you -- you

1 see that your personal details are set out in
2 paragraphs 1 to 4 of your witness statement.

3 You were placed in Nazareth Lodge when you were 7 in
4 November 1971. You stayed there until December 1976
5 when you were 12.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Now I am just going look at another document for
8 a moment, HIA48. This is a history sheet that comes
9 from Social Services at SNB-49707. I explained to you
10 that I am showing this simply so that the Inquiry can
11 see the kind of records that were being kept by Social
12 Services at the time.

13 If we can scroll down this, you will see that this
14 is from September '71 to April '72. It sets out
15 a little bit of the details of -- about you, but if we
16 just look here, there was a child psychologist from
17 Clinic who interviewed you and your mother.
18 They recommended that you go to a school when
19 a vacancy occurs, probably in April 1972, and that in
20 the meantime HIA48 be taken into the care of the Welfare
21 Department. You then in November 1971 joined your
22 brother, who was already at Nazareth Lodge.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. We know from your statement and from what you were
25 telling us that you were at St. Kevin's School. You

1 then went into Nazareth Lodge and shortly after you
2 started at School. Isn't that --
3 House?

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. There are other documents and I am not going to go
6 through them. Social Services' reports show that on
7 16th January 1974, when you had been in Nazareth Lodge
8 for a while, you were doing well. They were recording
9 that they hadn't any cause for concerns about your
10 well-being in the home.

11 We can see that -- we had better just look at it.
12 SNB-49712. The date here is 16th January 1974. If you
13 can scroll on down, please, to -- just there is
14 a line there:

15 "HIA48 seems to be doing well in Nazareth Lodge and
16 giving no cause for concern."

17 Then if we go on to two pages on, please, if we just
18 scroll on down to 9714, again:

19 "HIA48 is coming home more often."

20 In the summer of '74 it is recorded that the Sisters
21 felt that the visits home were upsetting you. Now
22 I know we were talking about this. You were saying,
23 and, in fact, you say in your witness statement, that
24 you cried when you had to go back to Nazareth Lodge
25 after having been home for a weekend, and that was why

1 you were upset. It was because you were upset coming
2 back into the Lodge rather than being at home. Isn't
3 that right?

4 **A. That's right.**

5 Q. If we go back to your witness statement at paragraph 5,
6 which is at 860, at the bottom of the page there you say
7 you don't know why you were placed in Nazareth Lodge.
8 Social work papers give a reason for that. Essentially
9 your mother wasn't coping and it was felt that you
10 should be in a school. You were in the Sacred
11 Heart group. Isn't that right, HIA48?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. SR184 was in charge of that group.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Then she left and SR52 was in charge.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. SR52.

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. You describe SR52 as a lovely nun.

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

21 Q. You say there were some nice nuns and some wicked nuns.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. When we were talking earlier, I was asking you could you
24 remember any of the other nuns who were there at the
25 time. You did remember a SR98 --

1 **A. SR98.**

2 Q. -- you think was there in your time. I asked you how
3 she may have been wicked or how any nun was wicked to
4 the children. Can you remember what you told me or do
5 you want me to say it?

6 **A. You can say it.**

7 Q. Well, what you described to me was that she grabbed you
8 and pulled you by the hair, by the ears, and that was
9 how she would have been wicked.

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 CHAIRMAN: HIA48, would you just mind pulling the microphone
12 over towards your -- towards you? No, bring it towards
13 you a bit more so we can pick up what you are saying.
14 Thank you.

15 MS SMITH: We have to get a note of all that you say, HIA48.

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. So it is important we know what you are saying, although
18 I am doing most of the talking. I think we agreed
19 that's how we would do this.

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. You go on in paragraph 6 of your statement to say that
22 NL4 -- and you see that's the designation we have given.
23 I am going to use the name, but again remind people
24 names are not to be used outside this room. That's NL4.
25 Paragraph 6. You'll see that each separate block on the

1 page, HIA48, has a number. So I am just going read from
2 it. It is on the screen as well.

3 "NL4 was the civilian member of staff in charge of
4 our group. She was left in charge of us whenever the
5 nuns were at prayers or in care meetings. She was
6 a wicked one. I used to wet the bed sometimes and she
7 would grab your face and rub your nose in the soiled
8 sheets."

9 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. "She would beat me as well with her hands or with
11 whatever object she had to hand. She took a stick to my
12 hands. You didn't have to do anything wrong to be
13 beaten by NL4. She just constantly beat you for
14 nothing. On one occasion she stripped me and another
15 girl to our pants and locked us in the dining room."

16 I think when we were talking earlier, you were
17 saying it was actually a room after the dining room she
18 locked you in.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. "It was freezing cold. She also forced us to wash in
21 cold water. I still remember the smell of Jeyes Fluid
22 from the bath. I saw other children getting beaten by
23 NL4."

24 Now, as I was explaining to you, NL4 has given
25 a statement to the Inquiry. In that she indicated that

1 for a large part of the time from 1972 onwards she was
2 not actually in Belfast, although she was definitely
3 there from July -- in Nazareth Lodge from July 1974 to
4 September 1975. That can be -- I am not going to pull
5 it up, but it's in her statement at SNB-80023. I was
6 wondering, HIA48, did you ever remember NL4 leaving
7 Nazareth Lodge --

8 **A. No.**

9 Q. -- and coming back during your time?

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. You just have a memory of her being there all the time?

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Now in that statement she gave to the Inquiry she also
14 denies using excessive force or being cruel to any child
15 --

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. -- although she admits to slapping children with her
18 hand and occasionally with a ruler if they misbehaved.
19 Is there anything you want to say about that, HIA48?

20 **A. She just lifted everything, so she did, and beat us.**

21 Q. You were in the group she was in charge of --

22 **A. Yes, the Sacred Heart group.**

23 Q. -- with the nun who looked after.

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. Now paragraph 7 -- I will come back a little bit later

1 to some more of what NL4 has said about what you said
2 about her, but if we move on to paragraph 7, you talk
3 about other staff members. You remember NL14 and that's
4 NL14. You say:

5 "He used to chase me and hit me. He did
6 . He was wicked. Other
7 people said he touched children. NL122", who is NL122,
8 "hit me as well. .
9 NL5 was the staff member in charge of the little boys'
10 group, but I had nothing to do with her."

11 So this was another member of staff who you knew was
12 in the home at the same time, but didn't have any
13 interaction with her. You didn't have anything to do
14 with her, as you say.

15 Now NL14 in his statement to the Inquiry, which can
16 be found at SNB-80099 to 100, if we could just call that
17 up, please, 80099 -- and this will be redacted before it
18 is put on to the website -- but you will see this is a
19 statement that he has written. It gives some details,
20 that he himself was brought up in Nazareth Lodge and
21 stayed there until he moved to Rubane. He left Rubane
22 and went to work about 16. He was always regularly
23 called up to Nazareth Lodge to visit the nuns after he
24 left and would often stay and have something to eat,
25 usually at tea time, about 5 or 6 o'clock, when he had

1 finished work.

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15 He goes on to describe that:

16 "Nazareth Lodge had living quarters and games rooms
17 and a kitchen on the ground floor and bedrooms on the
18 first floor."

19 Is that how you remember the Lodge, HIA48, with the
20 games room, living quarters downstairs and the bedrooms
21 on the first floor when you were there?

22 **A. It was all different floors, so there was, different**
23 **groups.**

24 Q. But this was what he remembers from when he lived there
25 himself as a boy, but he was not in any of the rooms

1 after he left Nazareth Lodge he said except when walking
2 through with one of the nuns to get something to eat
3 from the kitchen.

4 He goes on then to deal with -- if we could skip the
5 next paragraph, he says:

6 "I know there was a HIA48 at Nazareth Lodge. I had
7 no contact whatsoever with her. I knew her because her
8 brother was also there

I totally deny the allegations HIA48 has made
11 against me. I was never a member of staff at Nazareth
12 Lodge. I have never chased HIA48 or hit her or was
13 wicked to her. I have never touched any child in
14 Nazareth Lodge. I completely deny the allegations HIA48
15 has made against me and have no idea why she has made
16 these allegations."

17 So what NL14 is saying is, "I never worked there
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He

21 also then says but what you say about him chasing you
22 and hitting you is not true.

23 **A. Oh, he did. He did hit me.**

24 Q. Can you describe how he hit you, HIA48?

25 **A. Just grabbed me and hit me. He run after me.**

1 Q. Was there a reason for that? Were you doing something
2 that caused him to do that?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Then the other person that you named in that
5 paragraph that we are looking at was NL122. He also has
6 given a statement to the Inquiry, which we can look at
7 at SNB-80093. This one has been redacted. He gives
8 details about where he was born and he said he too was
9 in Nazareth Lodge and then moved to Kircubbin. In
10 paragraph 2 there he says:

11 "I returned on occasion to Nazareth Lodge on
12 where I sometimes helped out a man
13 . He retired and I got -- I secured
14 his job.

My immediate
17 supervisor was NL11. There were other employees there
18 as well as me who did the same work."

19 He names them. He says he has no knowledge of --
20 sorry -- I will just get the actual -- of somebody else
21 who was named as someone who worked there.

22 "I never had any dealings or supervisory roles in
23 respect of the children at the home. I have never
24 chastised or punished any child at the home. I have
25 read the allegations apparently naming me and I deny

1 them absolutely. I was asked to appear at a police
2 station and had the allegations put to me. I did not
3 bring a solicitor, as I had nothing to fear from the
4 investigation and denied the allegations to the police
5 completely. The only explanation I can make is that the
6 complainants are making a mistake over identification.
7 I also believe that I never worked into nights and that
8 children at the home would have been at school when I
9 was at work, as I finished normally between 4.30 and
10 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. I had no connections to any
11 of the children and would not even have known any of
12 them during my employment."

13 He denies sexually or physically abusing any child
14 at any time in any way and denies the allegations and
15 suggestions made by two other people and yourself.

16 "There is simply no truth in this and the incidents
17 as described never occurred."

18 Now he was, as he says, interviewed by police. You
19 know that police subsequently told you that when they
20 interviewed him about what you had said about him, that
21 he denied the allegations. He was interviewed in
22 February 2012. We know from the statement of
23 a Detective Constable Hanson, which is dated
24 2nd May 2012. That can be found at SNB-61046.

25 HIA48, you don't worry. That's just for the Panel,

1 not for you. I am just telling them where the police
2 officer's statement is in the bundle.

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. Okay. If we can go back to your witness statement again
5 at paragraph 8 on 861, HIA48, in paragraph 8 here you
6 talk about the food in the Lodge being really poor. You
7 said you would call it slops.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. "We got porridge, but you wouldn't eat it. It made you
10 sick. For dinner we just got a tiny bit of meat and a
11 bit of potato. If you didn't eat your dinner, you would
12 be given it the next day. The cook", whom you name, you
13 say, "was a lovely woman. It wasn't her fault the food
14 was so bad. She was just doing her job."

15 You say:

16 "There were some lovely people in the Lodge."

17 Apart from the cook and SR52 can you remember who
18 else was good or lovely? Any other names that you
19 remember, HIA48?

20 **A. SR227 . Uh-huh.**

21 Q. She was a nice woman too?

22 **A. Aye.**

23 Q. Paragraph 9 here -- and you know -- I've told you that
24 the Congregation would say the food was best they could
25 provide and that children weren't made to eat it and

1 weren't forced to eat it if they didn't like it, but you
2 don't accept that, HIA48. Isn't that right?

3 **A. No, no.**

4 Q. Now you do -- paragraph 9 here you talk about going to
5 We discussed that. Just so the Panel know,
6 the report of the psychologist at SNB-49657 to 49658,
7 but paragraph 10 you say:

8 "We used to play outside in the big fields. There
9 were swings and monkey bars and we loved getting out to
10 play but we dreaded going back in and I had lots of
11 friends in the Lodge."

12 You talk in paragraph 12 there about going to
13 Christmas parties outside the home and being given toys,
14 but then being taken off you by NL4 when you came back
15 in. I will come to that in a moment, but I was
16 wondering, apart from playing out with your friends,
17 were there other good times? Was there other fun when
18 you were in Nazareth Lodge?

19 **A. We just made our own fun, so we did.**

20 Q. You made your own fun?

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. Okay. You also say you went to mass every morning and
23 on Sundays and you made your first holy communion in the
24 home, but there was no fuss at all.

25 "I just made with all the other children around.

1 There were no family members invited."

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. You know the Congregation would say you didn't have to
4 go to mass every day, first of all, and communion was
5 actually a big event and families were invited.

6 **A. No.**

7 Q. I think you said to me that when you made your first
8 communion, there were no families --

9 **A. No families, no, no.**

10 Q. -- or any of the children there that day.

11 We were just looking here about the Christmas
12 parties. You say you don't remember ever having
13 a special dinner at Christmas or anything.

14 Your birthday was never celebrated in the home.

15 "We went on holiday to Ballyhornan during the summer
16 and we were given more slops to eat there."

17 Was it fun at Ballyhornan? Was that a good time?

18 **A. Aye, but just me and the kids, like.**

19 Q. The Congregation, first of all, don't accept that toys
20 were taken away and they don't accept that food was
21 slops. They said the food was the best they could
22 afford. I will come on to say what NL4 herself says
23 about that when we look at her Inquiry statement
24 a little bit later.

25 You say you don't remember anybody ever inspecting

1 the home or senior nuns visiting and you don't believe
2 you ever saw a doctor or dentist while you were in the
3 Lodge.

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. I have said to you that the Congregation have said the
6 doctor would come to the home, but you don't remember
7 ever seeing anybody there.

8 **A. No.**

9 Q. Again when we come to look at what NL4 says, her
10 recollection is children were taken out to the doctor if
11 they were sick.

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. You certainly don't remember, but, as you said yourself,
14 everybody gets sick some time.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Do you ever -- you don't even remember being sick,
17 though, do you, HIA48, yourself or don't remember --

18 **A. I never seen -- I don't remember ever seeing a doctor.**

19 Q. Sorry?

20 **A. I don't remember ever seeing a doctor.**

21 Q. Okay. Did the nuns look after you if you were sick --
22 can you remember that -- or any of the staff members?

23 **A. I don't know.**

24 Q. You can't remember?

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. Okay. Now you said that:

2 "Whenever anyone came to visit you in the Lodge
3 there was always somebody present" --

4 **A. Present.**

5 Q. -- "in the room during the visit."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. "It would either be the nuns or NL4. Someone from the
8 Welfare used to come to visit me. I remember one social
9 worker called NL249 . My mother also visited me, as
10 did my brothers, who came up from Kircubbin to see me.
11 Before these visits the nuns and NL4 would tell me not
12 to be telling tales, but I couldn't say anything anyway,
13 because they were sitting there the whole time. I felt
14 like they were listening in. I didn't tell anyone about
15 the abuse anyway, because in those days nobody would
16 have believed you. I just kept it all in. You daren't
17 talk about it, and even if you did, no-one would believe
18 you."

19 I was asking you where these visits took place. You
20 were saying they were in a wee room downstairs near the
21 entrance --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- which one of the -- somebody talked about a parlour.

24 **A. Aye.**

25 Q. Would that have been how it was described?

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. But you certainly remember somebody always being there

3 --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- or thereabouts when these visits were taking place?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Now there's a number of documents from Social Services
8 which I am just going to refer to and the Panel can look
9 at them later themselves -- we discussed these --
10 SNB-41876 to 41881, which show that there were
11 three-monthly reviews. What I was explaining to you,
12 HIA48, is that Social Service records show that you were
13 being visited monthly by your social worker in Nazareth
14 Lodge, although a lot of time those visits might have
15 happened while you were at home for the weekend. So the
16 visits might not actually have been in the Lodge, but
17 you would have been seen by the social worker when you
18 went back home on a Friday.

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. Do you remember -- you remember NL249 Do you
21 remember he saw you when you were home sometimes too?

22 **A. No. I don't remember seeing him in the home.**

23 Q. Just in the Lodge?

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. Certain entries show -- and I am just going summarise

1 some of these -- that on 25th June 1974 your progress
2 was fair and your attendance at school was good. It
3 does record that you were somewhat nervous at times and
4 you were wetting the bed. It records your visits to
5 home as being fairly regular.

6 There was also then a problem in March 1974 with --
7 your mother was having problems with some of your
8 siblings and that made it less easy for her to have you
9 back home at the same time as them. As a result of that
10 your family were visiting you regularly, as you said, in
11 Nazareth Lodge, but the trips home became less frequent
12 due to transport difficulties, problems with your mother
13 getting to Nazareth Lodge and her also
14 having to ensure that your brother got back to Kircubbin
15 when he was home for the weekend, and all of those
16 things meant that you weren't getting as much contact at
17 home as you ought to have had. Social Services are
18 aware of that. They then try to make some plans. They
19 actually describe you as having been forgotten about,
20 not, as we discussed, by your family, but just in the
21 midst of all the circumstances you weren't getting home
22 as often as you ought to have. They tried to make plans
23 to correct that and to get you home more often. They
24 felt that there had been little done to help your
25 emotional development and that they hoped to draw up

1 plans for your future. In the meantime you were going
2 to get more frequent social work visitors than you had
3 been having. That's SNB-41881.

4 Now that -- I just outlined that because the Panel
5 will want to look at those documents and see just what
6 the social workers were doing in relation to you while
7 you were in Nazareth Lodge, HIA48. Okay?

8 Now going back to your statement at paragraph 12 --
9 sorry -- paragraph 15 -- I beg your pardon -- you
10 remember Father Brendan Smyth coming to visit the home.

11 "He would bounce me up and down on his knee and say
12 I was a good girl. He would give me a bag of sweets as
13 well. Looking back now, I can see this was
14 inappropriate, but I didn't realise at the time, because
15 I was so young. Although I was never actually sexually
16 assaulted by Father Brendan Smyth, as an adult I now
17 know he was getting sexual gratification from doing this
18 to me. I also think he was abusing other children. We
19 children in the home were very vulnerable. Father
20 Brendan Smyth just got moved from parish to parish. It
21 was a cover-up."

22 When we were talking earlier, HIA48, you said that
23 NL4 had told you that he was actually the parish priest.

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. You remember him coming and saying mass in Nazareth

1 Lodge.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. That is why you thought he was the parish priest --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- although I explained to you that he wasn't. In fact,
6 he was a visiting priest and wasn't, in fact, the parish
7 priest, but I know you feel quite strongly he ought not
8 to have been allowed to do what he did with children and
9 be covered up -- that be covered up. Isn't that right?

10 **A. Uh-huh. Yes.**

11 Q. Now in paragraph 17 you say when you were about 12, you
12 were abused by a man who lived ,
13 near Nazareth Lodge.

14 "He took me to a hut in Cherryvale grounds and put
15 his hand down my pants. A busman found me and brought
16 me down to the police station. I think the police
17 phoned the Lodge then. I wanted the case brought to
18 court, but NL4 and one of the nuns told me not to be
19 telling lies. When the case came to court, they told me
20 to say I didn't recognise the man. I was afraid, so
21 I said I didn't recognise him, and the case was
22 dismissed. I don't think there was a line up or
23 anything. The nuns said that full sexual intercourse
24 took place, but that was lies."

25 Now I am going to look at a document that you

1 yourself brought to the Inquiry's attention. We can see
2 this at 41882. I am just going to explain the
3 background to this, HIA48. Whenever -- you eventually
4 left Nazareth Lodge in 1976, December 1976. You went
5 back home on a trial period. That was successful. So
6 you ended up staying at home and you were actually
7 discharged from care in 1977, but things started to go
8 wrong between you and your mother. You weren't getting
9 along, and in December 1978 -- in fact, from
10 November 1978 Social Services are back involved with you
11 and trying to find you somewhere else to live away from
12 your mum.

13 So this document that you brought to us is
14 a memorandum from the Eastern Health & Social Services
15 Board from the Assistant Principal Social Worker to the
16 Principal Social Worker. It is dated 17th -- sorry --
17 18th December 1978. I am just going to read it out.
18 What seems to be happening, HIA48, was they were trying
19 to see if you could go back to Nazareth Lodge at that
20 time. It says:

21 "We have been informed by Nazareth Lodge that there
22 will be a place available for this child after
23 Christmas. However, SR52, who had been closely involved
24 with HIA48 during her previous admission to care, has
25 informed me that HIA48 had a sexual relationship with

1 a man who lives near the
2 Nazareth complex. Apparently the relationship lasted
3 for several months and according to the police medical
4 reports full sexual intercourse took place."

5 Now this is where you are saying that the nuns are
6 saying full sexual intercourse took place and that that
7 was wrong and that was not what happened.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. You told me that this man interfered with you. He
10 indecently assaulted you, but it only happened once.
11 Isn't that right?

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Then you were found by the person who took you to the
14 police station. Now:

15 "HIA48 said she did not ..."

16 Sorry. Just going on:

17 "The man met HIA48 coming from school and took her
18 to a hut on Cherryvale grounds. When the case came to
19 court, HIA48 said she did not recognise the man and the
20 case was dismissed. Following the court case, the
21 Sisters escorted HIA48 to and from the bus stop and
22 HIA48 was discharged home very shortly afterwards
23 because of this relationship."

24 So there are bits of this that are right, HIA48.

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. There was a man who took you from the bus stop and he
2 took you to the Cherryvale grounds and he indecently
3 assaulted you there.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. He was interrupted and you were taken to the police
6 station.

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. Isn't that right?

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. You don't remember being examined by a doctor in the
11 police station.

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. Isn't that right? You are quite adamant it was many
14 years later when -- you were aged 12 at this time.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. It was many years later before you had full sexual
17 intercourse --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- with anyone. Isn't that right?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Well, I don't think I need to read the next paragraph,
22 but basically because of what the nuns are telling the
23 social workers, everybody agrees it is not a good idea
24 for you to go back to Nazareth Lodge, because this man
25 still lives locally. Okay?

1 We know then that social workers in 1978 are trying
2 to find -- they continue to try to find somewhere else
3 for you to live. As you will see in this statement or
4 this document, it is saying they were looking to see if
5 you could go into Williamson House, and social work
6 papers show there was some talk of you going to
7 Ettaville Hostel, but you actually go to the Good
8 Shepherd -- isn't that right -- in 197... -- around this
9 time?

10 **A. Uh-huh. Aye.**

11 Q. In fact, it seems to take until 1981 before they
12 actually find somewhere for you to go. You went to
13 Belfast to Good Shepherd for a day or two before being
14 sent to the Good Shepherd in Derry. I was asking you,
15 HIA48, you ran away from the Good Shepherd in Derry.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You just left and you came back and found yourself
18 somewhere to live. Isn't that right?

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. Why did you leave the Good Shepherd?

21 **A. I just didn't like it.**

22 Q. Was there a particular reason why you didn't like it or
23 anything?

24 **A. Too far away.**

25 Q. Too far away. I take it you had friends and your family

1 were all in Belfast. Isn't that right?

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. Just to let the Panel know that there is -- as I say,
4 I was explaining that after you went home -- you were
5 discharged in September '77. There is a report of
6 November 1978, which can be found at SNB-41890 through
7 to 91, and the memo of '78. There is also documents at
8 SNB-41882 to 41894, which sets out a little bit about
9 the history of them trying to find somewhere else for
10 you to go and setting out the entire history of your
11 involvement with Social Services. I am not going to
12 call that up, HIA48, but the Panel can look at that
13 document later.

14 Now going back to your own statement at
15 paragraph 20 -- sorry -- just going to paragraph 16 on
16 page 863, you say that you were always running away the
17 Lodge with another girl:

18 "We'd just go anywhere, but the police always caught
19 us and brought us back."

20 You did -- we discussed this earlier, about you
21 crying when you went home at the weekends, having to go
22 back to the Lodge. You say:

23 "They would send you out in the best of gear at the
24 weekends, but when you came back, they gave you old
25 things to put on. It was all a front. It was the same

1 at school. The nuns made sure you were not going out to
2 school in busted shoes, but as soon as you came back in
3 from school you were stripped and put into old rags."

4 You know the Congregation say you may well have worn
5 nice clothes when you were going home or going to
6 school, but it wasn't a front. It wasn't a facade of
7 any sort. Then at paragraph 17 we have dealt with that.

8 The Congregation I should say don't accept that they
9 would have said that you were telling lies about this
10 man and they don't accept that they would have told you
11 to say you didn't recognise him. Is there anything you
12 want to say about this? The Congregation, the Sisters
13 of Nazareth, have said that they don't accept that they
14 said to you that you were telling lies. They wouldn't
15 have said that to a child.

16 **A. Oh, but they did say it.**

17 Q. They also would say they wouldn't have told you to say
18 you didn't recognise him, but they said that to you?

19 **A. Uh-huh. They said that to me.**

20 Q. Okay. Then, as I say, you were discharged and you spent
21 time in the Good Shepherd. Paragraphs 20 to 24 of your
22 statement deal with your life after care. In
23 paragraph 23 you explain:

24 "I came forward with my story after hearing reports
25 about Nazareth Lodge in the media. Before that I was

1 too scared to speak out, because I thought nobody would
2 believe me. I just want the truth to come out. The
3 nuns aren't telling the truth about what went on. They
4 are trying to cover it up, like they have always done."

5 You go on to say you reported the abuse you suffered
6 to the police. A police officer came to your house,
7 took a statement from you and you believe they
8 questioned NL4 about October 2012, but you hadn't heard
9 anything about that.

10 In fact, HIA48, we know you actually spoke to police
11 in 1995, in July 1995. That can be seen at SNB-60497.
12 If we just pull that up, please. Now, HIA48, this is
13 the statement that you made on 24th July 1995. The
14 reason you made this statement was that there was
15 another girl, the girl who you were running away with,
16 NL8 . She had spoken to the police. Then police
17 came and spoke to you about what NL8 had said. Do
18 you remember that?

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 **Q.** You say that:

21 "During my time there I was never sexually abused by
22 anyone."

23 This is in Nazareth Lodge:

24 "Although I got the odd slap on the ear for
25 wrongdoings, I have no complaint to make about anyone in

1 the home about my treatment there. I don't have very
2 clear recollections about my time there and do not
3 recall Father Brendan Smyth."

4 Then you were asking about an ex-resident. You say
5 your last mate in the home -- I think that might have
6 been your best mate -- was NL8 .

7 "I have been informed that NL8 has made
8 a complaint that NL4 gave us a severe beating with the
9 cane after we ran away from the home and were returned
10 by the police. I have no recollection of NL4 doing this
11 to us. It may have happened. I just can't remember.
12 I can recall NL4. It was her who used to give me the
13 odd slap on the ear for wrongdoing. I did run away from
14 the home on occasions and I may have run away with
15 NL8 on occasions."

16 If we can just scroll on down, that was that. You
17 signed that police statement.

18 Now if we look at the other statement -- sorry.
19 I should say that NL4 was interviewed by police about
20 what NL8 had said primarily. That can found at
21 SNB-60549 to 60497. She addresses what NL8 had
22 said in her Inquiry statement. If we look at that,
23 please, at SNB-80015, in paragraph 49, if we could
24 scroll down to paragraph 49:

25 "She said in her second statement" -- this is

1 NL8 's second statement -- "she describes in detail
2 a particular incident involving her and another child,
3 HIA48. The police then approached HIA48 seeking to
4 corroborate her account."

5 the police were asking you
6 what you could say about what NL8 had said.

7 "However, when she made her statement, HIA48 stated
8 she had no recollection of me assaulting the two girls
9 as described by NL8 . Given the description of
10 this incident by NL8 , which included me locking
11 the two girls in a shoe cupboard before beating them so
12 hard that their bodies were covered in welt marks from
13 the cane, I believe HIA48 would have recalled this
14 incident if it had, in fact, occurred. The fact is,
15 however, NL8 has described this incident in
16 an exaggerated manner to portray me as a cruel and
17 vicious person. My immediate response to her
18 allegations, when put to me by the police, was that they
19 were simply untrue and did not happen."

20 Now if we can go then to your second police
21 statement that you made on 8th December 2010, HIA48,
22 which is at 61060, again you give some details about it.
23 You talk about being put in the Sacred Heart group.

24 "A few years back", you say, "the police came to my
25 home . I was not at home so they left

1 a note asking me to go to the nearest police station.
2 I went and they asked me about the time I spent in
3 Nazareth Lodge. At the time I was feeling low and
4 I just didn't feel ready to talk about it, but I
5 remember being sexually abused by Father Brendan Smyth
6 when I was about 5 or 6 years old. I remember Father
7 Smyth put me on his knee, rubbed himself against me and
8 pretended to bounce me up and down on his knee.
9 Afterwards he always gave me a bag of sweets and said,
10 'Good girl'. I always felt very scared of him for
11 years. I always said to myself, 'He's a very evil man'.

12 I was also abused in other ways when I was there.
13 I was always wetting the bed, and NL4, who was a worker
14 there, rubbed my face into the mattress. She constantly
15 beat me around the head and body, and even when I bled,
16 she wouldn't stop. She told me and another little girl,
17 NL8 -- she told me and another little girl, NL8 , to
18 strip off down to our pants and then beat us. She
19 locked us both into a room and sometimes we were put
20 into a bath full of either cold water or hot water. It
21 was horrible. Me and NL8 ran away one night, but were
22 brought back by the police and got beaten again. When
23 any of the children had bruises, we wouldn't get out at
24 the weekends and families were told we were sick. When
25 my social worker came, I was told not to tell tales and

1 someone would watch me all the time. I always felt
2 I was doing nothing and I only ever felt happy when we
3 were brought to a party or when we played out in the
4 field at the back of Nazareth Lodge. We made our own
5 fun, but even then I dreaded going back inside, because
6 I usually got beaten by NL4, one evil woman.

7 NL122 was just as bad. He
8 used to chase me and beat me, even when I was nice to
9 him.

10 There were some nice nuns.

11 Young SR52 was very kind to me, but
12 there were other nuns who were very wicked. I left
13 Nazareth Lodge when I was 12 or 13."

14 You went to School following that.

15 "I just recently started taking anti-depressants,
16 because I feel a lot of things have been getting on top
17 of me, and I find myself thinking back to the bad times
18 of my childhood, and as a result I don't sleep very
19 well. Even though I never told anyone about these
20 things that went on in Nazareth Lodge, no-one would have
21 believed us. My social workers at that time were a
22 NL249 and another NL250 ."

23 Now, HIA48, whenever we were talking earlier, you
24 explained to me whenever you spoke to the police in
25 1995, you were in the middle of a break-up of

1 a relationship.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. You were at a very bad place in your life.

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. You didn't feel able to talk at that stage.

6 **A. No. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. 2010 then -- when you talked in your Inquiry statement
8 about the media attention about Nazareth Lodge, is that
9 what prompted you to go to the police in 2010 or why did
10 you go to speak to the police in 2010? Can you
11 remember?

12 **A. Just felt it was the time to talk, so I did.**

13 Q. Okay. Well, NL4 was interviewed by police after you
14 made this statement. That can be found at 60962 to
15 60967. She denies beating a child until they bled or
16 bruising a child. She says that she hit you with
17 a ruler for running away two or three times and that she
18 actually told the Mother Superior that she had done
19 that. You don't accept that she just hit you with
20 a ruler. The words you used to me was, "She murdered
21 her and me".

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. "It was her who stripped me and put me in the room" --

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. -- "off the dining room."

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Now if we look at what she said to the Inquiry, it is
3 80079. She responds to what you have said in your
4 Inquiry statement. She gives her response to that at
5 paragraphs 4 to 9 here. She says that:

6 "I have been provided with HIA48's statement.
7 I have previously commented on the two statements made
8 by HIA48 to the police, but I was surprised to read she
9 is now making further new allegations against me, and my
10 comments on these are as follows.

11 It is quite possible I worked with the nuns
12 supervising the Sacred Heart group during part of the
13 time HIA48 was in this group, as I have previously
14 stated, but as I have previously stated, I spent
15 a considerable part of the 1970s working and living
16 outside Belfast.

17 I deny all the allegations she has made in
18 paragraph 6 of her statement and I never put Jeyes Fluid
19 into bath water. I do recall from time to time children
20 would have been given toys as gifts when they went to
21 Christmas parties outside the home, and it is also true
22 that the toys would have been taken from the children
23 and not left in the dormitories. However, the toys
24 would have been left in another room and the children
25 would have played with them at certain times."

1 Do you remember playing with the toys that you got
2 from the Christmas parties, HIA48?

3 **A. No, because we were always outside playing.**

4 Q. "I do not recall being in the home at Christmas time, as
5 I usually spent this with my own family. However, I
6 would say that the staff and nuns ate food prepared from
7 the same kitchen as the children and I also recall
8 everybody ate the same food at the holiday home in
9 Ballyhornan during the summer."

10 She is not actually saying staff and nuns ate the
11 same food as the children in Nazareth Lodge, but it was
12 food prepared in the same kitchen, but you all ate the
13 same food when you were in Ballyhornan.

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. Do you remember did the nuns ever eat with you in the
16 Lodge?

17 **A. No, no.**

18 Q. "In paragraph 13 she claims" -- that's you -- "there
19 were no inspections and doctors and dentists did not
20 visit the home. My recollection is that whenever
21 a child needed medical treatment, they would have been
22 taken out to see the doctor.

23 I cannot recall what visitors came to see HIA48
24 during her time in Nazareth Lodge. My recollection is
25 that usually visitors came to take the child out for the

1 afternoon or at weekends, but it is also possible
2 visitors would see the child in the parlour of the home.
3 I would not be present and I did not supervise visits",
4 as you alleged.

5 "In paragraph 17 of her statement she makes
6 an allegation which I was not previously aware of. What
7 I can say is I was never told or heard anything about
8 an allegation she was sexually abused by a man outside
9 the home. If this did happen and the police were
10 informed, then I do not believe the nuns would have told
11 me about it. I certainly would have no reason to become
12 involved or attempt to influence what she told the
13 police or a court. The police never mentioned this
14 allegation to me when I was interviewed by them at
15 Musgrave Street Police Station on 19th October 2012. If
16 she now is saying this is what happened to her during
17 her time in Nazareth, I wonder why she didn't mention it
18 on either of the two occasions she made statements to
19 the police."

20 Now I asked you about this. I read this to you
21 before you came into the chamber, HIA48 --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- and you said, "Well, there was no need to tell the
24 police about what had happened to you with this man,
25 because the police were involved and they knew anyway".

1 Isn't that right?

2 **A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. Well, we know that the Public Prosecution Service
4 directed in May 2013 -- we don't have to look at it, but
5 it is at SNB-62169 -- that NL4 not be prosecuted, that
6 there be no prosecution in respect of these matters that
7 you talked about.

8 Indeed, in June 2012 there was a direction of no
9 prosecution against NL122 at 61072. From the two police
10 statements that I looked at, HIA48, you never actually
11 complained about NL14 in your police statements.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Was there a reason why you didn't or ...?

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. I think what you when you were --

16 **A. It must have blanked my head, so it must have. Do you
17 know what I mean?**

18 Q. Just out of your head. Okay.

19 Well, HIA48, you know that the -- I was explaining
20 to you that the Congregation have offered you an apology
21 for any treatment that you received from any Sister that
22 fell below the standard.

23 One of the questions that we ask everybody at this
24 stage is about the fact that the Inquiry, when it writes
25 its report, has to make recommendations to the

1 government about what should happen. I explained to you
2 the types of things that some people have said they
3 think should happen to mark what happened to children in
4 the homes. What is your view, HIA48? What do you think
5 the Inquiry should be recommending to the government?

6 **A. I don't know. I'm not educated. Do you know what**
7 **I mean?**

8 Q. That's fair enough. Is there anything else, HIA48? Are
9 you happy we have covered everything you wanted to tell
10 the Inquiry --

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. -- or is there anything I have forgotten or anything
13 else that you want to say? Now is your chance to say
14 whatever else you feel you have to say. The Inquiry are
15 listening to whatever it is.

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. Are you happy that we have covered everything --

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. -- that you wanted us to know about your time in
20 Nazareth Lodge?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Thank you, HIA48. I have nothing further that I want to
23 ask you. I don't know if the Panel Members have
24 anything.

25 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA48, I am sure you will be happy to hear

1 that we don't have any more questions for you. Thank
2 you very much for coming to speak to us today.

3 **A. Thank you.**

4 Q. We are very grateful.

5 **A. Thank you.**

6 **(Witness withdrew)**

7 MS SMITH: Chairman, Mr Aiken is taking the next witness,
8 but if we take a short break, I am sure he will be ...

9 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We will just rise for a few minutes for
10 that to be arranged. Thank you.

11 (11.45 am)

12 (Short break)

13 (11.55 am)

14 WITNESS HIA28 (called)

15 CHAIRMAN: Mr Aiken.

16 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good morning.

17 The next witness is HIA28, originally HIA28, known as
18 HIA28. I am going to call her "HIA28". Chairman, she
19 is aware you are going to ask her to take the oath.

20 Before we do that, there is an appearance from the
21 legal representatives of HIA420 (sic), who is HIA430,
22 and Mr Deery of counsel appears for ...

23 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

24 MR DEERY: Neil Deery from Ian Mallin Solicitors for HIA430.

25 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

1 MR AIKEN: Chairman, HIA28 is aware that you are going to
2 ask her to take the oath.

3 WITNESS HIA85 (sworn)

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Will you please sit down?

5 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

6 MR AIKEN: Coming up on the screen, HIA28, will be the first
7 page of your witness statement.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. If we can bring that up, please, at SNB-042. If you
10 just check for me, HIA28, that that matches the first
11 page of the one that you have in front of you.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. If we go to the last page, which is SNB-052, please --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- and just check for me, HIA28, that the last page you
16 have matches the one that's on the screen --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- except for the black mark.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Can you confirm that you have signed your witness
21 statement?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You want to adopt it as your contents -- the contents as
24 your evidence to the Inquiry?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. You are aware, HIA28, the black marks are part of the
2 Inquiry's anonymity policy.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You want to keep your anonymity?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Just bear with me for a few moments until I give the
7 Panel some references in the electronic bundle --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- that relate to you in addition to your witness
10 statement.

11 HIA28 spoke to the police on 19th May of 2010. The
12 police statement is at 61285 through to 61287.

13 She has also brought along to the Inquiry
14 a photograph. I am just going bring that up, HIA28, for
15 you to identify it to the Panel. It is at 30066.

16 I wonder if it is possible if we can increase the size
17 and include the names, if that's possible. You were
18 explaining to me, HIA28, you are the third person from
19 the left.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. The second person from the left is your sister, HIA39.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Then there are -- HIA43 is on the very right-hand side.

24 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. Then you were identifying to me the girl next to HIA43

1 is -- is it NHB48?

2 **A. NHB48.**

3 Q. NHB48. You mention her in your statement. Can you
4 remember where this was taken?

5 **A. I am not sure if it was Glenariff or not.**

6 Q. So one of the holidays --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- that you would have been on?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. In addition, HIA28, as you know, the Panel have access
11 to the medical report from Dr Helen Harbinson from
12 21st November 2012. That runs from 70282 through to
13 70288. That was part of your ongoing civil claim that
14 resulted in that being obtained.

15 In addition, there is the replying statement from
16 the Sisters of Nazareth, which runs from 2067 through to
17 2070. As you know, HIA28, from our discussion it
18 contains an apology to you --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- in paragraph 20 for any occasion whenever your
21 treatment fell beneath the standard that would have been
22 expected of the nuns.

23 In addition, then there is statements from SR52
24 about SR31 and about SR134. They are at 1882 and 3 and
25 then 1884 and 5. Those are two of the three nuns that

1 you recall from your time, the third one being SR116.

2 I~will come back to her shortly.

3 In addition, there is the witness statement from the
4 Health & Social Care Board, which is at 6229 through to
5 6230, and essentially it confirms what you've said in
6 your statement, HIA28, which is that it was a private
7 arrangement that was made --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- between your family and the nuns --

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. -- for you to go and live in Nazareth. The Welfare
12 Authority weren't involved. That's why they have no
13 file on you.

14 In addition, as you are aware, HIA28, from our
15 discussions this morning, the Inquiry has a replying
16 statement from HIA430, who is HIA430. Her replying
17 statement can be found at 80094. We will come back to
18 that later on in your evidence.

19 For the Panel's record then the police interviewed
20 all three of the nuns that are mentioned by HIA28.

21 SR31 was interviewed on two occasions, the first on
22 19th June 1996, and her interview runs from 60318 to
23 60402. There then was a further police interview with
24 her on 24th October 2006, which is at 61949 through to
25 61968.

1 SR134 was interviewed on 19th June 1996 and it runs
2 from 60027 through to 60045.

3 Then SR116 was interviewed on 22nd May 2012, which
4 runs from 61295 through to 61400. Part of that
5 interview, as HIA28 knows, relates to allegations that
6 she makes in her police statement in respect of SR116.
7 We will come back to that.

8 SR116, unlike SR31 and SR134, is still alive, but
9 the Inquiry has medical reports in relation to her as to
10 why she is not in a position to give evidence to the
11 Inquiry. Those can be found at 2029 and a detailed
12 report from a consultant at 2195 to 2198.

13 HIA28, that all being said, you were born on

14 --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- and are now aged 65. You were one of eight siblings.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You went into Nazareth House --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- on 18th July 1960 --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- when you were aged 10. You went into Nazareth House
23 along with HIA39 and HIA29 --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- or HIA39 --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- as HIA39 is known. The three of you were round about
3 the same age.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. One year between each of you essentially.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. That was a private arrangement that took place.

8 If we can look, please, at 4025, we can see that in
9 addition to the three of you who went in on the same
10 day, July 1960, we can see at the top of the page that
11 your younger sister ^{NHB142}, who was born in '57, so she
12 was seven years younger than you, she went in in April
13 1960, which was three months before you --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- and your two sisters closest to you. So she was 3
16 essentially or coming 3 when she went into --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- Nazareth. I am going to come on to that very
19 shortly, because you -- although she was your sister,
20 the domestic arrangements for you before you went into
21 the home meant that you had never actually met her --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- were not aware of her.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. I will come back to that briefly in a moment. The

1 record discloses, as you set out to the Inquiry, that
2 you went in on your mother's application. That
3 reference is at 4027.

4 All four of you essentially stayed in Nazareth then
5 until 19th December 1965, when you were 15.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. So you spent five years there. You left just before
8 Christmas of '65, and it was your mum -- if we look at
9 4031, please, we can see the record of discharge, which
10 shows your mum collecting you and your three other
11 sisters.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. In paragraph 7 of your statement, HIA28, which is at
14 043, you record that the three of you that were closest
15 in age, so that's you and HIA39 and HIA29 --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- you were kept in the same group, which was Our Lady's
18 group --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- run by SR31.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You record in paragraph 7 an occasion when SR31 asked
23 you did you want to see your sister. The Inquiry has
24 heard a lot of evidence about siblings not being told,
25 about not being kept together --

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. -- but you, in fact, explained to me this morning that
3 you didn't know -- even though your sister lived for
4 three years outside the home --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- while you were between the ages of 7 and 10, you
7 didn't know anything about her.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. So, in fact, on this occasion, whatever SR31 and others
10 might have done on other occasions, you -- she
11 introduced you to your sister --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- which is a positive thing --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- for you. She was in the baby section --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- of the home. That had a different playground.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. That's the introduction that took place.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. But you didn't spend much time with her when you were in
22 the home.

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. You explain in paragraphs 19 and 20 on 046 and 047 that
25 there was contact between the family in two ways. The

1 first was that your mum would have come up to visit the
2 home --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- and your recollection, doing the best you can, is
5 that would have been every fortnight --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- or so.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. She would have brought your oldest sister. Is it ?

10 **A. .**

11 Q. with you --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- with her to see you on those occasions.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You explain then at paragraph 20 that you would also get
16 out of the home to stay with your mother.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. That that would have happened about once a month
19 approximately --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- on a Sunday --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- but you explain in paragraph 20 that that was made
24 more unpleasant by the issue about being asked for money

25 --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- which we will come back to, which occurred to you
3 when you returned.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. In paragraph 21 of your statement, if I was to try to
6 bring together what you have said to the Inquiry, you
7 characterise the atmosphere as somewhere you were afraid
8 in.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You were scared to tell about things that you might have
11 wanted to tell about.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You didn't want anyone to know --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- or to complain on your behalf, because that would
16 come back against you --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- and be taken out on you in the home.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. I mentioned to you this morning that you do raise
21 a series of issues which will assist the Panel bringing
22 together a lot of evidence it has heard, because you
23 explain in paragraph 19 that during your period in the
24 home between '60 and '65 a doctor would have come in
25 every other Monday.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. So every fortnight.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Now you explain that you really would have to be ill to
5 be seeing the doctor --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- and that quite often if it was something at a lower
8 level wrong with you, the nuns dealt with that
9 themselves --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- but there was this doctor who came into the home --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- every fortnight.

14 You also on a different issue in paragraph 8 of your
15 statement, which is on 043, you explain by implication,
16 and I clarified that with you when we were speaking
17 earlier, that each group went to mass --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- in turn.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. So during your period you would have went twice a week
22 --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- and the other groups went twice a week --

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- and then everybody went on the Sunday.

2 **A. On Sunday, yes.**

3 Q. You were explaining -- I was asking you how long it
4 lasted and you said it lasted about an hour --

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. -- roughly as best you can, thinking back --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- whenever you were going on those. Essentially you
9 went three times a week. I was asking you, "Was it
10 voluntary?" Essentially, if I can summarise it in this
11 way, it was voluntary without any voluntariness. You
12 had to go, in effect --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- and that's what happened.

15 You then deal with another issue. In paragraph 17
16 of your statement at 046 you say to the Inquiry, HIA28,
17 that Christmas was a positive memory that you have --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- that you remember that in a warm way, but I want to
20 bring up -- you say to Dr Harbinson in November 2012
21 something that will be important for the Panel. If we
22 can bring up, please, 70284, you are describing in the
23 paragraph we are going to look at from Dr Harbinson's
24 report -- just the third paragraph. If you can just
25 show me the third paragraph and nothing else. Thank

1 you. You are describing in the last part of this:

2 "The only time ..." --

3 The doctor is saying:

4 "The only time she was ever happy was at Christmas."

5 You agree with that.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You then say:

8 "She was given a toy that was hers. She could keep

9 it in her locker and no-one could take it away from

10 her."

11 Now you and I were talking about what that meant

12 earlier.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. When you were saying no-one could take it away --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- you were talking about that cherished feeling of

17 having something that was yours.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. The locker you are talking about was beside your bed.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. That's where, whether it be a pencil or whatever it was,

22 that's where the thing was kept.

23 **A. Uh-huh. Yes.**

24 Q. I was then asking you, "Did that mean that was yours and

25 it was yours for your entire period?"

1 **A. Yes, yes.**

2 Q. You were saying to me that the toys were not routinely
3 taken off you the day after Christmas, but as
4 a punishment --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- for what was perceived as bad behaviour --

7 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- your toy could be removed from you.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You recall that happening to you.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You were saying to me that it might be many weeks after
13 Christmas, but you have done something. If they know
14 you've got a toy, one of the punishments is that toy was
15 then taken away.

16 **A. Yes, yes.**

17 Q. Am I right in saying you said to me it was then kept in
18 a storeroom?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Were there times then when you got to or others got to
21 play with the toys that were in the storeroom?

22 **A. No, no.**

23 Q. So it was yours, but if you stepped out of line --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- then it could be removed?

1 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. What I want to do now, HIA28, is look at the assaults
3 that you describe --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- when you were in Nazareth.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. If we look at paragraph 9, please, at 043, if I can try
8 to bring together and then we will look at some of the
9 specific incidents, HIA28. What you are describing from
10 our discussion -- if I have got this wrong now, you
11 correct me --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- but from the discussion we had you were saying to me
14 that the nuns -- the three nuns that ran the children's
15 part of the home, that there would be many kids who went
16 through the home who never got hit by them --

17 **A. Yes, yes.**

18 Q. -- and that there were what you characterised at the
19 time with others as the goody-goodies.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Those who fell into that category were fine --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- and might have even enjoyed their time in the home --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- but if you didn't come into that category, then life

1 was not as good.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. The hitting that went on often involved a perceived
4 stepping out of line and a temper reaction from one of
5 the -- for you SR31 primarily --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- as the lady in charge of your group, but that a lot
8 of the events that you describe were immediate reactions
9 of bad temper --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- from the nun that was dealing with you.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Not exclusively, and we will look at those, but your
14 recollection was of always getting -- stepping out of
15 line and then getting hit --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- in one way or the other, but it wasn't that everybody
18 in the home was getting hit.

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. Is that -- is that a fair --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- summary of it?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. In paragraph 9 you explain that you could get punished
25 for any little thing, as it were.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. So there presumably were some children in the home or
3 quite a number who did comply with all of the rules and
4 regulations --

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. -- and therefore didn't ever get hit --

7 **A. Uh-huh, yes.**

8 Q. -- but if you fell foul of whatever the rules and
9 regulations were, then you did.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Some of the examples you were giving me were about
12 perhaps not having made your bed properly.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You would have got a clip for that, or if you hadn't
15 cleaned properly in the way that was required --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- you would have got dealt with for that.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Are there any other examples that you can think of? We
20 will come to the specific events for you, but on
21 a general basis the type of thing that would get you
22 into trouble?

23 **A. If you didn't brush under your bed properly, you know.**

24 **If there was -- the nun would go behind looking under**

25 **the bed. You had to lift the chairs and take the dust**

1 **off the bottom of them. If that wasn't done right, you**
2 **were brought in and you were hit.**

3 Q. So it's that type of --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. As long as you remembered and did the things --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- that were set --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- in terms of the discipline --

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. -- then you were okay?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You mention -- if we can try and get the layout -- the
14 sewing room --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- which is somewhere --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- you were taken to be hit.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Can you just explain to the Panel where that was in the
21 building?

22 **A. Yes. It was down on the ground floor. You came in the**
23 **back into the changing room. That was -- you came in**
24 **from the back out of school into the changing room, got**
25 **changed. The nun came in and looked at the collar of**

1 **your shirt, and if it was -- if it was dirty, you were**
2 **brought into the sewing room and you were slapped across**
3 **the knuckles.**

4 Q. Okay. Let me pause you there, because I will come back
5 to that part about the uniform, but what you are
6 explaining is the school classroom was on the ground
7 floor, and when you came out of school, there was
8 a changing room --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- where you changed out of your --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- uniform that you wore at school.

13 **A. Yes, but this is when you came out of St. Monica's.**

14 Q. Out of St. Monica's. Sorry.

15 **A. You came in the back way.**

16 Q. You've come home from --

17 **A. Yes, yes.**

18 Q. From 11 to 15 you are out at St. Monica's.

19 **A. Yes, yes.**

20 Q. You come home. You are changing out of your uniform --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- on the ground floor in this changing room. Then
23 there is a sewing room --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- and that's where you were dealt with.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. I will come back to the subject of that. The other --
3 just to get the bearings, the dorm that you were part of
4 --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- during your time --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- SR31's, Our Lady's dorm, was on the top floor of the
9 house.

10 **A. Was on the very top floor.**

11 Q. While it was one group --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- the dormitory was actually segregated.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. There was a partition --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- with a doorway.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Was there a door in? Was it just an architrave or was
20 the door --

21 **A. Just -- just a -- there was no door.**

22 Q. No door?

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. So there's a partition across --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and a false door, as it were.

2 A. Yes. Uh-huh.

3 Q. There's a series of beds --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- with the cell of the nun in one corner.

6 A. Yes, yes.

7 Q. Then you have got the partition.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Then you have essentially got a second dorm --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- without a nun.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. It --

14 A. Yes. There was about twenty beds in one dormitory and
15 nineteen beds in another.

16 Q. I am going to go through the three nuns.

17 A. Right.

18 Q. Okay. I'm going to do that briefly. We talked about it
19 in detail earlier.

20 In paragraph 9 of your statement at 043 you describe
21 an occasion whenever SR134, who then later became SR134,
22 when she reverted back to her original name -- that's
23 SR134 -- you describe her hitting you with a stick.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Now can you just recount to the -- can you remember

1 what -- because she -- you weren't in her group.

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. You spent most of the time with SR31.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. So how did you come to be in SR134's company and how did
6 this event come to happen?

7 **A. It was in the dining room. There was different nuns on
8 in the dining room. I didn't like the pudding. It was
9 bread and currants, you know. I didn't like currants
10 and I was boking and I told her I didn't like them. She
11 slapped my face and told me to eat it, and I had to sit
12 and eat it, but I was, you know, being sick at the same
13 time. So that's how I came into contact. She done the
14 dining room every now and again.**

15 Q. You describe SR134 having a stick --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- that was kept --

18 **A. It was like -- a long stick like a shillelagh; like
19 a shillelagh sort of a stick.**

20 Q. And it was kept?

21 **A. Under her habit. Under ...**

22 Q. The -- you describe how it wouldn't have been obvious on
23 her clothing.

24 **A. No, no.**

25 Q. It is not hanging on the outside of her clothing.

1 **A. No, no.**

2 Q. SR134 was spoken to by -- she was in the home during
3 your period from -- she was there from 1954 through to
4 1970 between the ages of 38 and 54. She died in
5 May 2003, but she was the subject of a police
6 investigation in 1995 as part of Operation Overview.
7 The Panel will have access to file 26 of 41, which runs
8 from 60010 through to 60045.

9 Now SR134 was interviewed, as we were discussing
10 earlier, HIA28 --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- about two particular allegations that were brought by
13 individuals --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- not including you, but she was asked about how
16 generally children were dealt with in the home. If we
17 can look at 60032, please. That's 60032. So she is
18 denying the particular allegations that those two
19 individuals may. Then she was asked about:

20 "Q. Was there any form of punishment imposed?

21 **A. Well, they were denied television. They were**
22 **sent to bed. They were denied pocket money. If there**
23 **was an outing for the whole group, they were denied it.**
24 **I never slapped a child over 13. I think that's about**
25 **all.**

1 Q. Right. You say you never slapped a child over
2 13.

3 **A. Over 13.**

4 Q. Right. Would it have been practice to have done
5 it under?

6 **A. No, not except I might have given the very young
7 ones that.**

8 Q. Right. Just a small smack, is it?"

9 Scroll down, please.

10 "A. Yes, yes.

11 Q. But she does say here that pocket money was
12 withheld.

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

14 Q. And television was deprived from them. Why do
15 you think she would stretch it a point further this time
16 to say that she was beat with an electrical flex?

17 **A. Well, I don't know why she thought that."**

18 **So what she's saying is that a younger child beneath
19 13 she might have hit a smack to.**

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. I think from that she is characterising the type of
22 smack on the backside or something like that, but
23 certainly no suggestion from her that she would have
24 used a stick.

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. But your recollection is that's what she did use?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. She was asked then, if we go through, please, to 60040,
4 "Who worked out what the punishments were?" Am I right
5 in saying your experience was you were in SR31's group.
6 So SR31 was generally dealing with you --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- but if you came across either of the other nuns --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- had stepped out of line in some way --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- then they dealt with you.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. She is saying here to the police that it would have been
15 left up to the individual in charge of them as to what
16 the punishment was to be. She indicated to the police
17 as part of this that there were no guidelines or
18 instructions that she was aware of about the form of
19 punishment.

20 Just for completeness, Members of the Panel, she
21 explains in interview that she did know she was known as
22 and she says that was because she used to
23 speak loudly to the children, but you were explaining to
24 me, HIA28, that that was a name used by the children --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- because of .

2 **A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. She explains in the interview that she also taught the
4 class, as she described it, from the ages of 7
5 to 11. I was confirming with you you were not in that
6 class.

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. You were taught in SR31's class.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. We will come back to that. She was the principal in the
11 school. SR134 was not prosecuted for those matters, but
12 she sets out what the position was as far as she is
13 concerned.

14 Now in paragraph 8 of your statement, if we look at
15 043, you talk about SR116 --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- who is SR116, if I have got the designations the
18 right way round. You explain that she would have hit
19 you with her knuckle --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- on your head.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You give a particular example here of if you were caught
24 with your sleeves down.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Now the Congregation have said to the Inquiry at 2067 in
2 paragraph 4 that they don't believe that you would have
3 got hit for having your sleeves down.

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. Can you explain to the Panel what that issue over the
6 sleeves being down was?

7 **A. You weren't allowed to wear your sleeves down, because**
8 **if you got a hole in the arm of your sleeve, SR122 would**
9 **stick a darn in it. So you had to keep your sleeves**
10 **above your elbow and you had to keep them rolled up.**

11 Q. That practice, on one occasion you clearly weren't
12 complying with it --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- and you got --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- a knuckle to the head until you presumably --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- sorted out --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- the sleeve in the way that it was to be sorted out.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Now you also -- I just want to -- again, like SR134 --
23 and we were talking about this at some length -- the
24 hitting that you are describing never caused -- didn't
25 ever cut your head --

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. -- or didn't knock you unconscious.

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. It hurt --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- but didn't knock you over.

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. So it wasn't -- maybe if I said to you, "Do you want to
9 characterise it?", because on the levels of severity in
10 terms of someone thumping you on the head and knocking
11 you unconscious or knocking you over, that's not the
12 type of thing you are describing?

13 **A. It was very sore. It was the way they hit you, you
14 know, and you more or less sort of ducked, you know, to
15 try and stop it, you know, from the keys hitting your
16 head. You sort of ducked, and the more you ducked, you
17 more you were hit.**

18 Q. Okay. I'll come to the keys with SR31.

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. It was a strike that didn't leave a mark --

21 **A. No, no.**

22 Q. -- and didn't draw blood.

23 **A. No. You had many a bump, like, on your head, but it
24 didn't draw blood or anything.**

25 Q. You explain in paragraph 9 of your statement that, if we

1 look just slightly further on down on to 044, SR116
2 would grab you by the hair if you weren't kneeling
3 upright while you were praying --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- even if you were about to be sick or faint. Now
6 I was asking you, "Was that in the chapel?" and you were
7 explaining to me, "No, that was praying". Do you want
8 to just explain about that?

9 **A. That was praying. When you -- before you went to bed
10 you went into a sitting room. St. Anne's was on this
11 side and Our Lady's was on this side. You prayed before
12 you went into your bedroom.**

13 Q. Just if I characterise that, you have got the dormitory
14 --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- and at one end you have SR31, a partition, the other
17 twenty beds.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Then a sitting room.

20 **A. Yes, yes.**

21 Q. It is in that sitting room --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- that you would have --

24 **A. That the two, St. Anne's and Our Lady's, said the
25 prayers together, because their bedroom was just -- you**

1 **go out and down the stairs along the hall to their**
2 **bedroom.**

3 Q. What you are characterising from SR116 here, as
4 I understand it, is not -- it was a yank to get you to
5 sit upright again.

6 A. **Sit up, yes. She used to just pull your hair like that.**
7 **If you had been kneeling on your hunkers, she just came**
8 **over and lifted your head like that there.**

9 Q. Yes. So it wasn't aggressive?

10 A. **No, no.**

11 Q. It was just --

12 A. **Yes.**

13 Q. -- getting you back up --

14 A. **Uh-huh.**

15 Q. -- to the position she considered --

16 A. **Yes.**

17 Q. -- you should be in.

18 A. **Yes.**

19 Q. SR116 was in a position to be interviewed about what you
20 say about her. When you made your statement to the
21 police, then she was interviewed in 2012. If we can
22 just look at the part that relates to you at 61345,
23 please, beginning at the very bottom of the page, we can
24 see:

25 "Q. Okay. HIA28, obviously called HIA28 ..."

1 Move on to the next page, please.

2 "... whenever that was."

3 So the police officer then sets out the description
4 that you give in your police statement of her --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. --

7 . If we just scroll down further, please, you
8 were given chores.

9 "Q. 'SR134 and SR116 also used to assault me
10 physically by grabbing me by the hair if I wasn't
11 sitting upright correctly and saying my prayers'.

12 Do you recall that?

13 **A. No, no.**

14 Q. I mean" --

15 She is asked then:

16 "Was there sort of your guidelines as to how the
17 girls or the children should be sort of sat whenever
18 saying their prayers or anything like that? You know,
19 should they have been rigid or --

20 **A. No. They said night prayers. When they were
21 kneeling down, they said night prayers, but there was
22 no -- if they didn't kneel, there were, you know, no --**

23 Q. Okay."

24 So she is saying she didn't do that essentially.

25 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. You are saying well, that's --

2 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- that's how it happened.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. She is then asked:

6 "Q. Was it difficult to control twenty girls?"

7 She said:

8 "Not at all.

9 Q. Or sixteen girls, as it was reduced down to --

10 **A. No, no, no.**

11 Q. -- ranging from 5 to 14?

12 **A. Well, as far as I remember I'd no problems, you**
13 **know, because they helped each other."**

14 **Then that's essentially -- they move on after that**
15 **to another individual.**

16 **So she denied all of the allegations that were made.**
17 **That's an interview that was dealing with twelve**
18 **complainants --**

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- one of which was you.

21 If we look at 61372, please, she is explaining how
22 SR116 was the younger of the three nuns. After she did
23 the seven years in Belfast -- she was born, Members of
24 the Panel, on . She came to Nazareth on
25 31st August 1960, so around the same time, just shortly

1 after you had arrived, HIA28. She was only 27 at the
2 time. She was there then until July '67, aged 34. She
3 left for the . She explains in
4 this police interview that she spent 25 years as
5 principal in a series of schools there and ultimately
6 held four degrees, but she is explaining in this section
7 that she denied all of the -- if we just scroll down,
8 please -- all of the allegations that were put to her.
9 She says:

10 "How do I feel? I feel emotional. I feel hurt.
11 I don't know where all this is coming from. I don't
12 know, but I am very, very hurt. You spend all your time
13 looking, you know, with the children and this is the
14 gratitude. You know, what I mean -- not that you are
15 looking for gratitude, no way, because you love them so
16 much. No blame, no criticism, no condemnation, no
17 judgement, no resentment, just pure love, and then this
18 comes."

19 So that's her recollection, HIA28, of how she
20 perceived --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- how she worked in the home. Is that how you recall
23 it?

24 **A. No, no.**

25 Q. She was asked at the end -- if we look at the end of the

1 interview at 61399, at the end she is asked and
2 basically describes the allegations that have been made
3 against her as a tissue of lies. Can you scroll up just
4 a little bit? Yes. She said here the only way to --
5 she felt she would take a lie detector test and those
6 who were making the allegations could take a lie
7 detector test and that would show who was telling the
8 truth, but she is saying the allegations that were made
9 against her were not true.

10 **A. They're true.**

11 Q. Your main difficulty in the home was with SR31 --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- who arrived on 25th August 1921. Sorry. She was
14 born on . She came to Nazareth House in
15 June '59, so just a year before you arrived.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. She was 37. She spent sixteen years in the home before
18 leaving Nazareth Lodge in 1975, aged 53. She was the
19 principal of the school --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- during your time there and, in fact, during her
22 entire period in the home. You explain how -- in
23 paragraph 9 of your statement at 044 the practice that
24 you attribute to her was hitting with a bunch of keys.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. She was interviewed in 1996 and some of the seven
2 complainants at that stage as part of that police
3 investigation did talk about being hit with a bunch of
4 keys. She said to the police at that stage that this
5 was the first time -- she was being interviewed by the
6 police in '95, thirty, forty years after she had left
7 Nazareth House. She is saying, "The first time I heard
8 that I hit children with a bunch of keys

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12 If we look at 60392, please, if we just scroll down,
13 please, she is asked:

14 "... why the majority of these ..."

15 "Q. You have no recollection of the child. I think
16 we have five previous incidents of children saying that
17 you beat them with keys. If it is correct she was
18 there, that makes six out of I think eight. The only
19 thing we would ask you at this stage: have you any
20 explanation why the vast majority of these children who
21 are making allegations against you all refer to you
22 hitting them with a bunch of keys as a punishment?"

23 She says:

24 "I can't say anything about it at all, because
25 I never hit anybody with a bunch of keys. As I said,

1 the first time I ever heard of it was, you know,

2 HIA195

3 ."

4 Obviously no names that we use, HIA28, will be used
5 beyond the chamber.

6 "Q. Yes. Well, would you agree that not all these
7 children were sitting and would
8 have had --

9 **A. Well, they don't always.**

10 ?

11 Q. I don't know.

12 **A. No.**

13 .

14 Q. .

15 **A. .**

16 Q.

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20 .

21 **A. Yeah.**

22 ?

23 Q. We certainly know of one of the -- in certain

24 , yes.

. Definitely

1 wouldn't have had no access, you know, to the -- I never

2

3 A. It could have been sent through, couldn't it?

4 Q. Pardon?

5 A. It could have been sent to her, couldn't it?

6 Q. Well, if somebody knew where she lived.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Well, you appreciate we did ask.

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14 A. No."

15 So it goes on. So the suggestion that she's making

16 to the police is, "Look, I didn't hit children with

17 a bunch of keys,

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19 Then all of these people have come forward to make that

20 allegation".

21 What do you say about the suggestion that really it

22 is only in years later that this idea of hitting with

23 a bunch of keys has come about, that it wasn't really

24 what happened at the time?

25 A. She used to wear a bunch of keys at the side. They wore

1 **belts then. She wore -- had a big bunch of keys on**
2 **a chain. The chain was down the side of her ...**

3 Q. Her habit, the gown?

4 **A. Her habit, yes --**

5 Q. Yes.

6 **A. -- and there was -- she always wore a big bunch of keys**
7 **at the side on that chain.**

8 Q. Well, she said earlier in her interview that she did
9 have keys, but it was two keys. It was a key for her
10 classroom --

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. -- and a key for her bedroom.

13 **A. She always had a bunch of keys, always.**

14 Q. She was interviewed then again in October 2006. There
15 were four other complainants, but again this was a rap
16 over the head you are talking about.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You don't recall her -- it would have hurt, but didn't
19 draw blood --

20 **A. No, no.**

21 Q. -- or knock you over. It was a rap. Would you describe
22 it -- is that a fair word for it or --

23 **A. It was sore like, but just, you know, the keys like bang**
24 **on your head and you went ... (winced). You know, it**
25 **was sore.**

1 Q. I think you were saying to me when you saw the nun
2 coming, you tended to try to --

3 **A. Yes. You hid from them. If there was a corner, you run**
4 **round the corner until they went by.**

5 Q. You keep out of the way --

6 **A. Yes, yes.**

7 Q. -- and then you weren't going to get into any trouble.

8 **A. Yes. Exactly.**

9 Q. You explain in paragraph 10 of your statement at 044
10 that there was an occasion of what you describe as
11 a retreat where you had to not talk.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. I was asking you about that. You think those were --
14 the occasions they happened were at the weekend.

15 **A. I think they were at the weekend.**

16 Q. The Congregation have said to the Inquiry in paragraph 6
17 of their replying statement at 2068 that they don't
18 believe children would have been made to stay silent for
19 three days, but do you want to just explain to the Panel
20 how that operated, the retreat?

21 **A. It was a retreat. You got up in the morning. You**
22 **weren't allowed to speak at all. You were given a book**
23 **to read or else to do knitting, and if you were caught**
24 **speaking, you were brought into -- there was a wee**
25 **storeroom at the side where our sitting room was, Our**

1 **Lady's. You were brought in there and you were left to**
2 **kneel there for so many hours and pray if you were**
3 **caught.**

4 Q. So the one occasion you are talking about here you
5 remember SR31 beating you on the hands?

6 A. **Yes.**

7 Q. Can you remember what -- was that she used her hand to
8 hit you on the hand or how was that done?

9 A. **No. She had a strap. She carried a strap.**

10 Q. Do you know where it was kept?

11 A. **It was -- it was on the side of her belt, hanging down**
12 **underneath the robe she had on, underneath the robe.**

13 Q. You give another example in paragraph 10 of the pumping
14 organ.

15 A. **Yes.**

16 Q. I know you and I were having some humour about that
17 earlier --

18 A. **Yes.**

19 Q. -- because the way this worked, if you didn't pump --

20 A. **Pump.**

21 Q. -- then SR31, who would have been playing the organ --

22 A. **Yes.**

23 Q. -- would have been playing and there would be no sound.

24 A. **Yes. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. That wouldn't have gone down well.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You were explaining to me that you fell asleep.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You were woken by SR31 coming round to you. You
5 describe here how she pulled your hair and beat you.

6 **A. Slapped, yes.**

7 Q. I presume that's she slapped at you --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- and told you to keep your eyes open. Now I was
10 asking you was that an example of what was really a loss
11 of temper --

12 **A. Yes, yes.**

13 Q. -- from her, because of the fact you had stopped --

14 **A. I had stopped playing, yes.**

15 Q. -- the pumping. I was asking -- you think you were
16 probably 13 or 14.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You were an older girl at that stage --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- because it took a bit of effort to pump --

21 **A. Yes, to pump.**

22 Q. -- the organ. In paragraph 11 then you explain about
23 another example with a kettle lead.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. I am just going to summarise what you explained to me

1 earlier in slightly more detail than what's in the
2 statement. This was in the dormitory.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You had been sent by SR31, who was in her cell --

5 **A. Cell, yes.**

6 Q. -- her room, to take the kettle to the toilet and fill
7 the kettle with water --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- bring it back, and you were to get it boiled.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. When you came back and tried to boil it, it wouldn't go
12 on.

13 **A. It wouldn't work.**

14 Q. You took it to SR31's room --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- to speak to her, and when you did that, she had
17 a loss of temper --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and hit you with -- you were explaining to me it was
20 the --

21 **A. Lead you plug in she hit me with.**

22 Q. So not the plug itself --

23 **A. No, no.**

24 Q. -- but the other end that goes into the kettle --

25 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- and that she hit you with that in bad temper.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. I was asking you -- that's a couple of examples of you.

4 You had -- you were asked to do the pumping organ.

5 A. Yes, yes.

6 Q. Here you were doing a -- getting the kettle. So did you

7 eventually as you got older get a more -- you know, she

8 got you to do things for her.

9 A. Yes. Uh-huh.

10 Q. So does that mean you were in better standing with her

11 as you were older?

12 A. No, I lay -- her cell was just there and my bed was

13 here, and anything that needed to be done, you know, at

14 night or anything, she only called out the window. You

15 weren't called by your first name. You were called --

16 I was called HIA28 then. "Get up. Get the wet beds up.

17 Get up. Don't do this. Do that", you know, because

18 I was so close to her cell.

19 Q. So she --

20 A. Yes, yes.

21 Q. -- asked you to help out --

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. -- because you were near her?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You explain then in paragraph 12 that she taught -- you

1 were in her class --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- up until you were 11 --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- in the Nazareth House school. You explain how you
6 got hit whenever you made spelling mistakes.

7 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. You were called "Stupid".

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. Again was that a sudden loss of temper because you got
11 something wrong?

12 **A. Because you got something wrong. You weren't smart
13 enough, you know.**

14 Q. You explained to the police -- it is not in the Inquiry
15 statement -- but when you spoke to the police -- I am
16 not going to bring it up, but the reference is at
17 61285 -- you mentioned her trailing you by the hair for
18 getting the spelling wrong.

19 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. You were explaining to me that what you mean by that,
21 she would have just pulled at your --

22 **A. Yes, hair or else pulled your ear.**

23 Q. So it wasn't trailing you along the classroom?

24 **A. No, no, no.**

25 Q. It's --

1 **A. Just when you were sitting she would have done that at**
2 **you --**

3 Q. Pulling at you.

4 **A. -- or else pulled your ear.**

5 Q. You describe in paragraph 14 a particular incident
6 involving a girl -- we will not name her; you know who
7 she is -- that had a problem with soiling her bed.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You explain that she would have been made kneel at her
10 bed --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- all night.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. The Sisters have said to the Inquiry in paragraph 9 of
15 their statement at 2068 that they don't believe a child
16 would have been made do that --

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. -- ie not sit all night, but you were saying to me
19 that's your recollection of what --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- what this girl was made do.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Your understanding of it was --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- it was supposed to teach her --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- not to make a mess of her bed --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- but it just didn't work.

5 You give an example in paragraph 25 of your
6 statement at 048 about scrubbing the heads of two
7 children or three children --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- who had come in, who had a particular problem --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- with their head.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. You give names as to that, but the Congregation have
14 said to the Inquiry in paragraph 18 of their replying
15 statement that they can't find anyone of either of those
16 names --

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. -- but what you recollect happening --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- was SR31 getting you to scrub --

21 **A. Scrub.**

22 Q. -- at their head.

23 **A. Yes, in the bathroom.**

24 Q. What was the idea of you doing that?

25 **A. They had sores on their head and she asked me to scrub**

1 **all their heads, and they were squealing, and I started**
2 **crying, and then she started hitting me over the head**
3 **with the keys.**

4 Q. So the idea of getting you to do it --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- was because of this problem they had with their head
7 --

8 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. -- but it was very difficult for them --

10 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. -- and then you found it difficult.

12 You describe then in paragraph 27 a particular fight
13 that occurs between her and another older girl --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- then --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- who left the home you think shortly afterwards, which
18 involved her habit being pulled off.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. So there was some form of altercation that took place --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- over it.

23 There is just a couple more general things that you
24 talk about. In paragraph 13 of your statement at 044
25 you -- this is something your sister HIA29 talks about

1 as well, about her eating the dog food.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Now I asked you earlier did you actually see her doing
4 that --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and you were saying to me that you did see it.

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. It was outside in the yard. You think this happened
9 twice --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and that the dog was only there for a few weeks.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Now SR116, when she was interviewed -- because I think
14 your sister said it was SR116's job to feed.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Your recollection was HIA29 was involved in feeding.

17 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. When SR116 was interviewed about that, if we look,
19 please, at 61344 -- she was interviewed in May 2012.
20 What's said about this is explained to her. The
21 reference to the dog food is there. If we scroll down
22 there, what SR116 says is:

23 "A. No, I don't even remember a dog.

24 Q. You don't remember a dog being kept at Nazareth
25 at all?

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. Okay, and do you recall a lack of food for the
3 children at all?

4 **A. No."**

5 **She says:**

6 **"They were well fed.**

7 Q. Would you say there was an ample supply of food.

8 **A. There was an ample supply."**

9 **So what she is saying is she does not remember a dog**
10 **and she doesn't -- there was enough food that children**
11 **were fed. There wasn't a need to eat dog food, but your**
12 **recollection there was a dog --**

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- for a period of time.

15 **A. Yes. A couple of weeks.**

16 Q. Would it be fair to say it is unlikely the Sisters knew
17 that your sister had eaten the dog food?

18 **A. No. I don't think they would know, because she would**
19 **have got --**

20 Q. You were saying to me when you saw your sister do that
21 --

22 **A. Yes, yes.**

23 Q. -- you told her not to be doing it.

24 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. In paragraph 16 of your statement, if we go back to 045,

1 you discuss the underwear inspection.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. We touched on SR122, as it were.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. We are going to briefly deal with that. This is -- what
6 you explained to me earlier, which I am going to
7 summarise, in the big hall --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- on a Thursday --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- you would all come in -- all of the groups is your
12 recollection -- and you would be given your clean vest
13 and underwear. You would change that --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- but in a modest way. You weren't naked when you were
16 doing it.

17 **A. No, no.**

18 Q. Then you would have to present your underwear to SR122.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. If they were unclean --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- then you were hit by her for that.

23 **A. Yes. You were slapped.**

24 Q. I was asking you, given that you had been wearing them
25 all week, how could they be anything other than dirty?

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. Why should you get hit for that? You don't know why
3 that practice happened.

4 **A. I haven't got a clue, yes.**

5 Q. You also then mention in paragraph 16 about the issue of
6 the collar being dirty.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. As I understand it, you come in from St. Monica's.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. There's a changing room --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- next to the sewing room.

13 **A. Sewing room, yes.**

14 Q. When you would come in, SR122 would check to see if your
15 shirt was dirty.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. If it was, then there would be an issue for you.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. The Sisters have said to the Inquiry in paragraph 11 of
20 their replying statement that they can't believe that
21 a child would be beaten for a speck of dirt on their
22 shirt.

23 **A. You were afraid to come in, you know, because you knew**
24 **you were going to get examined, you know. Your shirt**
25 **was going to get examined as soon as you came in the**

1 **door.**

2 Q. Now in paragraph 22 of your statement, HIA28 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- you talk about sexual abuse that occurred --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- that involved a girl who was known to you as HIA430

7 --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- who is HIA430. Paragraph 22 is on page 047. Now you
10 were 11 or 12 at the time.

11 **A. Yes, yes.**

12 Q. If that's right, it would have been approximately
13 1961/'62.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You said that she seemed to you.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You thought she was maybe 14 or 15.

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. She was actually born in . So she is 18
20 months older than you. She was in the home between 1949
21 -- so she is there before you -- and she leaves in 1963.
22 So she left when she was 15 and you were 13 at that
23 stage.

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. So 11 or 12. She would have been 13 --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- going towards 14. You explain to the Inquiry that
3 she came into the dormitory and told you to come with
4 her and brought you to her dormitory. She said to you
5 that if you didn't go with her, she'd get one of your
6 sisters instead.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You were the oldest of the three of you.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You, as we talked about earlier, were in SR31's dorm,
11 and HIA430 has said to the Inquiry that she was in
12 SR31's dorm as well. So when you talk about taking from
13 one dorm into the next, you are talking about this
14 partition --

15 **A. Yes, yes.**

16 Q. -- and taking you from the room -- the room that was
17 closest to SR31's bed --

18 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. -- and your bed, which was next to hers, and going into
20 the other part --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- which was separated by this partition.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. You describe at the top of page 048 and the Panel are
25 aware of what you say she did. You talk about that also

1 in your police statement of 19th May at the bottom of
2 61286 and on to 61287, and similarly you described it to
3 Dr Harbinson in November 2012, which is at 70284. I am
4 not going to go into the detail of that with you, but
5 you explain this was the first time anything like this
6 had ever happened to you and it was the only time in the
7 home that someone --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- was engaged in this type of activity with you. You
10 explain in paragraph 23 of your statement that it
11 happened about twice a week --

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. -- for about four to six months is your recollection.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You think then she moved on to somebody else --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and that it was -- she got bored with you
18 essentially.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. I was asking you -- because what HIA430 or HIA430 has
21 said in her replying statement, if we can look at 80094,
22 please, she said she categorically -- we were talking
23 about this earlier, HIA28 -- she categorically denies
24 the allegations that have been made by you and she said
25 it was inconceivable. The allegation is made that this

1 occurred at midnight. She said:

2 "My bed was situated at the top of the dormitory
3 nearest to SR31's bed."

4 So essentially she is saying that her bed --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- was where you are saying your bed was?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. She said:

9 "SR31 had a clear view of the whole dormitory and
10 the children's beds through a glass partition."

11 Well, that part is right.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. There was a cell and she could look out of the cell if
14 she was awake into the dormitory.

15 "Children weren't allowed out of their beds at all
16 at night-time."

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. That's right --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- but I was asking you about that.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Do you want to give the Panel some examples of while
23 that was the rule and while you would have been punished
24 for being out of bed, do you want to just explain
25 what --

1 **A.** Well, we would -- you would have went to somebody else's
2 bed to sit and have a wee talk, but you had to whisper,
3 you know. Everybody used to just sit and talk to each
4 other, you know, what happened that day, you know, what
5 happened in school or, you know, if anything happened.
6 You were sitting talking on somebody's bed.

7 **Q.** Now there would have been trouble --

8 **A.** Oh, yes.

9 **Q.** -- had you been caught at it.

10 **A.** Oh, yes, yes.

11 **Q.** But it wasn't the case that there weren't occasions when
12 children were awake whenever SR31 was asleep --

13 **A.** Yes.

14 **Q.** -- is the point I take you to be making.

15 **A.** Yes.

16 **Q.** It is said she had quite sharp hearing and would have
17 scolded children if there was noise or they got out of
18 bed. That would be right too.

19 **A.** Yes.

20 **Q.** If she caught anybody --

21 **A.** Yes.

22 **Q.** -- up and about or talking, then there would have been
23 trouble.

24 **A.** Yes.

25 **Q.** So what she is saying to the Inquiry, HIA28, is that,

1 "This didn't happen and here are some reasons why it
2 didn't happen. One is because my bed was beside SR31's
3 cell", which effectively would have been the bed beside
4 you.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. You are saying that's not where she was sleeping --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- at the time that these events happened.

9 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. She was in the other part of the dormitory.

11 **A. Of the dormitory, yes, where the partition is. She was**
12 **in that -- the next part.**

13 Q. Obviously she said to the Inquiry, HIA28, this didn't
14 happen.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. Anything else you want to say about it?

17 **A. No. It's just I know she's telling lies. I know she's**
18 **telling lies.**

19 Q. Now you say then in paragraph 24 of your statement, if
20 we go back, please, to 048, that -- you say -- we
21 covered this in a general way at the start -- you didn't
22 feel able to report the abuse --

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. -- to anyone --

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. -- but you say in this paragraph that you think they
2 knew what was going on.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. I was asking you about that. You weren't meaning by
5 that they knew specifically what HIA430 you say was
6 doing to you --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- but that there would have been a knowledge that some
9 girls were misbehaving in some way.

10 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. Why do you -- what is it that, as you reflect back, has
12 you saying you think they would have been aware of at
13 least that general issue?

14 **A. Well, there was other children in there used to come and**
15 **try and pull your pants down and the nuns seen it and**
16 **they would have turned their back and walked on into the**
17 **big hall, and you had to run away from them, you know,**
18 **to try and save yourself. Some of them thought it was**
19 **a laugh, you know.**

20 Q. So it is not specific about HIA430 that you are talking
21 about --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- but you just think there was a general awareness --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- of some of this type of sexual behaviour?

1 **A. Uh-huh, yes.**

2 Q. What the Sisters have said to the Inquiry, if we look,
3 please, at 2069, the Sisters have said that they are
4 devastated that you didn't feel able to tell the Sisters
5 about what was happening to you and horrified and
6 shocked and very sorry that this occurred for you in
7 a home that they were running, but if I have understood
8 you correctly, you don't believe they would have known
9 that it was happening --

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. -- although you think they had a general knowledge --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- but didn't know about this specific thing --

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. -- and you didn't feel able to talk to them about it.

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. In paragraph 24 of your statement at 048 you talk about
18 when you finished at St. Monica's at 15, and that would
19 have been June '65, so in the six months before you went
20 home with your mum in December '65 --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- you were given a job in the home, as it were.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Your job was to go and work in the kitchen.

25 **A. Kitchen, yes.**

1 Q. That was with SR187.

2 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. You said to me she was a great nun.

4 **A. Yes, yes.**

5 Q. You had a very positive experience with her.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You explain in your Inquiry statement, and you also made
8 this point to Dr Harbinson in November 2012 -- the
9 reference, Members of the Panel, is at 70284; it is the
10 last paragraph on the page -- that you had been asked to
11 deliver notes quite often --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- between SR31 and SR187.

14 **A. SR187, yes.**

15 Q. Then on one occasion you saw them kissing.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. The Sisters have said they don't believe that's
18 an accurate memory of something you might have seen, but
19 you recall them just being --

20 **A. Yes. I seen them kissing. I was going down, and I have**
21 **to go to the pantry from the kitchen to get stuff from**
22 **the pantry to bring up to the kitchen, and the two of**
23 **them were standing away at the back, and I seen the two**
24 **of them kissing, but I turned and run, because if they**
25 **would have seen me, SR31 probably would have murdered**

1 **me.**

2 Q. But that was just the one occasion?

3 **A. Yes, just the one.**

4 Q. What the Congregation have said, they don't think that's
5 an accurate memory --

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- necessarily of what you might have seen, but your
8 experience working in the kitchen was a positive one,
9 and then you communicated between SR31 and SR187 --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- by delivering --

12 **A. Notes.**

13 Q. -- notes at their request.

14 You explain in paragraph 29 of your statement at 050
15 that whenever you are leaving, your dad gives you
16 several hundred pounds --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- to give to the nuns.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You initially I think weren't intending to give I think
21 it was £200.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Your granny had got from your dad --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- to give to the nuns. Your granny gave it to you.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You hid it up your sleeve.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. The reason why there was so much was your dad had had
5 a claim was your recollection.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You gave the money over as you were leaving.

8 **A. Yes, to SR176.**

9 Q. Now you had said earlier in your statement that one of
10 the things you didn't like when you came back from your
11 visit with your mum is you would be asked had she given
12 any money.

13 **A. Yes, yes.**

14 Q. You -- the Congregation said to the Inquiry in
15 paragraph 15 at 2069 that you don't accept -- they don't
16 accept children were asked for contributions from their
17 parents, but that's your memory --

18 **A. Yes --**

19 Q. -- of --

20 **A. -- because when you were going out to see your mother,**
21 **SR31 used to say to me when I was going out -- that's**
22 **why I didn't want to go out -- "Don't forget and ask**
23 **your mother for some money to bring back". She said,**
24 **"This isn't a charity we are running". That's why**
25 **I didn't want to go out, because I was sick coming back,**

1 **because I hadn't got the money.**

2 Q. You explain in paragraph 34 of your statement at 051 how
3 you came to know about the Inquiry by a woman calling at
4 your --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- sister's house.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Really it wasn't until that time that you started to
9 think about the things that you have explained to the
10 Inquiry today.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. This had all been blocked out of your mind, and that you
13 had never talked to anyone about the sexual abuse ever
14 --

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. -- until after that period.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Then you spoke to the police --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- and made your statement to the police and
21 subsequently to the Inquiry.

22 The Inquiry is aware, and you have confirmed for me
23 as well, you have an ongoing --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- civil claim.

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. The last two issues -- two questions that I am going to
3 ask you, HIA28, the first thing is that at the end of
4 the Panel's work the Inquiry Panel have to consider what
5 recommendations they might make to the Northern Ireland
6 Government about some form of apology --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- some form of memorial or potentially some form of
9 redress. We ask each witness whether there is anything
10 they want to say to assist the Panel with their thinking
11 about that. Is there anything you want to say about
12 that?

13 **A. No. Well -- no.**

14 Q. No?

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. The last question we ask each witness, HIA28, is whether
17 there's anything else about the time in the home we are
18 looking at. So for you we are looking at Nazareth
19 House. Maybe it is something I haven't covered properly
20 or I didn't touch on that you want to mention, or it is
21 just something else you want to say about your time in
22 Nazareth House. Now is your opportunity to do that if
23 there is.

24 **A. No, I've nothing to say.**

25 Q. We've covered it all?

1 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. HIA28, you will be pleased to know I am not going to ask
3 you any more questions, but if you bear with me for
4 a moment, the Panel Members may want to ask you
5 something.

6 **A. Right.**

7 **Questions from THE PANEL**

8 CHAIRMAN: HIA28, can I just ask you to think back to what
9 you were telling us a while ago about getting a present
10 at Christmas --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- and being able to put it in the locker beside the
13 bed.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You effectively treasured that --

16 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. -- because it was your present. Then you described how
18 if you did something --

19 **A. Wrong.**

20 Q. -- wrong it could be taken away from you.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Was it ever given back?

23 **A. No, no.**

24 Q. So it wasn't just it was taken away for a day --

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. -- or a week or whatever?

2 **A. No. It was never given back.**

3 Q. Never given back?

4 **A. No. It was put in a store and that was it. You didn't**
5 **see it again.**

6 Q. Were you aware of that sort of thing happening to any of
7 the other children?

8 **A. I think it happened to a lot of them. It did happen to**
9 **a lot.**

10 Q. Were the toys ever taken out of that room for any
11 purpose that you are aware of?

12 **A. No, no.**

13 Q. They weren't, for example, taken out so you could all
14 play on an afternoon --

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. -- that was wet or something like that?

17 **A. No, no.**

18 Q. Thank you very much.

19 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, HIA28. Can I just ask you:
20 you talked about SR176 and about the money.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Was SR176 around much, you know, during the day? Were
23 you --

24 **A. No, we never -- I was in there five years and I seen her**
25 **twice.**

1 Q. Right. So she wasn't around?

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. She wasn't seen?

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. Okay. Thanks very much.

6 MR LANE: Could you say a little bit more about the
7 retreats? Were the children involved at all in these?

8 **A. Oh, yes. It was for the children. It was for the
9 children.**

10 Q. Right. What actually happened then?

11 **A. You weren't allowed to speak for three days.**

12 Q. Uh-huh.

13 **A. It was a retreat. I don't know how --**

14 Q. Were there special masses or anything like that during
15 that time?

16 **A. It was just a retreat, you know. You read a wee book
17 and you got knitting. It was a retreat you went on.
18 For three days you done it.**

19 Q. And did you go to school in that time as well?

20 **A. No. It was mostly at the weekend.**

21 Q. Right. Did the Sisters do anything special during
22 retreats?

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. Okay.

25 **A. They just watched you, you know, because you weren't**

1 **allowed to speak, and that was it.**

2 Q. How often did these happen?

3 **A. Every year.**

4 Q. Right. So you knew one would be coming up --

5 **A. Yes, yes.**

6 Q. -- at a certain time of the year?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Was it linked with any special religious festival or
9 anything like that?

10 **A. No, no, I don't think so.**

11 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

12 **A. All right. Thank you.**

13 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA28, I'm sure you will be pleased to hear
14 we don't have any more questions for you.

15 **A. Thank you.**

16 Q. Thank you very much indeed for coming to speak to us
17 today and sharing with us your experiences.

18 **A. Thank you very much. Thank you.**

19 **(Witness withdrew)**

20 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, I know Ms Smith
21 is taking the next witness. She can probably start as
22 soon as the Panel are ...

23 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will try to start at 2 o'clock, ladies
24 and gentlemen.

25 (1.10 pm)

1 (Short break)

2 (2.00 pm)

3 WITNESS HIA39 (called)

4 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies
5 and gentlemen. Our next witness today is HIA39. She is
6 HIA39. She wishes to take a religious oath and she also
7 wishes to ensure that her anonymity is maintained.

8 WITNESS HIA39 (sworn)

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please sit down.

10 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

11 CHAIRMAN: I should say, HIA39, we have heard evidence from
12 one of your sisters earlier this morning. So we perhaps
13 don't need to go over with you in the same amount of
14 detail --

15 **A. Okay.**

16 Q. -- matters relating to --

17 **A. Yes. Okay.**

18 Q. -- the size of your family --

19 **A. Okay.**

20 Q. -- and where everybody was in it and so on.

21 MS SMITH: I am sure HIA39 will be relieved to hear that, as
22 I know she is very nervous, Chairman.

23 HIA39, just before we come to deal with your
24 evidence I am going to tell the Panel Members where some
25 documents are in relation to you.

1 The statement provided by HIA39 for the Inquiry is
2 at 234 to 23... -- sorry; I beg your pardon -- SNB-243
3 to 248.

4 The Congregation's response is at 2103 to 2105.

5 The Heath & Social Care Board response is at
6 SNB-6280 to 6281. It indicates that HIA39 and her
7 sisters were placed in Nazareth House privately and they
8 don't have any files in relation to the family.

9 There are civil claim papers which can be found at
10 SNB-70374 to 70411.

11 CHAIRMAN: More slowly, please.

12 MS SMITH: Sorry.

13 CHAIRMAN: The civil papers are?

14 MS SMITH: 70374 to 70411. Those include a report that was
15 prepared by Dr Harbinson in 2012, which is at 70388 to
16 70398.

17 There is also some police material and that is at
18 SNB-61284 to 61402.

19 Now, HIA39, you will see that on the screen in front
20 of you is the witness statement that you provided to the
21 Inquiry. If we just scroll down and go to the last
22 page, please, at 248, can I just ask you to confirm,
23 HIA39, that you did sign the witness statement and you
24 signed it there on -- just scroll down to get the date,
25 please -- it is 25th June of last year you signed your

1 witness statement.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. This is the statement of evidence that you want the
4 Inquiry to take into account together with anything else
5 that you tell us this afternoon?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Now, HIA39, as the Chairman has said, your personal
8 details and your family background are set out in
9 paragraphs 1 and 2 of your statement. You are now 63
10 and you and your three sisters went into Nazareth House.
11 You were there between the ages of 9 and 14. Is that
12 right?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Well, if we go back to the paragraph 3, please -- that's
15 at 243 -- paragraph 3, you recall your arrival at
16 Nazareth House. You remember being taken into a room,
17 a big table.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. The Mother Superior was there, and you didn't know why
20 you were there, but a nun came and took the three of you
21 away from your mother and took you to the children's
22 part of Nazareth House, where you all started crying.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Your clothes were taken off. You were put in a bath
25 with Jeyes Fluid and scrubbing brushes. Your hair was

1 cut and they brushed it with a fine tooth comb and then
2 you were taken downstairs and given something to eat.
3 You go on to describe how you yourself were placed in
4 Our Lady's group.

5 Paragraph 4, if we just scroll on down, in the
6 dormitory you each had metal beds and a small locker.
7 SR31 was in charge of your group, and you say that she
8 shouldn't have been a nun. She was very wicked and she
9 showed no emotion or affection. She slept in the cell
10 at the end of the dormitory and her cell had a door and
11 a small window so she could see into the dormitory. You
12 say the other two nuns -- SR189 was in charge of
13 St. Anne's group and SR116 -- sorry -- SR134 was in
14 charge of Sacred Heart group. Was that SR189 that you
15 are talking about?

16 **A. Yes, I think so.**

17 Q. During your time was she replaced by a SR116?

18 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. Now paragraph 5 you go on to talk about what happened to
20 the girls who wet the bed. You say:

21 "They had a sheet attached to their bed which had
22 a buzzer that sounded if they wet the bed, and if the
23 buzzer sounded during the night, SR31 would go mad. The
24 girl who wet the bed was made to kneel beside their bed
25 for the rest of the night in the freezing cold just with

1 their nightdress on. Sometimes SR31 would not get up
2 when the buzzer sounded. She would shout to one of the
3 other girls to get up instead."

4 You remember one girl, whom you name here -- it was
5 actually your sister -- who had to kneel beside the girl
6 a couple of times.

7 "In the morning the girl who wet the bed was
8 responsible for taking her sheets to the laundry and
9 getting herself fresh sheets."

10 Did she then have to make up her bed?

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. Someone made it up for her?

13 **A. Someone made it up for her.**

14 Q. Now the Congregation have accepted -- and we were
15 talking about this earlier, HIA39 -- that they didn't
16 deal with bedwetters appropriately, but they say that no
17 child would have been made to kneel beside the bed for
18 the rest of the night.

19 When SR31 was interviewed by police in 1996, she
20 said that if a child wet the bed, it would not be
21 discovered until the next morning. Is that your memory
22 at all?

23 **A. No, that's not true.**

24 Q. What --

25 **A. When they wet the bed, as you say, HIA28, she got out**

1 **and they were there till the next morning, kneeling down**
2 **beside the bed till the next morning. That's when they**
3 **got -- the bed got changed.**

4 Q. In paragraph 6 here you go on to talk about the routine
5 in the home, as you remember it. You remember being
6 wakened by either a bell or SR31 clapping.

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. "If we were going to mass, we would be woken at 6.00 am
9 for mass at 7.00."

10 Now I was just asking about this. You didn't go to
11 mass every day. Isn't that right?

12 **A. No, about three days a week.**

13 Q. There was a rota for each group to go in turns?

14 **A. Uh-huh, yes.**

15 Q. You got to stay in bed a little longer if you didn't
16 have to go to mass.

17 **A. Yes. True.**

18 Q. You got out of bed, went and knelt down to say your
19 prayers, taken to the bathroom to brush your teeth. You
20 had no -- you had toothbrushes, but there was not
21 toothpaste.

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. So you rubbed your toothbrush into carbolic soap
24 instead.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Got dressed, went to mass and had breakfast.

2 "The food was not good. We were always hungry."

3 You remember that one of your sisters ate the dog's
4 food nearly every day as she was so hungry.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. When you had the opportunity, you used to take the paper
7 off the cheese and eat it like chewing gum.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Now, HIA39, the Congregation have said that children
10 didn't go to mass every day except maybe during Lent.
11 They were encouraged to do that, but you are saying no,
12 you didn't. There was a rota.

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. They would have said you wouldn't have been expected to
15 use soap instead of toothpaste.

16 **A. We did.**

17 Q. Paragraph 7 you talk about the schooling that you
18 received. You talked about being taught by the same
19 nuns who were looking after the children in the primary
20 school in Nazareth House.

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. Then you went -- when you got 11 -- you turned 11, you
23 were sent to St. Monica's, where you wore a uniform.
24 I think you remember having to wear wellies to school --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- if it was raining. You say they were both left feet
2 and were different sizes.

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. We were talking about this earlier too. You said you
5 were just told, if it was wet, to get your wellies on.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You were just -- whatever came. They could be two left
8 feet or --

9 **A. Or too big for you.**

10 Q. You said the whole idea of this was to keep your shoes
11 dry for school.

12 **A. For school, yes.**

13 Q. But once you got outside, you swap them all for shoes.

14 **A. We took them off, uh-huh, and hid them.**

15 Q. The shoes fit okay?

16 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. You talk in paragraph 8 about one of the good memories
18 you have about Nazareth House. You have said once
19 a week you went to an Irish dancing class in the home,
20 which you really enjoyed.

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. The costumes were beautiful and you were good, because
23 you won cups and you won medals.

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. You also at paragraph 16 remember -- if we can scroll

1 down to that -- remember there were some summers you
2 actually went out to stay with a family in .

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. You have good memories of those trips. We will come
5 back -- you say they stopped suddenly. We will come
6 back to say why you thought that happened.

7 I was asking you if you remembered going out to
8 Christmas parties, for example.

9 **A. Yes, yes. Uh-huh. We went to Mackie's on the
10 Springfield Road and that was very good, and I went to
11 Hibernian I think or something like that. Hibernian.**

12 Q. Hibernians?

13 **A. Yes, we went to that, and it was great. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. Did everybody go to the parties?

15 **A. No. Whoever went one week didn't go the next week.
16 That's the way it went, you know.**

17 Q. Well, going back up to paragraph 9, you talk about the
18 chores that you had to do --

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. -- in the home. You say that you always had chores to
21 do. You had to clean the convent, the dormitories and
22 the big corridor.

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. "We had to polish the floors on our knees and we would
25 get splinters in our knees from the wooden floorboards."

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. You remember one occasion when you were cleaning and you
3 were putting wax on the floor and SR31 fell and you
4 laughed. She came straight over to you and hit you over
5 the head with a bunch of keys --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- causing your nose to bleed and you started crying.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You say when you got a bit older, you had to work in the
10 laundry, and you worked in the laundry with -- that's
11 your sister again, isn't it?

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. "Your clothes would get soaking wet, but we were never
14 given a change of clothes."

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. I was asking you what age you think you might have been
17 when you went into the laundry.

18 **A. I can't remember. About -- I think it was 10, 9 or 10.
19 I just can't remember.**

20 Q. We were trying to work this out, because you went into
21 the home when you were 9.

22 **A. 10 or 11.**

23 Q. So it might have been when you had been there a little
24 while?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. I was asking you also what did you have to do in the
2 laundry? What do you remember doing?

3 **A. Washing sheets and take them out and try and -- so many**
4 **of us dinged them out, wrung them out. I can't**
5 **remember. I know I was standing on like a stool,**
6 **because we didn't fit up to the sink things. I just**
7 **can't remember it all.**

8 Q. It is okay. Just tell us what you can remember.

9 **A. That's all I can remember.**

10 Q. Don't worry about what you can't remember. You remember
11 standing on a stool to reach the sink?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. The Congregation have said in response to what you said
14 here that children wouldn't have got splinters from the
15 wooden floors, but you remember that?

16 **A. We did.**

17 Q. They also said that the children who worked in the
18 laundry, they may have just gone there to assist the
19 nuns or the staff who were working in the laundry.

20 **A. No, no. We worked in the laundry.**

21 Q. How often might you have worked in the laundry?

22 **A. It was I think about three or four days a week, uh-huh,**
23 **or mostly the weekend, because we had no school.**

24 Q. It was days when you weren't at school?

25 **A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. You go on then in paragraph 10 to talk about the fact
2 that there was another nun who didn't like you playing
3 LeapFrog. If she saw you playing LeapFrog, she would
4 come and grab you by the hair. That was SR122.

5 **A. Yes, that's true.**

6 Q. You also remember a particular day when you and your
7 sister were in the yard and SR31 called you over and
8 pointed out another girl in the nursery area to you --

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. -- and said to you that that was your sister. You
11 didn't know that you had --

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. -- a Sister. Now we were talking again --

14 **A. No, I didn't.**

15 Q. -- about this.

16 **A. No, I didn't know until she came down. Like, we were**
17 **looking in bars, you know. She was in the nursery and**
18 **we were in the -- we were over 5. So we were down in**
19 **the children's part, and she was in the nursery, and**
20 **they brought us down -- brought her down. The nurse was**
21 **holding her, and she had wee glasses on her and hair**
22 **right down her back. I asked the Sister who she was and**
23 **it was SR31 says, "That's your sister". I didn't know.**
24 **We didn't know that we had another sister anyway.**

25 Q. We were talking about this. She did go into Nazareth

1 House before you and your other two sisters went in --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- but she would have been about 3 when you were 9.

4 **A. That's right.**

5 Q. So --

6 **A. I can't -- I have no recollection of her.**

7 Q. You can't remember her being at home with you before you
8 went into Nazareth House?

9 **A. No, no, no, I can't.**

10 Q. You say you got to see her a couple of times when you
11 were there.

12 **A. Yes, yes.**

13 Q. Did you go to see her, or did she come into the home, or
14 how did you get to see her? Do you remember?

15 **A. Sometimes they would let us go up to the nursery to see
16 her.**

17 Q. You only really got to know her properly after you were
18 back home?

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

20 Q. The Congregation have said that, you know, they tried to
21 keep families together and it seems as though they were
22 trying to introduce you to your sister --

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. -- and let you know that that is who she was.

25 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. Children were separated according to age --

2 **A. Yes. That's right.**

3 Q. -- although it is true to say that all three of you were
4 kept --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- in SR31's group as well.

7 **A. Yes, that's true, yes.**

8 Q. Isn't that so? Paragraph 11 you go on to say that three
9 of were you in the choir and one sister had to pump the
10 organ at mass in the morning. You used to sit beside
11 her. You remember one morning where she fell asleep,
12 because she was still tired and it was very early
13 morning. SR31 was playing the organ and the music
14 stopped. She came over and whacked your sister on the
15 face and your sister started to cry. You asked SR31,
16 "Why did you do that?" and she then grabbed you by the
17 hair and said, "Don't you dare talk back to me" and then
18 hit you.

19 **A. True.**

20 Q. In the next paragraph you talk about always being very
21 wary of SR31, because you never knew when she was going
22 to hit you and you were always on your guard.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. You remember one time her sending you to get your
25 dancing shoes and she followed you and asked you to go

1 and get another nun who worked in the kitchen.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. She came with you and then sent you to your dormitory.

4 You were afraid the whole time that she was doing this

5 that she was going to do something to you. Nothing did

6 happen --

7 **A. No, no.**

8 Q. -- but you remember just the fact that you felt fearful

9 that something might.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You say you were always afraid of her. You saw her once

12 grab a girl and hit her repeatedly with a stick.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You say for some reason she always had a dislike for

15 that girl. You said -- you go on to say that you saw

16 them having an argument on the way back from mass and

17 SR31 hit her with the stick really badly. Now I was

18 asking who that girl was. We were talking about

19 a statement that you gave to the police and I will go on

20 to talk about that, but you are saying when you were

21 talking to the police, it was the same girl --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- that you were talking about in this paragraph.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. I am going to give her full name. You'll appreciate

1 that the names aren't to be used outside this room.

2 **A. God, no.**

3 Q. She was HIA37.

4 **A. That's right.**

5 Q. In paragraph 13 -- sorry. I just wanted to summarise
6 what you -- we talked a little bit more and you gave
7 a little bit more detail, because what you said was you
8 were coming out of the chapel and going down the fire
9 escape and there was an argument between SR31 and HIA37.
10 Then SR31 started to hit HIA37. Then you say that she
11 actually dragged her up to the storeroom --

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. -- but before -- the reason that SR31 started to hit her
14 was she started to hit her and HIA37 hit her back.
15 Isn't that right?

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

17 Q. Then she was dragged up the stairs to the storeroom.
18 While you didn't see what happened in the storeroom --

19 **A. No, I didn't.**

20 Q. -- you do hear that there was screaming going on between
21 the two of them.

22 **A. That's right.**

23 Q. In paragraph 13 here you say you remember when you got
24 your period, you were going to ask SR31 for a sanitary
25 towel. You knocked on her door and asked her for one.

1 She hit you across face and told you to go downstairs.
2 You never got one and you ended up having to use toilet
3 roll.

4 Now you did give a statement to the police.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. We can look at that. It is SNB-61289. It is actually
7 the preceding page, but we will just look at this
8 page that's on the screen, because you say here:

9 "I remember that when I was 11 years old, I got my
10 first period and was bleeding. I went upstairs to speak
11 to SR116, who I would describe as ...",
12 and you give a description.

13 "When I spoke with SR116 in the laundry room at the
14 home, she dismissed me by saying, 'What do you want me
15 to do?' and slapped me across the left side of my face
16 with her right hand. I had begun crying and didn't know
17 what to do, and I had to use paper toilet rolls I found
18 in the toilet downstairs."

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. Now --

21 **A. SR31.**

22 Q. It was actually SR31?

23 **A. SR31.**

24 Q. Even though you told the police it was SR116 --

25 **A. SR31.**

1 Q. -- that was wrong, what you said to the police.

2 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. So it was actually SR31. You were in SR31's group.

4 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. Now you will not be surprised to hear when SR116 was
6 interviewed by police, she denied any such allegation,
7 but you are quite clear --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- that you got the wrong nun when you spoke to the
10 police.

11 **A. Yes, exactly.**

12 Q. Paragraph 14 of your statement -- sorry. Just while we
13 are on this page before we go on down, if we scroll on
14 down, you say that:

15 "On a daily basis I would see SR31 and SR116
16 physically beating other children in the home, often
17 very badly. I remember once seeing another girl called
18 HIA37. I was about 12 at the time. HIA37 was grabbed
19 by her hair by SR31 and dragged physically up a flight
20 of stairs and into the top room. She was screaming and
21 crying, but none of us could do anything about it. It
22 was terrible."

23 That's the same incident you were talking about in
24 the Inquiry statement.

25 **A. Yes, yes.**

1 Q. Paragraph 14, which is on page 246, you talk about
2 getting a rash on your back and SR122 treating it by
3 putting cream on it, but you didn't have any other
4 medical attention for that, but you do remember a health
5 visitor coming to give you vaccinations.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You also remember here in paragraph 15 about a girl
8 called NHB39, who died

9 She was about 9. I was asking if you
10 remember how long after you came into the home this had
11 happened.

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

13 Q. When we were talking about it, we were trying to locate
14 it, and we knew that it must have been after you had
15 been --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- with the family

18 **A. Yes. Oh, yes. After my holiday.**

19 Q. So it's at least a year or two after you had been there.
20 So some time after the age of 11 you would have been.

21 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

22 Q.

23 you then remembered that the family
24 trips stopped after that --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and you didn't go out to families.

3 Now just with regard to the medical treatment, the
4 Congregation have apologised if you feel that you
5 weren't adequately treated by them for any illness that
6 you had while you were in the home.

7 In 1965 you and your sisters left to return home to
8 live with your parents.

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. In your statement from paragraphs 18 to 22 you set out
11 the difficulties that you had in your life. I am not
12 going to go through those in any detail, but one of the
13 things that you wanted the Inquiry to know was that you
14 feel you were particularly hard on your own children and
15 you punished them in a physical way because that was how
16 you had learned children ought to be punished by your
17 own experiences.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Is that right, HIA39 ?

20 **A. Yes, yes.**

21 Q. So you did speak to the police, and we were looking at
22 your statement there. As I said to you, SR116, because
23 of what you had said, she was interviewed by police.
24 Her -- that can be found at SNB-61338. She did not
25 remember you and your sisters, and you weren't in her

1 group, but she did say that children who wet the bed
2 were taken out, had the bed changed and then were put
3 back into bed.

4 **A. That's not true.**

5 Q. She denied that either she or SR31 ever beat children.
6 She, as I say, denied the allegation about the period,
7 but we know that that was wrong.

8 SR31 wasn't able to be interviewed in 2010, but had
9 been interviewed in 1996 and that interview is at 60318
10 to 60403. She was interviewed about allegations that
11 were made by other girls. She denied those allegations,
12 but she also said the allegations about keys came about
13 -- because some of those people were saying they were
14 hit by her with keys. She said that came about when one
15 girl whom she named -- and I asked you if you knew that
16 name and you didn't know her --

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. -- had said something in a documentary that was
19 broadcast about being hit by keys, and she felt --
20 essentially she was suggesting to the police that
21 everybody then jumped on to that bandwagon and said they
22 were hit by keys. Did anybody else --

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. -- ever say to you they were hit by keys?

25 **A. No, no.**

1 Q. She was suggesting that people got together to
2 essentially blame someone other than the nuns -- or
3 other than their family for what had become of their
4 lives.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. I was asking you about any other thing that you
7 remembered. One thing you did remember was SR31 in the
8 dinner hall.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You said she made a comment to you and your sisters
11 there. Do you want to tell us about that, HIA39 ?

12 **A. She just -- she just says that -- one of us got up to --**
13 **I think to go over to do something. She turned round**
14 **and she says, "I don't know what yous are eating your**
15 **breakfast for, because your mummy never paid for yous.**
16 **Yous are in here eating off us". She said it in front**
17 **of all -- the whole children in the home. So we were**
18 **a wee bit -- I was a bit distraught about it, you know.**
19 **So ...**

20 Q. You felt -- as you've described it to me, you felt
21 unwanted --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- by anyone.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Now again one of the things that SR31 in her interview

1 -- she denied ever making any child kneel as
2 a punishment either beside her bed or anywhere else.
3 She did say that they sometimes used Jeyes Fluid for
4 washing the hair. You related the Jeyes Fluid being
5 used the first time you came into the home when your
6 hair was being cut.

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. Was it ever used again?

9 **A. It was used when we were getting bathed.**

10 Q. Well, in paragraph 23 of your statement here you kind of
11 answer a question that we ask everybody about. At the
12 end of its work the Inquiry has to make recommendations.
13 We ask everyone what their view is about what those
14 should be. You have said here that you:

15 "... believe that the Sisters of Nazareth should
16 apologise for the upbringing we received in their care.
17 I also think that there should be a memorial for those
18 who suffered and whose voices were never heard."

19 I take it that's still your view of what should
20 happen.

21 You are aware from what I have told you that the
22 Congregation have personally offered you an apology.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. What -- is there anything you want to say about that
25 apology, HIA39?

1 **A. There's nothing I can say. It's all -- that's it over.**

2 **You know what I mean? I just want it away out of my**
3 **head, all this.**

4 Q. Well, I know I have done most of the talking and that
5 was -- you obviously by that look think that you have
6 done a lot more talking than I --

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. -- but I have done a lot of the talking to get you
9 through this, because that's the way you wanted us to
10 deal with your evidence, but are you happy that we have
11 covered everything you want to say, HIA39?

12 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

13 Q. Is there anything else that you want to say?

14 **A. No, no, no.**

15 Q. I have nothing further that I want to ask you, but the
16 Panel Members may have a question or two.

17 CHAIRMAN: Recommendations?

18 MS SMITH: Well, paragraph 23, Chairman, that I just dealt
19 with. Those are -- I mean, you wanted an apology and
20 you feel there should be some memorial.

21 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. Thank you.

23 **A. Thank you.**

24 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA39, we don't, in fact, have any
25 questions for you.

1 **A. Thank you.**

2 Q. I can see it is something of a relief to you.

3 **A. Thank you.**

4 Q. Thank you very much for coming to speak to us today,
5 particularly since we can see from your statement that
6 you have not enjoyed particularly good health in recent
7 years.

8 **A. No, no.**

9 Q. Thank you for taking the time to come to speak to us.

10 **A. Okay. Can I go?**

11 MS SMITH: Chairman, the next witness is to be taken by
12 Mr Aiken. I am not sure if he is ready to deal with her
13 just yet, but shortly.

14 CHAIRMAN: We will rise for a few minutes until we are ready
15 to start back.

16 (Witness withdrew)

17 (2.30 pm)

18 (Short break)

19 (2.45 pm)

20 WITNESS HIA29 (called)

21 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the next witness
22 today is HIA29, HIA29, who is the sister of HIA39 and of
23 HIA28 that you have heard from already. HIA29 is aware,
24 Chairman, you are going to ask her to take the oath.

25 WITNESS HIA29 (sworn)

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA29. Please sit down.

2 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

3 MR AIKEN: HIA29, coming up on the screen will be the first
4 page of your witness statement at SNB-009. Will you
5 just check for me, HIA29, that the one on the screen
6 matches the first page in the hard copy that you have in
7 front of you --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- except for the black marks?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Then if we go to the last page at 016, please, and if
12 you look at the last page in the hard copy, HIA29, and
13 just check that that matches except for the black mark.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Can you confirm that you have signed your statement?

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

17 Q. You want to adopt your statement as your evidence to the
18 Inquiry?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. From our discussion you know the black marks are part of
21 the Inquiry's anonymity policy.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You want to keep your anonymity?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. While we will be using names in the chamber, they won't

1 be reported outside --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- or referred to by anyone else.

4 Bear with me for a moment until I give the Panel
5 some references in the bundle --

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- to material relating to you in addition to the
8 witness statement.

9 You spoke to the police on 4th May 2010. That
10 police statement is at 61290 to 61292.

11 You saw Dr Harbinson --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- as part of your ongoing civil claim. Her report of
14 21st November 2012 appears at 70319 to 70327.

15 Then your Statement of Claim from your ongoing civil
16 claim is available to the Panel and that's at 70312
17 through to 70318.

18 Then the replying statement from the Sisters of
19 Nazareth Congregation is at 2027 through 2028. As you
20 and I were discussing, that contains an apology in
21 paragraph 10 to you for any treatment that you received
22 that fell beneath an acceptable standard.

23 In addition, SR52 has provided statements about SR31
24 and SR134. They are at 1882 through to 1885.

25 Then the third Sister that's referred to by HIA29 is

1 SR116, who, although still alive, is not fit to interact
2 with the Inquiry for medical reasons. There are medical
3 reports relating to her at 2029 and then 2194 to 2198.

4 She was interviewed by the police, however, as were
5 the other two Sisters, and I will come back to that.

6 The Heath & Social Care Board replying statement is
7 at 6253 to 6254, and that simply confirms, as HIA29 has
8 in her statement, that this was a private arrangement by
9 your family placing the three of you, HIA28, HIA39 and
10 you, in Nazareth House, and, as it turns out, your
11 younger sister NHB142, that you didn't know of, was also
12 placed in Nazareth House --

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

14 Q. -- slightly before you. Therefore the Welfare Authority
15 were not involved and there is no Social Services' file
16 as a result.

17 That all being said, HIA29, and, as I said to you at
18 the outset, because the Inquiry has heard from two of
19 your siblings today already, I am going to summarise
20 a lot of -- so we are not covering the same ground --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- which hopefully will make your life easier in terms
23 of the time that you have to spend where you are sitting
24 at the moment. If at any stage you have any difficulty,
25 you just pop your hand up. There's water there. If we

1 need a break, then that's what we'll do.

2 **A. Yes. Thank you.**

3 Q. You were born on --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and are now aged 62.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You were one of eight siblings.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You were the fifth in line, as it were. You have a son,
10 who has accompanied you today.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You have now got three grandchildren --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- who are 11, 6 and 5 and are keeping you well
15 occupied.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You were in Nazareth House from 18th July 1960, aged 7,
18 until you were discharged on 19th December 1965, aged
19 13. The register entries are at 4035 and 4037 and they
20 confirm admitted on mother's application, and then the
21 discharge document at 4041, which I was discussing with
22 HIA29 earlier, shows her mum taking her back out.

23 Although it is December '65, you had in your memory
24 a belief that you watched the World Cup final --

25 **A. The World Cup final.**

1 Q. -- of 1966 in Nazareth House.

2 **A. In Nazareth House.**

3 Q. But I was asking you, "Would you have gone back for
4 a second occasion?" and you don't think so.

5 **A. No.**

6 Q. So it may be that memory is a confused one --

7 **A. Yes, it could be.**

8 Q. -- or it may be that documents from the time are wrong,
9 but that's a memory you had.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You describe in paragraph 4 of your statement at 010 the
12 admission process of going in. Had your hair cut by the
13 nuns.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Bathing to make sure you were clean going into the home,
16 and you and your two older sisters were put in the same
17 group, SR31's group, which was called Our Lady's.

18 **A. Our Lady's, yes.**

19 Q. It was essentially SR31 that you had the most
20 interaction with and therefore the most difficulty with
21 --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- when you were in the home. Like your sisters, you
24 describe various occasions whenever you were hit by
25 SR31. The discussion we were having earlier was to

1 clarify that it wasn't everyone who was in the home who
2 was hit.

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. There were children who didn't step out of line of the
5 rules, as it were, and therefore they didn't come into
6 difficulty with the nuns --

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. -- and weren't being hit with keys or knuckles or canes.
9 Therefore there would be some children whose experience
10 was different --

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. -- from yours, but you found when you didn't comply with
13 the rules properly, as it was seen --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- then you got into these types of difficulties.

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. In paragraph 6 of your statement at 010 you talk about
18 getting hit for wetting the bed. That was SR31 hitting
19 you with the keys.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. These were keys that she would have bopped you on the
22 head with.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. She didn't draw blood or --

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. -- knock you out or anything --

2 A. No.

3 Q. -- but she just -- it was sore enough at the time --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- as a child getting hit with the keys.

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. You also say -- and we will come back to that issue of
8 the keys shortly -- but you talk about going to mass in
9 the mornings in paragraph 6, and that each of the three
10 different groups went on alternate days --

11 A. Yes, that's right.

12 Q. -- and then everybody on the Sunday.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So you went to mass three times a week.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. The food that you talk about in paragraph 6, that if you
17 didn't eat your food, SR116 would clip you round the ear
18 --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- and have spooned it into you.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now in paragraph 7 then, if we move on to the next page,
23 please, you explain how you would have -- you were
24 always hungry and you would have waited until SR116 had
25 put food out for the dog --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- and then you ate some of that food.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Now your sister was saying to the Inquiry how she thinks
5 the dog was there just for a few weeks and that you did
6 this on a couple of occasions.

7 **A. Yes, yes.**

8 Q. She told you off for doing it.

9 **A. She did.**

10 Q. Do you remember was that how you remember it, that it
11 was a short time period?

12 **A. Yes, it was short, yes.**

13 Q. The nuns wouldn't have known that you had taken the dog
14 food?

15 **A. Oh, God, no.**

16 Q. The -- whenever -- you talk about this in your police
17 statement as well. I am not going to bring it up, but
18 the reference begins at the bottom of page 61290 and
19 then on to 61291, and you also told Dr Harbinson about
20 it in November 2012 at 70322 in paragraph 4.

21 SR116, whenever she was interviewed by the police in
22 May 2012, she was spoken to about twelve individuals
23 who'd made complaints about her, of which you and your
24 two sisters were members of that group of twelve. What
25 you had to say was put to her. If we just bring up,

1 please, 61343, and just scroll down, please, we can see:

2 "Q. We'll begin to talk about HIA29 ..."

3 This is what I was reading out to you earlier,

4 HIA29:

5 "... one of the sisters. Obviously you have

6 answered before you didn't recall the family."

7 She couldn't really recollect you or your sisters.

8 Then the descriptions that you gave of the various

9 sisters, SR134. Then if we scroll down, please, then

10 SR116. Just scroll on to the next page, please, and

11 then what you had to say was put to her about the dog

12 food. If we just scroll on down, please, what she said

13 to the police was that she didn't even remember there

14 being a dog. She is asked again:

15 "Q. You don't remember a dog being kept at Nazareth

16 at all?

17 **A. No."**

18 **Then she is asked:**

19 **"Q. Do you ever recall there being a lack of food**

20 **for the children?**

21 **A. No."**

22 **She says then:**

23 **"A. They were well fed.**

24 **Q. An ample supply of food?**

25 **A. Ample supply."**

1 So the two things she is saying in there is,
2 "I don't remember there being a dog". Can you remember
3 where the dog had come from?

4 **A.** I think a man named NHB102 , he looked after the
5 maintenance of the House, Nazareth House. I think he
6 brought it in.

7 Q. And --

8 **A.** I'm near sure.

9 Q. -- do you agree with your sister that the dog was only
10 there for a few weeks?

11 **A.** Yes, yes.

12 Q. The second thing that she is saying here is she thought
13 there was ample food for the children. There was
14 enough.

15 **A.** No, there was not.

16 Q. You talk then in paragraph 15 of your statement, if we
17 go to 013, please, just on the subject of food, HIA29 --
18 you describe stealing apples --

19 **A.** Yes.

20 Q. -- from the orchard --

21 **A.** Yes.

22 Q. -- on your way home from school. This is the one
23 connected to Holy Rosary Chapel, is it, the orchard?

24 **A.** No, no.

25 Q. Where was the orchard?

1 **A. It was down the .**

2 Q. So this is as you are walking back?

3 **A. Walking back from school.**

4 Q. You got caught on one occasion doing that.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You think someone maybe told on you --

7 **A. The man that owned the orchard.**

8 Q. -- and SR31 caned you on the hands.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You say to the Inquiry you thought she was going to take
11 them off --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- she was caning you so hard.

14 **A. Yes. That sore.**

15 Q. You told Dr Harbinson about that at 70322. You also
16 mentioned to her about being locked in the storeroom.

17 **A. Yes, yes.**

18 Q. Now, as I understand it, the storeroom you are talking
19 about is in the dormitory area on the top floor.

20 **A. That's right.**

21 Q. You have got the dormitory with the cell of SR31 --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- a partition and then another dormitory essentially.

24 **A. Dormitory, yes.**

25 Q. All the one group. Then out into a sitting room.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Then there's a storeroom.

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. It is in that storeroom that you would be put as
5 punishment on occasions --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- if you stepped out of line.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. In paragraph 8 of your statement at 011 you describe
10 eating cheese paper that covered a big block of cheese?

11 **A. Yes, it was in the cupboard.**

12 Q. But this was something that you didn't necessarily --
13 this was done away from the nuns. They wouldn't have
14 known you were doing this.

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. That is why you didn't eat the cheese itself.

17 **A. No, no, we were afraid.**

18 Q. In paragraph 6 you describe SR116 giving you a spoonful
19 of your recollection is it was cod liver oil --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- each morning.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. It wasn't very pleasant tasting.

24 **A. No, no.**

25 Q. Presumably designed to keep you all healthy as much as

1 possible.

2 On that subject of eating at paragraph 11 at 012 you
3 explain how you and a friend got caught eating sweets
4 that you had been told by SR31 to burn in the furnace.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. These are sweets that somebody had given?

7 **A. Yes. They were sent into Nazareth House to the
8 children.**

9 Q. They called them a particular type of lipstick type.

10 **A. Yes, they were wee -- what do you call them --
11 liquorish.**

12 Q. They were liquorish type.

13 **A. When you bit into them, they were liquorish, all
14 different colours.**

15 Q. For whatever reason --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- maybe because she didn't know the origin of them, or
18 whatever it was, she'd said, "Put them in the furnace".

19 **A. "Burn them."**

20 Q. Because you and your friend didn't quite do as you were
21 told --

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. -- you ate some of them --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- and evidence was on your face --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- SR31 then took you to the room upstairs. Is that up
3 on the top floor?

4 **A. Up on the top floor, yes.**

5 Q. And you were caned --

6 **A. Again.**

7 Q. -- by her for that. Now you do mention in your police
8 statement in connection with this incident that you
9 thought it was a leather strap that was used. You were
10 saying to me that she used either a cane --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- or a leather strap --

13 **A. A leather strap.**

14 Q. -- and then also her keys.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You mention this incident to Dr Harbinson as well, that
17 essentially you were punished because you had disobeyed
18 --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- what you were told.

21 On the subject of chores, HIA29, you describe in
22 paragraph 10 of the statement at 012 that when you were
23 asked to work somewhere, for you it was you were in the
24 laundry.

25 **A. Laundry, yes.**

1 Q. I was asking you, "Was that where SR122 worked?", but
2 you were saying, "No, she worked in the sewing room".

3 **A. Sewing room, yes.**

4 Q. It was a civilian, as it were, or a lay person --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- worked in the laundry --

7 **A. That's right.**

8 Q. -- and then a series of girls were required to work
9 there --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- to assist her. Was that after school you had to do
12 that or was it at the weekends?

13 **A. Weekends and sometimes after school.**

14 Q. That was part of your --

15 **A. Chores.**

16 Q. -- chores that you had to do. You also mentioned to
17 Dr Harbinson -- I am not going to bring it up -- at
18 70322 that if you didn't clean properly, SR31 would have
19 hit you with keys on the head or slapped you on the ear
20 and made you clean again.

21 **A. That's right.**

22 Q. Can you remember was that a particular thing you were to
23 clean that she was unhappy with the outcome of?

24 **A. It was a big massive hall and you had to scrub the
25 floor. It was a parquet floor, wood.**

1 Q. Yes.

2 **A. You had to scrub that there till it was shining.**

3 Q. So if she was not happy with how you had done it --

4 **A. You had to do it all over again.**

5 Q. -- there was consequences and you had to do it again.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You also talk in paragraph 11 of your statement about
8 having to shovel coal into the furnace. I think the
9 Congregation have said to the Inquiry they don't think
10 that children would have been required to shovel coal
11 into the furnace.

12 **A. Oh, I was told to do it.**

13 Q. You explain in your police statement at 61291 that it
14 would have been when -- you mention a NHB143 as
15 a caretaker who --

16 **A. Yes. Away on his holidays.**

17 Q. He'd been away --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and you'd have -- was that the furnace that kept the
20 fire going to heat the house?

21 **A. Yes. Uh-huh. Yes.**

22 Q. Were there other girls who had to help with that too?

23 **A. Yes. There was me and . I can't remember her
24 second name. We used to shovel the coal in together.**

25 Q. Now in your statement, HIA29, on a number of occasions,

1 if we look at paragraph 18 as an example at 013, you
2 talk about SR31, who was in charge of your group of
3 girls. You say she was wicked. She used to hit you.
4 You give various examples of that using keys, using
5 a cane, using a black leather strap. You mention here
6 in particular one occasion when you recall her beating
7 a girl in the toilets.

8 **A. In the toilets. That's right.**

9 Q. I was asking you, "Was that the toilets near the school
10 rooms?" You were saying, "No".

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. It was up near the dormitories.

13 **A. Up near the dormitories, yes.**

14 Q. You don't recall what it was about. You just remember
15 walking in on it.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You describe in your police statement that in class
18 where you didn't do something properly, she would also
19 have pulled your ears and struck you with her knuckles.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Those are the types of examples that you give of her
22 physicality towards you --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- but I was asking you earlier when we were speaking
25 was her hitting of you -- it wasn't something that she

1 did all the time.

2 **A. No, no.**

3 Q. It was more when --

4 **A. Only if she was in a bad mood.**

5 Q. -- to do with a loss of temper on her part --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- and when you were seen by her to have not kept
8 whatever the rules were that she had --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- but you were saying to me that there were children
11 who would never have been hit by her.

12 **A. No, no.**

13 Q. She was the subject of a -- she was the in the
14 school --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- and essentially in charge over the home as far as the
17 children were concerned --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- but she was the subject of a series of complaints
20 that the police investigated in '95 and 1996. During
21 that occasion there were a number of children who said
22 they had been hit with keys. She said -- I looked at
23 this with your oldest sister who has come to the Inquiry
24 this morning --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- so I am not going to do it in detail with you.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. Essentially what she said to the police was, "Look,
4 I never hit anybody with keys and the first time I ever
5 heard this was '95/'96", which was thirty years after
6 she was in the home. She first heard it when a girl
7 . She was
8 very adamant that she had never done this to any child
9 --

10 **A. Well, she did.**

11 Q. -- but you are clear that is how you dealt with you?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You describe in paragraph 12 of your statement at 012
14 that you remember one occasion when she was in a bad
15 mood that:

16 "She commented that our parents hadn't paid for us.
17 So why should she feed us?"

18 You don't think the children were fed that day and
19 that stuck in your head.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Yet, that all being said, we were discussing
22 paragraph 10 of your statement, where you explain that
23 one day you were cleaning SR31's room and she had
24 a photograph of you in your communion dress on her
25 window sill --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- but you wanted to correct something. It wasn't
3 a framed photograph of you --

4 **A. No. Just a picture.**

5 Q. -- but it was a photograph of you --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- and it was on her window sill. It was just you.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. It wasn't a group of children.

10 **A. No, no.**

11 Q. Just a picture of you. So I was asking you do you
12 remember occasions when she was warm to you then as well
13 as the bad occasions --

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. -- or you don't really have a recollection of the --

16 **A. I can't recollect, no.**

17 Q. -- warm ones?

18 You talk in paragraph 13 about SR134. You mention
19 an occasion whenever you were standing on a bench with
20 one of your sisters which toppled over. You got hurt.
21 She didn't appear to be concerned.

22 **A. No, she wasn't, no.**

23 Q. It was your sister HIA39 who helped you. You also talk
24 about her in connection with the next paragraph of your
25 statement, paragraph 14, where you say that a girl had

1 been to the hospital and had come back and said that you
2 got beautiful food there.

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. So you decided to swallow a screw --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- in the hope that that would mean you would get to go
7 to hospital to experience what she had experienced.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. But, however it came about -- I presume you told the
10 nuns that you had done it --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- or somebody told the nuns that you had done it --

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. -- and you didn't get to go to hospital --

15 **A. No, no.**

16 Q. -- but you had to wait until the screw passed through
17 you and then you told SR134 that it had --

18 **A. I had to show it to the nun, yes.**

19 Q. -- that is what had happened.

20 In paragraph 17 of your statement you talk about
21 SR116 and an occasion when you fell and chipped a tooth.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. You record how she dragged you up the steps --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- by the hair. You describe that to the police in May

1 of 2010 at 61291, the bottom third of that page.

2 SR116 was interviewed in May of 2012. She was asked
3 about this incident. If we look at 61343, please -- in
4 fact, 61344. Just scroll down to the bottom of the next
5 page, please. So this occasion --

6 "Q. Another occasion when she was 9 or 10 years old
7 she would say, 'I had fallen on the concrete steps and
8 I had badly chipped my front tooth. SR116 physically
9 grabbed me by the scruff of the neck and traileed me up
10 to the top of the stairs and threw me into the
11 dormitory. She gave me no medical attention or said
12 anything to me. I was in agony because of the pain and
13 just cried myself to sleep'. Do you ever recall that?

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. Okay. Did you grab her?

16 **A. No, no."**

17 **So SR116 was asked about this incident and said,**
18 **"No, I didn't do that. That's not what happened". Are**
19 **you -- is there anything else you want to say about that**
20 **incident?**

21 **A. She did do it.**

22 Q. That's your memory of --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- how it happened?

25 The last subject I am going to cover with you,

1 HIA29, is that you mention in paragraph 5 of your
2 statement, 010, about the coming to know your sister
3 NHB142. I was saying to you that -- (witness coughing).

4 Are you okay?

5 **A. I'm fine. Just getting over the 'flu.**

6 Q. Take your time. You're fine.

7 **A. Sorry.**

8 Q. Your sister HIA29 was explaining to the Inquiry earlier
9 today that your parents hadn't told you about NHB142

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. -- even though for the first three years of her life,
12 you know, you were all living -- essentially she
13 described it as you were split among different friends.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Two of you lived with -- (witness coughing).

16 **A. I'm sorry.**

17 Q. Not at all. You're fine. Can we take a short break,
18 Chairman? You're okay. You're all right. You're okay.

19 CHAIRMAN: We will rise for a few minutes. Would you like
20 to just go outside for a few minutes?

21 **A. No, I am all right. Thank you.**

22 CHAIRMAN: Are you sure? I don't think we will be much
23 longer with you. If you're sure, we'll just carry on.

24 **A. Sorry.**

25 MR AIKEN: Don't worry. You have nothing to be sorry about.

1 It is perfectly fine. There is nothing wrong with
2 coughing. It's okay. You just take your time until we
3 get -- are you okay?

4 **A. Yes. Thank you.**

5 Q. You mention in paragraph 5 of your statement, if we
6 bring up 010, that you were split among different
7 friends and your mum and you hadn't been told basically
8 about ^{NHB142} SR31 -- you recall coming to meet ^{NHB142} at
9 the gate --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and meeting and talking to her. That was the first
12 time --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- you had met your sister.

15 **A. That's right, yes.**

16 Q. I was asking you -- you don't cover it in the statement
17 -- but your mum and your older sister would have
18 come to visit and you would have gone out to your mum's
19 --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- on Sundays --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- during your time in.

24 **A. That's right, yes.**

25 Q. The last -- you have an ongoing civil claim that we

1 mentioned and the Panel are aware of the material
2 relating to that, but the last two questions that I ask
3 each witness, the first one is about recommendations.

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. The Panel at the end of its work has to consider what
6 recommendations it might make to the Northern Ireland
7 Government about matters connected to an apology,
8 a memorial or some other means of redress. I know you
9 wanted to say something about that. Do you want to tell
10 the Panel what your view is to assist their thinking
11 about those matters?

12 **A. I would like a memorial to some of the girls that have**
13 **died, so I would. Thank you.**

14 Q. The last question, HIA29, that we ask everyone is
15 whether there's anything else about their time -- we are
16 looking at Nazareth House -- maybe something I haven't
17 covered or I haven't got quite right or something
18 else -- anything else they want say to the Panel about
19 what we are looking at. Is there anything else you want
20 to say?

21 **A. I'd just like to forget about it all, try and get it out**
22 **of my mind.**

23 Q. Okay. That's what had happened for a long time.

24 **A. Yes, yes.**

25 Q. Now you have done this and hopefully that will allow you

1 to do that.

2 **A. I hope.**

3 Q. I am not going to ask you any more questions. If you
4 just remain where you are for a short time, the Panel
5 Members may want to ask you something.

6 **A. Okay.**

7 Q. So just bear with us. Thank you, HIA29.

8 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA29, we don't have any questions for you.
9 Thank you very much indeed for coming to speak to us
10 today. We can see it hasn't been easy for you, but we
11 are very grateful to you for taking the trouble to come
12 and speak to us.

13 **A. You're welcome.**

14 Q. Thank you very much.

15 **A. Thank you.**

16 **(Witness withdrew)**

17 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will rise now and sit again tomorrow at
18 the usual time.

19 (3.05 pm)

20 (Hearing adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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