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6	HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY
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10	being heard before:
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12	SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)
13	MR DAVID LANE
14	MS GERALDINE DOHERTY
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16	held at
17	Banbridge Court House
18	Banbridge
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20	on Monday, 12th January 2015
21	commencing at 10.00 am
22	(Day 85)
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24	MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as
25	Counsel to the Inquiry.
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Monday, 12th January 2015
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     (10.00 am)
                       WITNESS HIA110 (called)
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              Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. As usual,
    CHAIRMAN:
        before we start can I remind everyone to ensure their
        mobile phones have been turned off or at the very least
        placed on "Silent"/"Vibrate" and that no photography or
        indeed recording is permitted either in the Inquiry
        chamber or indeed anywhere in the premises.
            Good morning, Mr Aiken.
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                Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY
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              Chairman, Members of the Panel, good morning.
    MR AIKEN:
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        The first witness today is HIA110, who is "HIA110".
        HIA110 gave evidence to the Inquiry about his time in
        Rubane on Day 61 of the Inquiry's public hearings, which
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        was 22nd October of 2014.
                                   He took the oath on that
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        occasion, Chairman.
                              I have reminded him that he remains
        under oath this morning. He wished to preserve his
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        anonymity in respect of his evidence and his position
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        remains the same in that regard.
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            He is aware that there are legal representatives
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        appearing for "NL4", who is NL4, and "NL5", NL5, who are
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        here today. That's Mr Harvey and his instructing
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        solicitor, Mr Collins, for NL4, and Miss Savage for NL5.
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             Obviously HIA110 is aware, as the last occasion, all
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of the names we use today can't be used outside the chamber, including yours, HIA110.

So we don't need to ask you to take the oath or to confirm your anonymity, and you have made me aware, as you did on the last occasion, that reading isn't ideal for you.

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Q. I have said to you that we will do it by you and me talking to each other and the Panel can look at various documents, HIA110, as we go.

If we just bring up on the screen SNB-500. I have checked, HIA110, to make sure that's the first page of your witness statement that you have made to the Inquiry, which it is. If we move through to SNB-508, we have the last page. You probably recognise your handwriting on the date. If we just scroll down a little further, you will see the date on the statement, and I have got a copy, HIA110, where underneath you have signed what you had to say to the Inquiry, and you adopted that statement when you gave your evidence on Day 61.

If you bear with me just for a moment till I give some references of the documents that are relevant to the Inquiry Panel, as I mentioned to you beforehand that I would.

In addition to HIA110's witness statement, Members of the Panel, there is a response from the Sisters of Nazareth that can be found at 1892 through to 1894, and I have explained to HIA110 that statement from the Sisters includes in its final paragraph, paragraph 9, an unreserved and sincere apology to him for any occasion whenever the standard of care fell beneath a reasonable standard, and HIA110 found that a positive thing to receive.

In addition, there is a statement from the Health & Social Care Board, which is at SNB-5559 through 5560.

It confirms that HIA110 was a privately arranged placement in Nazareth Lodge.

The Inquiry has now received a witness statement from NL4 and it will run from 8006 through to 80029 (sic). I am just going to hand to the Panel Members two pages that are relevant to HIA110's evidence, and I have discussed the content with you earlier, HIA110, as to what NL4 was saying about her time working in Nazareth Lodge.

We are going to receive, as I understand it,
a witness statement from NL5 by tomorrow I believe. We
have a version in draft that I will deal with this
morning.

In addition to those documents that are related to

the Inquiry's witness statement process HIA110 made

a statement to the police on 30th May of 2012 and it

runs from 60911 through to 60916, and that's the

handwritten version, because the typed version of the

police statement only has two pages, where, in fact,

there are five pages in total.

As a result of HIA110's police statement and a serious of other individuals who made statements to the police NL4 was interviewed by the police on 19th October 2012. That interview runs from 60928 through to 60990, with the part that relates to HIA110 running from 60975 through to 60985.

There were also police interviews in 2012 with NL5, but it took place it seems on 13th March of 2012 and that was before HIA110's statement had been made to police in May. So his discussion about NL5 was not the subject it seems of a police interview.

Having got all of that out of the way, HIA110, I am going to ask you just to confirm for me, and, as you know, I am going to summarise much of what you had to say, and if at any point you think I haven't got it quite right, just say so and we will work through what you want to say about your time in Nazareth Lodge.

24 A. Right.

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25 O. You were born on

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And you are now 59 --
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- 4 Q. -- but shortly to be 60.
- 5 A. Aye.
- 6 Q. And you have , a family friend with you --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- who supported you on the last occasion, and he is
- 9 here today --
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. -- and I'll say something more about that at the end.
- 12 You explained to the Inquiry, if we go back to the
- first page of your statement at 500, that you were
- 14 placed in St. Joseph's Baby Home as a baby --
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. -- and never knew your parents.
- 17 A. No, no, no.
- 18 Q. Then you moved through into the Nazareth Lodge for the
- 19 young boys in January 1959 just before you turned you 4,
- and you were there until 16th August 1967, when you
- 21 moved to Rubane, aged 12, as part of the annual transfer
- of the boys from Nazareth Lodge to Kircubbin. What you
- 23 said to the Inquiry on Day 61 was that your time in
- 24 Rubane for you in your remembering it was much better
- 25 than your time in Nazareth Lodge.

- 1 A. Yes, it was.
- 2 Q. You describe that you were in one of four dormitories or
- four groups of boys and you mention Sacred Heart was the
- 4 one you were in.
- 5 A. Sacred Hearts there was.
- 6 Q. And then there was Our Lady's and Marions and --
- 7 A. And St. Joseph's.
- 8 Q. -- the other one was St. Joseph's. You want to mention
- 9 something you haven't mentioned to the Inquiry, which
- 10 was the civilian workers who worked in the Sacred Heart
- 11 dormitory were and you think it is NL74?
- 12 A. Yes, NL74, so it was.
- 13 Q. You don't have a good memory of --
- 14 A. I don't have a good memory of her.
- 15 Q. Can you remember who the nun was that was in charge of
- 16 your dormitory?
- 17 A. It was SR 156
- 18 Q. But the nun that you want to talk to the Inquiry about
- 19 --
- 20 A. SR34.
- 21 O. -- is SR34.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. If we go through to paragraph 11 -- SR34 is "SR34" -- in
- 24 paragraph 11 you explain that she was really bad. You
- 25 say she hit you on many occasions with a stick, a strap

- or a hand. You give an example of one occasion she
- 2 lifted you up by the cheeks --
- 3 A. Yes (gesturing).
- 4 Q. -- with her fingers --
- 5 A. Yes, with her fingers.
- 6 Q. -- and lifted you up off the ground.
- 7 A. Off the ground, yes.
- 8 Q. I was asking you what were the types of things that
- 9 would have led her to be hitting you.
- 10 A. Well, there was like an open day thing, when all the
- people used to come up and give people money, and if you
- begged for money, they would have come over and gave you
- a good thrashing, SR34, a big stick and all.
- 14 Q. You said to me earlier that stepping out of line --
- 15 A. Yes. If you went to the park shop, you got hit.
- 16 Q. Maybe if the spelling didn't go well in school.
- 17 A. No. I couldn't spell.
- 18 Q. And that got you into trouble at various times.
- 19 A. Yes, it did.
- 20 Q. You said to me she was someone who was very strict.
- 21 A. She was.
- 22 Q. And the -- I was asking you how often these types of
- things would occur and you said that it wasn't every day
- 24 that this was happening --
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. -- but just you remember various incidents --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. -- where she was too rough with you.
- 4 A. Yes, she was.
- 5 Q. She was the nun who was in overall charge of all of the
- 6 children.
- 7 A. The whole lot of us.
- 8 Q. You weren't in her -- she wasn't -- she had a group of
- 9 boys as well --
- 10 A. She had a group.
- 11 Q. -- and you weren't in her group --
- 12 A. No, I wasn't.
- 13 Q. -- but she was the nun that was the head of the other
- three nuns and the civilian workers.
- 15 A. The whole lot. The whole lot of them over.
- 16 Q. You mention in paragraph 17, if we go through to 503,
- 17 that you got into major difficulty when you sneaked out
- to the shop.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Can you just explain where the shop was and how you went
- about getting there?
- 22 A. Just sneaked down -- down a wee lane there, go to the
- 23 park shop and come back up that way again, and she would
- 24 have caught you and she would give -- she would start
- 25 hitting you, you know.

- 1 Q. So you were getting punished for leaving the --
- 2 A. Went to the park.
- 3 Q. -- leaving the premises --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- when you weren't supposed to.
- 6 A. Yes, yes.
- 7 Q. You sneaked out to get some sweets.
- 8 A. Yes, yes, that's right.
- 9 Q. You mention about getting hit with a walking stick or
- 10 a cane. I was asking it wasn't a walking stick.
- 11 A. More like a bamboo.
- 12 Q. It was like a bamboo --
- 13 A. Yes, thing.
- 14 Q. You also mention in paragraph 11 of your statement --
- you name another nun, SR47.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. You had no difficulty with her.
- 18 A. No, no, no.
- 19 Q. There is no other nun that sticks in your memory.
- 20 A. No, no.
- 21 Q. It was really only SR34 you had any problem with.
- 22 A. Yes, it was, SR34.
- 23 O. But there is one civilian member of staff then that you
- talk about in your Inquiry statement that you don't have
- a good memory of and that's NL4.

- 1 A. No, I don't -- didn't like her.
- 2 Q. You say in paragraph 12 -- she is NL4 -- that she was
- 3 the worst member of staff, and if you wet the bed, she
- 5 and pretended to turn it on.
- 6 Now I was asking you about that earlier and you were
- 7 saying to me she didn't ever put you in --
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. -- the washing machine?
- 10 A. No. She just turned it on to frighten you.
- 11 O. She threatened to do it.
- 12 A. Yes, yes.
- 13 Q. She would have lifted up the lid to show you --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- but she never lifted you and put you in it.
- 16 A. No, no.
- 17 Q. This came about whenever -- all the boys from the dorm
- had to come down to the laundry with their sheets.
- 19 A. Yes, that's right.
- 20 Q. The ones who wet the bed were separated.
- 21 A. Yes, from the ones who didn't wet their bed.
- 22 Q. You say that this frightened you so that you would not
- wet the bed.
- 24 A. The next day I didn't wet the bed. I was frightened.
- 25 Q. You say in your police statement in May of 2012 --

- I will just give the reference to the Panel; it is at
- 2 60912 -- she always looked angry.
- 3 A. She did.
- 4 Q. What do you mean by that? Was she --
- 5 A. Just from looking in her face, you know, and her face,
- 6 you know, looking very angry.
- 7 Q. Were there ever good times with her that you remember?
- 8 A. No, no, no. It was always bad times.
- 9 Q. Now she wasn't in your group --
- 10 A. No, she wasn't.
- 11 Q. -- but you encountered her over the bed sheets in the
- 12 laundry --
- 13 A. Yes, yes.
- 14 Q. -- and at meal times. Is that right?
- 15 A. Yes. I didn't eat the meals.
- 16 Q. Then also polishing the floor that we are going to come
- 17 to.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. In your police statement when we were talking about the
- 20 wetting of the bed and the washing machine -- and you
- 21 have clarified what you mean by that --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- that at 60912 and 913 it seems to be a one-off
- occasion that you remember her threatening you in this
- 25 way.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. It wasn't something that was happening all the time.
- 3 A. No, no, no, no.
- 4 Q. That issue about the washing machine was put to her
- during her police interview in October 2012. That can
- be found at the bottom of 60977. She denied ever
- 7 putting you in the washing machine, and what you are
- 8 saying is she didn't put you in the washing machine.
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. She just threatened you --
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. -- to get you to stop wetting the bed.
- 13 A. Yes, that's right.
- 14 Q.

- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- and you know him --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- but you didn't ever see that happen to him?
- 22 A. No, no, no, no.
- 23 Q. You mention then in paragraph 13 of your statement,
- 24 HIA110, that you used to be made polish the floor.
- 25 A. Yes, that's right.

- 1 Q. I was asking you how that was done. You were made wear
- 2 your shoes --
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. -- and then you stood on the cloth --
- 5 A. Yes, and just walked up and down the floor shining it.
- 6 Q. -- and had to walk it up and down the floor.
- 7 A. And just shined it.
- 8 Q. You say NL4 was involved in making you polish the floor.
- 9 A. The whole lot of us.
- 10 Q. So it wasn't just her group?
- 11 A. No, the whole lot of us.
- 12 Q. The whole lot of you?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Do you remember a particular saying that you had when
- you were polishing the floor?
- 16 A. Yes, yes.
- 17 Q. Do you want to tell the Panel what that was?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 "One, two, three, four,
- 20 Take the marks off the floor."
- 21 Q. This was orange wax --
- 22 A. Orange wax, aye.
- 23 Q. -- that you put on.
- 24 A. Yes, on the floor.
- 25 Q. Then you took it back off again to shine the floor.

- 1 A. Yes. You'd start all over again.
- 2 Q. You did this every day?
- 3 A. Nearly every day we done it, so we did. It was a big
- old -- it was a big long hall.
- 5 Q. I was asking you -- NL4 has said to the police that it
- 6 would have been pretty much every day but for fifteen or
- 7 twenty minutes.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 O. Would that have been around the time?
- 10 A. Round about that time.
- 11 O. It wasn't hours and hours and hours?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. You say to the Inquiry she would have found fault with
- 14 how the floor was being waxed --
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. -- and then she would have slapped you.
- 17 A. Yes, if you didn't -- if you didn't shine the floor
- 18 right.
- 19 Q. You said she would slap you and hit you a dig in the
- 20 face.
- 21 A. Or slap you across the legs, you know.
- 22 Q. And hit you across the legs?
- 23 A. Aye, the back of the legs, you know.
- 24 Q. In her police interview she says it would have been done
- every day for fifteen to twenty minutes. That's at

60981 and on to 60982, Members of the Panel. She also said in that October 2012 interview that she only hit -when hitting boys, it would have been a smack on the 3 hands or the legs. The reference for that is 60946. As to that, she was asked about disciplining 5 children in the police interview, HIA110. What she said -- because this is of assistance to the Panel, so just bear with me as I give the main points -- that the 8 Sisters were aware of it. It wasn't something that had 10 to be recorded. She was never told how to chastise 11 a child, she says. That was at 60948. She would have 12 seen the nuns chastise in a similar manner. She never 13 saw any child being assaulted. On occasion she would 14 have slapped with a ruler -- that's at 60950 -- but she never hit the children too hard, never injured any child 15 16 -- that's at 60951 -- and it would have only been one or 17 two slaps with either her hand or the ruler. That's at 18 60955. 19 So what she is saying, HIA110, is it would have been 20 just her hand she would have used and really on the legs

21 or the hands --

- 22 Α. The hand.
- 23 -- but you describe being hit by her in the face.
- 24 I don't know why. Yes.
- She, as you know, is saying to the Inquiry she didn't 25

- 1 hit children in the face. She would have hit them on
- the legs or on the hand, but you say in paragraph 14 of
- 3 your statement that you were afraid of her.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. You say the same thing in your police statement in
- 6 May 2012, that she didn't show you any love --
- 7 A. No, she didn't.
- 8 Q. -- or affection.
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. So she was not someone that you liked being around.
- 11 A. No, no, no.
- 12 O. The reference for that is at 60914.
- One of the matters that you mentioned both to the
- 14 Inquiry and to the police, and you say this in
- paragraph 14, is that you would have pulled clumps of
- 16 your hair out of your head.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. That was at night-time in your bed.
- 19 A. Lying in bed sleeping, you know.
- 20 Q. I was asking you, "Did any of the staff ever talk to you
- about doing that?" and you said "No".
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. "No, they didn't." As I said to you earlier, HIA110,
- NL4 was interviewed about what you had to say to the
- 25 police --

1 A. Yes.

- 2 Q. -- and she said that for her you were not a healthy
- 3 child. I don't know what she means by that and I was
- 4 asking you. You don't know what that means.
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Maybe she can explain that when she gives evidence, but
- you say in paragraph 15 that you think some of the other
- 8 children were tortured by her. Now when I asked you
- 9 what you mean by that, since living in Nazareth Lodge
- 10 boys have talked to each other about their time there
- with NL4 and weren't very positive about what they were
- describing.
- 13 A. No, they weren't. They didn't like her. Think she was
- the worst one of the lot.
- 15 Q. You say in paragraph 43 of your statement, if we go
- through to 506, that you remember on one occasion you
- 17 were working in
- 18 A. Yes, I was.
- 19 Q. You got your own back on her --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- because she was looking for a particular --
- 22 A. Yes. Right.
- 23 Q. -- and you told her to go way down the bottom.
- 24 A. The
- 25 Q. That's not where --

- 1 A. The was.
- 2 Q. -- the was.
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. She has said to the Inquiry, as I said to you earlier,
- 5 HIA110, that she was surprised at you making allegations
- 6 against her, because she always thought you were very
- 7 friendly towards her.
- 8 A. No, I wasn't.
- 9 Q. Your general approach might be being friendly to people.
- 10 You didn't tell her you were sending her to the wrong
- 11 place --
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. -- and you have never been rude or unpleasant to her.
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. That's not really how you interact with people.
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. But she -- you also say about the -- an occasion -- if
- we look at paragraph 9 at 501, please, you say that the
- 19 food wasn't good.
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. You describe it like semolina, frog spawn.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. You didn't like the food, but you had to eat it or else
- you got hit across the face by either NL4 or NL5.
- 25 A. Yes, that's right.

- 1 Q. That was in the refectory, the area where you all ate
- 2 together.
- 3 A. Yes, yes.
- 4 Q. NL4 says she didn't ever slap you in the face, but
- 5 that's your memory of what happened.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. She said to the Inquiry that she found you always to be
- 8 very friendly towards her.
- 9 A. You're joking. Must be joking.
- 10 Q. You describe in paragraph 16 at 502 NL5. You say about
- 11 her that she was not as bad as NL4 --
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. -- but your memory is she would have hit you across the
- 14 knuckles --
- 15 A. Across the knuckles.
- $0. \quad --$ with the side of a ruler.
- 17 A. Yes, a wooden ruler.
- 18 Q. You mention her asking you about reading or writing.
- 19 You described her in your May '12 police statement at
- 20 60914.
- Now we are going to get a statement from her, but
- 22 essentially what she is saying, HIA110, is that she
- denies she ever hit any child, whether with her hand or
- with a ruler, and that she wouldn't have had any reason
- to be using a ruler, and maybe you are confusing her

- with something that happened in the school over reading
- and writing and a nun maybe hitting you with a ruler.
- 3 Is it possible maybe it was a nun?
- 4 A. No. I remember NL5 doing it.
- 5 Q. You remember her doing it.
- 6 A. I remember her.
- 7 Q. You then describe in paragraph 15 of your statement,
- 8 HIA110, at 502, you remember a particular boy, and it is
- 9 NL28. That's NL28.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Again his name won't be used outside the chamber. At
- a reunion the boys suggested to you that the nuns had
- 13 put you in a at Nazareth Lodge --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- but you were saying to them that it wasn't you, that
- it was somebody else. Is that --
- 17 A. Fella.
- 18 Q. It wasn't you that was ...?
- 19 A. No, no.
- 20 Q. It was in your police statement I think at 60914 at the
- 21 bottom you say that at a reunion -- if we just look at
- 22 that, please, 60914. If we just go to the bottom of
- 23 that, please. I will just read this out to you, HIA110:
- 24 "I met some of the boys from the home at a reunion.
- 25 The lads were saying to me that they remembered I was

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I told them that they were wrong,
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        as I remembered that it was a
                                                       called NL28
        that was put into the
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            Just scroll on down, please:
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            "I don't think that ..."
            It was your friend was with you when you made
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        this statement:
             "I don't think this was a punishment or anything.
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        It was just so that he could be
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            I was explaining to you earlier this boy was a boy
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        you remember in the home. He was much taller than you.
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        Isn't that right?
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        Taller than every one of us.
        The Sisters of Nazareth have provided a response
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        statement about this particular boy. That can be now
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        found at SNB-2084 and 2085. He was a boy with
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                                . He had been
              , but not the nuns say by them but by
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        before he came to be in the home.
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    CHAIRMAN: We really don't want to do anything that might
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        draw attention to this
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- 1 MR AIKEN: But you are clear it wasn't the nuns punishing
- 2 him.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. That they let him be around . That was
- 5 something he wanted?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. You mention in paragraph 7 of your statement, if we go
- back to 501, that you weren't told and a relationship
- 9 wasn't fostered between you and a sister that you had.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. You thought she might have been in Nazareth House, and
- 12 , your companion, was explaining this morning --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. -- that she may have been adopted at an early age out of
- 15 St. Joseph's, but you were never taken to visit her or
- 16 had --
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. -- occasions meeting with her.
- 19 A. No, no.
- 20 Q. The congregation have said that they -- this is at
- 21 1892 -- they endeavoured to maintain contact and it was
- facilitated wherever that was possible, but that wasn't
- your experience, because you didn't meet your sister
- 24 until some time much later --
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. -- and that was her as an adult trying to get in touch
- with you.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Now you would have contact with her.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. You talk on the phone --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- each week-end.
- 9 A. Aye, yes.
- 10 Q. You mention that in paragraph 47 of your statement at
- 11 507.
- 12 You talk in paragraph 8 of your statement that you
- 13 didn't like school --
- 14 A. No, I didn't.
- 15 Q. -- and you didn't have a good experience in the school.
- We have touched on you weren't a fan of the food.
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. That was in paragraph 9, but you do say a number of
- 19 positive things that you remember, HIA110, about your
- time in Nazareth Lodge. If we go through to
- paragraph 19 at 503, you remember the sweetie men.
- 22 A. Used to come up every Saturday and give us all sweets or
- when we were down in Ballyhornan, used to come down to
- 24 Ballyhornan and get sweets down there.
- 25 Q. So the sweetie men would have come in and they would

- have played the guitar as well.
- 2 A. They would have played the guitar, yes.
- 3 O. So there would have been some music.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. You mentioned Ballyhornan.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. That was six weeks in the summer.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. You lived in -- they were old --
- 10 A. The huts, yes.
- 11 Q. -- army huts.
- 12 A. Army huts.
- 13 Q. You were mentioning to me earlier you used to fight
- 14 between the boys over the deck chairs that were there.
- 15 A. Yes, yes, the summer chairs. Aye.
- 16 Q. In paragraph 21 you talk about Christmas and you
- 17 remember going to the Mackies' Christmas parties.
- 18 A. Yes, yes.
- 19 Q. You were given toys, although the point you were making
- is they weren't great toys.
- 21 A. They weren't much. They weren't up to much.
- 22 Q. In paragraph 22 then you remember a particular -- you
- got to go and visit a family in Belfast.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. They were the

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Again --
- 3 A.
- 4 Q. They are off , and again their names won't be
- 5 used beyond the chamber, but that was a positive thing
- 6 that you had.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. You told the Inquiry then about the family in that
- 9 BR22 introduced you to after you went to Rubane.
- 10 A. Yes, yes, .
- 11 Q. I was discussing with you this morning, because in the
- police statement from NL4 there is a discussion by her
- of taking the children to the Curzon cinema on
- 14 Saturdays. You remember being taken to the cinema.
- 15 A. Oh, aye. I remember that all right.
- 16 Q. That was a big group of boys.
- 17 A. A group of us.
- 18 Q. You were made to sit together in the cinema.
- 19 A. Aye. You weren't -- aye.
- 20 Q. The manager, I think he got you sweets, and you watched
- 21 a film.
- 22 A. Aye.
- 23 Q. Is that a positive memory that you have, HIA110? Was
- that something you enjoyed doing?
- 25 A. Well, you weren't allowed to sit anywhere. You had to

- sit -- you had to sit between everybody else, you know.
- 2 Q. They kept you all together in one group.
- 3 A. Yes, yes.
- 4 Q. There was no escaping from the other boys.
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. You -- through the
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- you got to meet the
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. is with you today. It was his mum and dad.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You used to visit them.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. takes a keen interest in helping you with various
- things. That has been a relationship that has been
- 16 going on --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- for thirty years.
- 19 A. Yes, it has.
- 20 Q. I said to you, HIA110, that we ask each witness two
- 21 questions towards the end of their evidence. The first
- is about recommendations, that at the end of the Panel's
- work it has to consider what recommendations it might
- 24 make to Government about an apology, or some form of
- 25 memorial, or some other redress, and we ask each witness

- whether there's anything they want to say about that.
- Is there anything you want to say about that to the
- 3 Inquiry?
- 4 A. I'd like an apology, so I do.
- 5 Q. An apology?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Hopefully the one made to you by the Sisters will have
- 8 helped --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. -- a little.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. The last question that we ask each witness, HIA110, is
- whether there's anything else that they want to say to
- the Inquiry about their time in Nazareth Lodge.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Maybe it is something that I haven't covered in the way
- that you'd like, or haven't covered at all, or haven't
- mentioned everything about it that you want to say. Is
- there anything else that you want to say about your time
- in Nazareth Lodge?
- 21 A. Just going on holidays to Ballyhornan -- that was it,
- you know -- the whole lot of us, you know, all together.
- 23 They used to put all the beds in a big, big bed van, you
- 24 know, big lorry, and then we all went -- we took wee
- 25 brown bags, you know, wrap our toys in it, you know,

- bring them down to the beach, you know, in Ballyhornan.
- 2 That's all I can remember.
- 3 Q. So you remember going to the beach at Ballyhornan.
- 4 A. Yes, I do. I've a memory.
- 5 Q. Did you go swimming? Was that something --
- 6 A. No. I couldn't swim.
- 7 Q. But you played on the beach?
- 8 A. Yes, on the sand.
- 9 Q. Well, HIA110, I am not going to ask you any more
- 10 questions. If you just stay where you are for a moment,
- 11 the Panel might want to ask you something. So just bear
- 12 with us for a moment.
- 13 Questions from THE PANEL
- 14 MR LANE: One of the things in your statement was about how
- 15 you had to carry some boiling water. You slipped and
- 16 got scalded. What was the actual arrangement? What
- sort of pot was it and so on?
- 18 **A.** It was a big, HIA 19

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and myself were carrying boiling

- 20 water down, and we was going to carry it and I let it
- 21 slip.
- 22 Q. Was that for making tea or something like that?
- 23 A. I don't know what it was for anyway. I let it slip and
- 24 the next thing 19 said, "Could you not remember
- getting burnt?" Here's me: "No, I can't. I can't

- remember getting burnt". Here's HIA 19 "You got burnt".
- 2 Here's me: "I can't even remember it".
- 3 Q. Was there a lid on top of it?
- 4 A. I don't think there was a lid on top of it. I don't
- 5 think it.
- 6 Q. So you each had a handle, did you?
- 7 A. Yes, each, aye.
- 8 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 9 A. All right.
- 10 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA110, I am sure you will be relieved to
- hear that we don't have any more questions for you.
- 12 Thank you very much for coming back a second time to
- speak to us. As we have explained I think before, we
- try and avoid this, but it is simply too complicated to
- do everything together with everyone when they have been
- in more than one home, as you were, but again thank you
- for troubling again to come this time. Thank you.
- 18 (Witness withdrew)
- 19 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, Ms Smith will be
- 20 taking the next witness. She probably will be ready
- very shortly if you want to take a ...
- 22 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will just rise until we are ready for
- 23 the next witness.
- 24 (10.48 am)
- 25 (Short break)

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(10.55 am)
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                       WITNESS HIA422 (called)
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3
               Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members.
        witness this morning is HIA422. He is "HIA422".
                                                            HIA422
        wishes to take a religious oath and he wishes to
        maintain the anonymity that has been afforded to him.
7
                        WITNESS HIA422 (sworn)
8
    CHAIRMAN:
               Thank you very much, HIA422. Please sit down.
9
                Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY
               Chairman and Panel Members, HIA422's witness
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    MS SMITH:
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         statement can be found at SNB-211 to 217.
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             His response statement is at SNB -- sorry -- not
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               The congregation's response statement is at
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         SNB-1625 to 1627.
             There is also a Health & Social Care Board response
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         at 5708 to 5709. That statement indicates that HIA422
17
        was placed in care by the Welfare Authority, but they
        have no records other than those welfare committee
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         reports which the Inquiry has found in PRONI.
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         material can be found at SNB-31738 to 31754.
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             If we could just pull up HIA422's statement then,
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        please, at 211, SNB. HIA422, this is, as you will see,
23
         "The Witness Statement of HIA422", which you are aware
24
         is the designation we have given to protect your
25
         identity. I am just going to go to go to the last
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- page of the statement, please, at 217. You will see
- there there is a block over your signature, but can
- I ask you to confirm that you signed the statement and
- 4 you signed it there on I think it is 11th July of last
- 5 year?
- 6 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 7 Q. And can I ask then, HIA422, is this the statement you
- 8 want the Inquiry to take into account as your evidence
- 9 together with anything else that you say here today?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. If we could go back then to the first page, please, and
- 12 your personal details are set out on the first page in
- paragraphs 1 and 2, and in paragraph 3 you indicate that
- 14 you went into St. Joseph's Baby Home and you were there
- until you moved from the baby home until -- at the age
- of 3 and went into Nazareth Lodge.
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. We were talking about this earlier. You indicated you
- 19 went from the baby home to the nursery --
- 20 A. Aye, nursery home.
- 21 Q. -- and then into the Lodge proper.
- 22 A. Then Nazareth Lodge, yes. I remember that.
- 23 Q. We have -- I am not going to call these documents up,
- 24 but the Welfare Committee reports suggest in the time
- you were in the babies home you were boarded out to

- a lady at that time. You I take it have no recollection
- 2 or memory of that?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. I am going to deal, first of all, with some of the
- 5 general memories that you have about your time in
- Nazareth Lodge. You say here in paragraph 4 that you
- 7 were moved to the Lodge when you were about 4 or 5. You
- 8 went into Our Lady's group, and a nun whom you name
- 9 there -- and you will see we have given her
- 10 a designation, SR47 -- was in charge. Now I am going to
- use her name just to make it clear who we are talking
- about, HIA422, but that name is not to be used outside
- this room. That was SR47. She was in charge of your
- 14 group. Is that right?
- 15 A. Yes. Uh-huh, yes.
- 16 Q. You say there were several different groups including
- 17 St. Joseph's, Marion's and St. Patrick's. We have heard
- of a Sacred Heart group. Does that ring a bell?
- 19 A. I was in -- I was in -- no, houl on. Our Lady's --
- I thought it was Our Lady's I was in. Our Lady's --
- 21 Q. It would be Marion's maybe.
- 22 A. Our Lady's, St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's and then
- 23 Marion's.
- 24 Q. Well, in any event each group had a different coloured
- cup in the canteen.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You think yours was red.
- 3 A. It was red. St. Joseph's was blue, or no -- sorry --
- 4 St. Patrick's was blue and St. Joseph's were yellow and
- 5 the Marion's were green as far as I remember.
- 6 Q. Well, if we can just talk again about some other general
- memories you have, you talk in paragraphs 8 and 9 about
- 8 the food in the home and describe it as awful.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. You say:
- "You got cornflakes in a block with no milk and
- 12 I think they may have put water in it."
- 13 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 14 Q. "The spaghetti also came in a block. Supper was bread
- and they would get a big pot of fat which was -- that
- 16 was nearly cold and dip the bread into it and then throw
- it on our plates."
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. "I was always hungry in the home. There was a bin yard
- out the back and I used to take bread from the bins to
- 21 eat it. There would sometimes be a fire lit to burn
- rubbish and I would toast the bread and eat it."
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- 24 Q. Just to be clear, you talk also about the clothing at
- 25 paragraph -- what you had to wear. You described it

- a little brown cord uniform --
- 2 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 3 Q. -- that you had to wear.
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. We talked about that as well. Just to be clear, the
- 6 congregation in response to what you have said make the
- 7 point that the clothing and the food was the best that
- 8 they were able to provide.
- 9 A. Um.
- 10 Q. The uniform, as describe it, would have been
- paragraph 18.
- 12 A. Aye, yes. They gave you old clothes for running about
- 13 the fields there at the back, you know.
- 14 Q. Paragraph 18 there you talk about the uniform being
- 15 corduroy brown --
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. -- and short trousers.
- 18 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. That was -- I think you were talking about a jacket, a
- 20 cord jacket.
- 21 A. Yes, a corduroy jacket, brown.
- 22 Q. In paragraphs 10 and 11 you talk about the chores that
- you had to do.
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- 25 Q. You say you always had chores to do.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You say that once you got thrown into a big boiler room
- with a chimney and you were told that you had to clean
- 4 it inside.
- 5 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 6 Q. You say you were probably only about 9 or 10 at the
- 7 time. It was all soot and you were given a wire brush
- 8 to clean, and you imagine that your lungs were probably
- 9 black from all the work.
- 10 A. Yes, they probably were. I was probably black too.
- 11 Q. You weren't given any mask or protective clothing --
- 12 A. No, no.
- 13 Q. -- or anything of that type?
- 14 A. They just put me in a wee hatch, in a wee hatch, you
- know. It was like a chimney and I had to clean it with
- a wire brush I think it was or something like that
- 17 there, you know.
- 18 Q. You say -- was this something you had to do more than
- once or was this just --
- 20 A. No, I only done it once.
- 21 Q. But on Saturdays you had to polish the floors.
- 22 A. Polish the floors, aye.
- 23 Q. You put wax down, which was maybe half an inch thick,
- and then you'd to take your shoes off and put dusters on
- your feet. You say:

- "Each child had a certain part of the floor to do."
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. "We had to keep going until you could nearly see our
- 4 faces in the floor" --
- 5 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 6 Q. -- "and the nuns would stand over supervising."
- 7 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. In paragraph 16 you talk about bathtime in the home.
- 9 You say that you didn't get bathed on a regular basis.
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. You remember that there was a square shower in the home
- 12 --
- 13 A. Aye.
- 14 Q. -- that was used on a Saturday.
- 15 A. I don't know if it was a shower itself. It might have
- been a couple of taps, but I remember it as being
- a square thing like a shower, you know, but I don't
- 18 remember like a bath like, like a -- just that square
- thing, you know.
- 20 Q. Did somebody supervise the bathtime that you remember?
- 21 A. Yes. I think there was charge girls, you know.
- 22 Q. You got up you say at 7 o'clock and went to bed at
- 23 6 o'clock and it didn't matter if it was summer or
- winter.
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- 1 Q. "I remember there being a field outside",
- and you could see the farmer doing the hay in the
- 3 summer --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- and you would watch him and wish you were out there.
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
- 7 Q. So basically it didn't matter what -- you still went to
- 8 bed at the same time --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. -- no matter what the season.
- 11 A. Aye.
- 12 Q. Paragraph 5, going back to that, you say that you
- remember the floors in the dormitories were wooden.
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. You would:
- "... constantly get skelfs in our feet."
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. You say you never got treated for them and eventually
- they put in plastic tiles over the wooden floors.
- 20 A. Yes. Uh-huh. That was a couple of years later like,
- you know, a few years later.
- 22 Q. I mean, I know I am jumping backward and forward between
- your statement here, but I am just dealing with the
- 24 general issues first, if I can.
- You talk in paragraph 26 about what you remember

- about treatment, medical treatment. You say you don't
- remember seeing a doctor in the home, but you know that
- 3 you were admitted to hospital --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- and you think you had your appendix removed.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Now just -- we were talking about this earlier and again
- 8 one of the things that we showed was that you were
- 9 actually admitted to the Ulster Hospital as a baby.
- 10 That can be seen at page SNB--- SNB-31740, where it is
- recorded that in July 1960 you were admitted to the
- 12 Ulster Hospital. Now again that would have been at the
- stage when you were in the baby home.
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. Just look down there to the letter (n). This is
- 16 a record from -- it is actually from the 1961 committee
- meetings, but they are dated June. So assume it was
- in 1960 you were admitted to the Ulster Hospital, when
- 19 you would have been a very young baby, but it doesn't
- 20 even say why you were admitted, but you have
- a recollection of getting your appendix out or having
- a scar, which you thought might be to do with your
- 23 appendix.
- 24 A. Yes, that was in a children's hospital. I don't know
- where it was like, but it was a children's hospital.

- 1 Q. That was when you were certainly older than this stage.
- 2 A. Aye. I might have been about 7 or something like that
- 3 there.
- 4 Q. As you describe it to me, you don't know whether it was
- 5 your appendix or not, but you do remember being sick and
- 6 having a sore stomach.
- 7 A. Aye. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. Going back then to just where we were, paragraph 26, you
- 9 also go on to describe how -- you remember a dentist
- 10 coming to the home?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Did you go out to the dentist?
- 13 A. Out to the dentist, yes.
- 14 Q. You said that he was an Indian gentleman and wore
- 15 a turban.
- 16 A. Yes, he wore a turban, yes. I'll always remember that.
- 17 Q. You remember getting a tube or something stuck in your
- 18 tooth.
- 19 A. Aye, I remember -- he'd a wee prong you poke about in
- 20 your teeth. It got stuck in my tooth and he couldn't
- get it out and he was asking another dentist, you know,
- 22 could they try and get it out, but eventually he did get
- it out like, you know.
- Q. Is that the only time you ever remember going to the
- 25 dentist?

- 1 A. That's the only time I remember, yes.
- 2 Q. The barber came to the home on a regular basis.
- 3 A. Aye, there was two barbers came to the home.
- 4 O. How often?
- 5 A. Every time you need your hair cut like, you know,
- 6 whatever that be, a month or six weeks or something like
- 7 that there, you know.
- 8 Q. You also talk there at paragraph 27 about being taken
- 9 out at Christmas, being taken to a factory -- this is at
- 10 page 215, please -- being taken to a factory. You think
- it was called Mackies.
- 12 A. I think it was called Mackies or something like that.
- 13 Q. You remember meeting Santa Claus and being given
- 14 presents to take back. Can I ask you do you remember
- getting presents from the nuns on Christmas Day?
- 16 A. I can't remember that, no.
- 17 Q. Or birthdays you say you would get --
- 18 A. Now I remember --
- 19 Q. Sorry.
- 20 A. -- the last birthday I had there I had a wee bit of
- a party, you know, down in the hall, the food hall, you
- 22 know, the dinner hall --
- 23 O. The dining hall.
- 24 A. -- the dinner hall, but I think that's when I was 11 or
- something, 10 or 11, but that was the only time

- 1 I remember, you know.
- 2 Q. Was that party specially for you or was it for you and
- other boys? Do you remember?
- 4 A. No, I think that was for me, just me, aye.
- 5 Q. And just to be clear, that would have been in -- your
- 6 birth month is in . So it would have been in
- 7
- 8 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. Excuse me. You say that you remember getting sweets on
- 10 your birthday also there in paragraph 27:
- "In the home we would get sweets on our birthday.
- I don't know if they were from the nuns",
- or if your sister left them from (sic) you, but
- 14 you --
- 15 A. I think it was my sister might have left them up.
- 16 Q. You talk in paragraph 30 about getting a lollipop on
- a Friday, and a mate of yours being given 2 bob, which
- was two shillings, the equivalent of 10p in today's
- money, as pocket money.
- 20 A. Aye. Uh-huh, but that was later on, yes.
- 21 Q. Is this when you were --
- 22 A. About 10 or 11 like, you know.
- 23 Q. Was that 10p, 2 bob -- was that each week that you would
- 24 have got that?
- 25 A. Aye. I think it was every Saturday, Friday or Saturday

- I think, yes.
- 2 Q. Now you do have some good memories of your time in the
- 3 Lodge, HIA422.
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. Isn't that correct? You talk about a SR150, whom you
- 6 remember with fondness, and you also talk in
- 7 paragraph 28, if we could just scroll back up, please,
- 8 that -- SR150 is "SR150". You say she worked in the
- 9 linen room.
- 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. You used to help her out by brushing up the scraps and
- 12 all that.
- 13 A. Aye, and taking the linens down -- you know, down the
- lift and down to the laundry, you know.
- 15 Q. You remember another lady who worked in the home and you
- think she was called when we were talking
- 17 earlier.
- 18 A. I think she was called . She lived in
- 19 . I think it was
- 20 Q. She used to take you to her --
- 21 A. Farm.
- 22 Q. -- farm there. There was just a cow and some chickens.
- 23 You often thought it would be good if she were to adopt
- you.
- 25 A. Adopt me, aye, aye.

- 1 Q. You also -- in paragraph 15 you also went out to
- a family when you were in the home as well. Isn't that
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Yes. Uh-huh. .
- 5 Q. Just there you said you would go out to a family for
- a few weeks each year. They owned a you thought.
- 7 A. I don't know if it was two -- well, round about thing,
- you know, not -- two weeks or -- aye, say about two
- 9 weeks, aye. , they called them.
- 10 Q. You remember you were separated from your siblings. You
- 11 talk about this at paragraph 22 --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. -- where you say that you didn't get to see your
- brothers or sisters and you didn't even know that they
- were there. Your sister then used to come and visit you
- after she had been released from the home that she was
- in. Isn't --
- 18 A. No. I think I knew one of my sisters was in Nazareth
- 19 House like. One of my sisters was in Nazareth House.
- 20 I remember that now.
- 21 Q. Did you get to see her when she was there?
- 22 A. No, no.
- 23 Q. Your older sister used to come and visit you and bring
- 24 you then to your father's house and take you out of the
- 25 home --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. -- to visit him. You say:
- 3 "As a result of our time in care our family are not
- 4 close and it has affected our relationship."
- 5 You say in the next paragraph that your father did
- 6 not come to visit you in Nazareth Lodge --
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. -- at any time. You talk about what you found when you
- 9 did go to visit him at home.
- Now one of the things the congregation would say is
- 11 they had no choice about -- without the appropriate
- 12 resources they did try to maintain relationships between
- brothers and sisters, but -- and they said it was common
- for there to be visits from Nazareth House to Nazareth
- Lodge, but you certainly don't remember any of that.
- 16 A. No. I remember my brother visiting me I think one time.
- 17 He was in there. Then he went to Kircubbin, you know,
- but I think I remember him one time, you know.
- 19 Q. Well, paragraph 21 you talk about going out. We talked
- about you going out to the foster family and going out
- 21 with this , who took you to her
- 22 home to the .
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. You also say that in the summer you would be taken to
- 25 Ballyhornan.

- 1 A. Yes. That's right now.
- 2 Q. You say:
- 3 "There were wires coming out of the walls" --
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. -- "and we were always getting electric shocks."
- 6 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 7 Q. I take it these were minor shocks and nothing major.
- 8 Would that be right?
- 9 A. Well, what you'd get off the lights, you know, aye, aye.
- ${\tt I0}$ Q. The place you say was coming down with earwigs and was
- very unsafe.
- 12 A. Earwigs, aye, coming down with earwigs.
- 13 Q. Those are some of the general issues, and I'm moving on
- now to talk about the specific complaints that you make
- in your statement to the Inquiry, HIA422.
- 16 If we could go, first of all, to paragraph 6, you
- 17 talk about:
- "The bully boys were older. They caned and whipped
- us with plastic bats."
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. You do mention in paragraph 20 as well that:
- "The older boys in the home used to cane us as
- 23 well."
- 24 A. Oh, aye.
- 25 Q. We don't need to go to that paragraph, because that's

- the one line from that paragraph. When would this have
- 2 happened? When would these -- first of all, how much
- older than you were these boys?
- 4 A. Well, they couldn't have been much older, you know,
- 5 because I think they left when they were about 11 to go
- 6 to Kircubbin, you know. When you hit 11, you went to
- 7 Kircubbin. So they couldn't have been -- about three
- years older than me, maybe more, four years older than
- 9 me, you know.
- 10 Q. You say:
- "They came and whipped us with plastic bats."
- 12 A. Plastic bats and sticks. Anything going, you know.
- 13 Q. When did they do this and why?
- 14 A. Just bullies, you know. They beat you so as you would
- do things for them, what we used to call being tamed.
- You were tamed. You were beat up, you know. You were
- 17 tamed. That's what I used to call it, being tamed, and
- anything -- anything -- they would say, "Go and get
- 19 water out of the bathroom", you know, at night in the
- dark and all. You'd be scared and all. Things like
- that. "Do this. Do that", you know, and if you didn't
- do it, you know -- and then they would keep your head
- 23 under the blankets and all. You wouldn't be allowed to
- 24 breathe and --
- 25 Q. You talk about this --

- 1 A. -- if you stuck your head out of the blanket, they would
- 2 beat you, you know.
- 3 Q. You talk about that in paragraph 12 in your statement
- 4 there. If we can just scroll down to that, please, you
- 5 say:
- 6 "The bully boys always told us to keep our heads
- 7 under the blankets, and when you put your head under,
- 8 you would sweat. It was difficult to breathe and I felt
- 9 as though we were suffocating. If you peeped your head
- out, you would get beaten. We all shared the same
- dormitory. I think two of the boys were called ...",
- and you give names there, "one of whom", you say, "was
- 13 . "
- 14 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. In paragraphs 7, if we could just scroll back up to
- that, and 18 you talk about physical abuse by the nuns
- 17 themselves. You say:
- "The sisters had a big stick, and if you were bad,
- they would whack you over the knuckles, put you in the
- 20 corridor, open the windows and get you to kneel in the
- 21 corridors until your knees were sore."
- 22 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 23 O. You describe the stick as about half an inch thick. You
- 24 name a nun, SR47, who did that to you on a regular basis
- during your time in the home. Now I think there is

- l an error here --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. -- that we will have to correct, because I think this
- 4 designation is incorrect, because this is the same nun
- 5 who you say was in charge of you. Isn't that correct?
- 6 A. Yes, SR 47 . She was a good nun, but when
- 7 she hit you, it was the knuckle sticks, but she wasn't
- 8 like a bully or anything, you know.
- 9 Q. She hit you for a reason. Is that what you're saying?
- 10 A. Oh, aye, you know.
- 11 Q. You also talk there in paragraph 20 about the -- sorry.
- 12 If we can just leave paragraph 20 for a minute and just
- go to paragraph 17, you said you went to school on site.
- "There was a nun called SR34", SR34. "She used to
- grab us by the side locks and pull us up and then she
- 16 would swing us round and then we got beaten. I don't
- 17 remember much about the education. We used to draw
- things, but we never had homework."
- 19 A. No, we never had homework.
- 20 Q. Now what were the occasions or what was the reason for
- 21 this nun doing this to you?
- 22 A. Maybe not doing your work or messing about in class or
- 23 something, you know, talking to other kids or ...
- Q. You go on to say that:
- 25 "The nuns used to whip us around the legs with

- 1 a cane" --
- 2 A. Aye.
- 3 Q. -- "both in school and at home. It would usually be one
- 4 of the nuns who taught us who would be doing the
- 5 whipping and it was a regular occurrence when we
- 6 misbehaved."
- 7 A. Yes. No, I remember getting whipped by the charge girls
- 8 too, you know, by NL5, you know.
- 9 Q. You then talk in paragraph 19 here about a time when you
- left the home to go to the shop and got lost.
- "I remember stopping a bus on the Ormeau Road.
- I didn't know where I was. When I got back to the home,
- the head nun came out. She pulled off her belt, a black
- belt, and", as you describe it, "beat the crap out of
- 15 me."
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. "This only happened once" --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- "but the beatings with knuckle sticks went on for
- 20 years."
- 21 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 22 Q. Then you were describing here about a resident who was
- in the home. You describe him as being
- He was cared for by a particular staff member.
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- 1 Q. Again I am going to use the name here. That's -- again
- I think the designation is incorrect. It's -- I think
- 3 she is given a designation here "NL8", when it should,
- in fact, be "NL5" -- "4", but we will correct that.
- 5 "He would walk over to us and lift our hand to his
- 6 hand and then hit it a slap. He would immediately start
- 7 crying and she would beat the shit out of us for hitting
- 8 him. She would have beaten us regularly."
- 9 A. Aye. Uh-huh.
- 10 Q. Just to be clear who we are talking about here, I am
- going to ask you to give the name, because there is
- a problem with the designation, but again the name isn't
- to be used outside. Who was it who did that?
- 14 A. Name them? Aye. NL5.
- 15 Q. She, you say, looked after this particular boy. Is that
- 16 right?
- 17 A. She looked after him, but she -- she looked after
- another group. Now I am not sure it was the Marion's or
- 19 St. Joseph's. I'm not sure which one it was.
- 20 Q. But she has --
- 21 A. She had a group too and this was in it, but
- she always had to look after him, you know.
- 23 Q. Just to be clear, she is NL5, but she has given a
- 24 statement to the Inquiry. It's not signed as yet and
- 25 it's not her final version, but she has addressed the

- things that you say in this paragraph about her.
- What she says is that you only make one reference to
- 3 her and you say that she beat you for making this boy
- 4 cry, and she says you are confusing this boy with
- 5 another boy who was , because this
- 6 particular boy was able to make
- 7 A. He would make sounds, yes, but he couldn't talk. He
- g just, ", " and all this, you know. They
- 9 actually -- they actually said he was
- or something like that there, you know.
- 11 Q. At any event this is the boy that you are talking about.
- 12 You say --
- 13 A. She should remember that now.
- 14 Q. She has said he also did not really cry and most of the
- other boys loved him. Would you accept that?
- 16 A. I am not saying they hated -- I am not saying they hated
- 17 him or anything, no, no.
- 18 Q. But this was something, that he came, got you to do to
- 19 him and went crying to her.
- 20 A. Aye, he would do things -- he would do things like that
- 21 there, you know --
- 22 Q. But she says --
- 23 A. -- and run off crying, you know, "He hit me", you know,
- or point, you know.
- 25 Q. Well, she denies that she beat you or any boy regularly

- or at all, and she says that she doesn't know why you
- would make that up. She says she has had no contact
- with you since that time. She doesn't remember your
- 4 name coming up either when she was interviewed by police
- 5 about certain matters, and:
- 6 "I don't really remember this boy. I can remember
- 7 the name, but I can't put a face on him."
- 8 That's what she says --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. -- about what you say about her, HIA422.
- 11 There's another incident where you talk about
- someone else, not this NL 5, but another person who was
- in the home called , and you talk about her hitting
- 14 you over the head with a shoe.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. That's at paragraph -- I neglected to put the
- paragraph number down, but it's in -- yes, it's
- paragraph 13. You say:
- 19 "There were charge girls in the home and they came
- 20 and went."
- Now can I ask about what age of people are we
- talking here, these charge girls?
- 23 A. Maybe about 16 or something, round about that.
- 24 Q. They didn't live in the home.
- 25 A. I don't think they lived in the home. I am not sure.

- They just appeared, you know, you know.
- 2 Q. "One of them was known as", and you give a name there,
- 3 "and I recall getting caught out of bed one night and
- 4 a charge girl came up and said to me, 'What are you
- 5 doing?' The next thing she had her shoe off and whacked
- 6 me over the head, opening my head and making it bleed.
- 7 SR47 came up and the girl told her I had fallen on the
- 8 bed. She put a plaster on me and told me to get into
- 9 bed."
- 10 A. Aye. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. Did you tell the nun that that isn't what happened?
- 12 A. Isn't?
- 13 Q. That you had not fallen on the bed. Did you tell her
- 14 that that wasn't correct?
- 15 A. Yes. No, I told the nun that she hit me with the shoe
- and she said, "No, you fell on the bed". They were oul'
- metal beds then, you know.
- 18 Q. And what did -- did the -- did this girl continue to
- work in the home?
- 20 A. Aye, yes.
- 21 Q. So she wasn't dismissed or anything?
- 22 A. I don't think so, no.
- 23 Q. Now at paragraphs 14 and 15 here you talk about another
- 24 person called NL4. Her first name is NL4. You describe
- 25 her as a bit of a bully.

1 A. Aye.

- 2 Q. You say you always remember her being wicked if you were
- 3 caught -- if she caught you out of bed.
- 4 "One time we were in Ballyhornan and she picked on
- me to brush the floor in the dinner hall. I remember
- 6 throwing the brush down and running to my dorm. I think
- 7 one of the nuns may have said something to reprimand
- 8 her",
- 9 and after that incident she was nice to you.
- Now I am just going to pause there to say that she
- was unaware that you had mentioned her, but her legal
- 12 representatives are now aware that you have mentioned
- her in your statement, and they may come back to us with
- her response to that, but I can't tell you what she
- might say at this stage, HIA422.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. You say you used to go to the family for a few weeks
- each year and they owned a
- 19 "When I would come back to the home, I would have
- 20 a shoebox full of money. She would ask me for some to
- 21 get her hair done."
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- 23 Q. You think she was only nice because she wanted money.
- 24 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 25 Q. But you didn't -- although you describe her as a bit of

- a bully -- was she in charge of your group at all?
- 2 A. I'm not sure. She was up at our dormitories like, you
- know, but I think she was in charge of all the groups
- 4 like, you know. She helped -- sort of helped the nuns
- 5 out, you know.
- 6 Q. Well, the congregation would say that they employed
- 7 staff in good faith and, you know, they are unhappy to
- 8 hear that they didn't behave as they ought.
- 9 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 10 Q. You recall visits by the Welfare Authority.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You talk about this in paragraph 25, and we know from
- the documents that we have seen that you certainly had
- been put into the home by the Welfare Authority, but you
- 15 say that:
- 16 "They came to Nazareth Lodge and I was always at the
- 17 front of the queue to see them."
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. "They would talk to us."
- 20 Can you remember what you talked to them about at
- 21 all?
- 22 A. No, I can't remember.
- 23 O. You go on to --
- "I don't recall any other inspections in the home",
- you say. "However, I remember on one occasion coming

- down the steps into the dining room and the tables were
- 2 all set with new crockery."
- 3 So you thought there must have been somebody
- 4 visiting, as it was only used once.
- 5 A. Aye. It was all delft, you know. I couldn't believe
- 6 it, you know, but then the next day it was all gone. So
- 7 I'm thinking they must have had visitors or something
- 8 like that there, you know.
- 9 Q. Now you left Nazareth Lodge when you were aged about 11
- or 12 and you went back to live with your father.
- 11 A. Aye.
- 12 Q. You mention that in paragraph 24. Other boys left at
- 13 the same time. They went to Kircubbin, but you actually
- went home.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Your brother you say went to Kircubbin.
- 17 A. My brother went to Kircubbin.
- 18 Q. You describe your life after care in paragraphs 32 to
- 19 35. I am not going to go through that, but it is there
- in the statement, HIA422, about how your life was after
- that.
- 22 Paragraphs -- one of the things that you talk about
- is -- you know that we ask everybody about what the
- 24 recommendations to the Government should be from this
- Inquiry when it concludes its work, and you talk

a little bit about this in paragraphs 36 and 37. You

- say there, if we can just scroll up -- you say:
- 3 "I believe an apology should come from both the
- 4 religious orders and the State, who both played a part
- in the care I received both during my time in Nazareth
- 6 Lodge and when I went back to my father. There was no
- 7 support mechanism and nobody to look after me. I never
- 8 had any guidance and struggled with life as a result.
- I feel that a support service would allow me to speak
- 10 with others and get some assistance when I feel I need
- 11 it."
- Before asking you if that is what you feel, the kind
- of recommendations that the Inquiry should make, you are
- aware that the congregation in its response statement
- has offered you an unreserved and sincere apology for
- 16 any treatment you received by any Sister which fell
- below the acceptable standard.
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Now in light of the fact that you have now got that
- 20 personal apology, is there anything else that you want
- 21 to say about that, HIA422, or what your views are about
- 22 it?
- 23 A. No. I am just happy enough with the apology, you know.
- 24 Q. The support service that would allow you to speak with
- others and get some assistance, is that something you

- feel the Inquiry should recommend?
- 2 A. Aye, yes. Uh-huh.
- 3 Q. Well, HIA422, you will be glad to know that's all the
- 4 questions I have for you. Is there anything that you
- feel we haven't covered in your evidence about your time
- 6 in Nazareth Lodge or anything else that you want to say
- 7 to the Inquiry?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. This is your opportunity to do that.
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Well, thank you. I am going to hand you over to the
- 12 Panel. They may have some questions for you.
- 13 Questions from THE PANEL
- 14 CHAIRMAN: HIA422, can I just ask you to go back to this
- occasion you said you were put into the boiler room or
- the boiler to clean --
- 17 A. Yes. That was down at the school.
- 18 Q. I beg your pardon?
- 19 A. That was down at the school.
- 20 Q. At the school?
- 21 A. Aye.
- 22 Q. Now I wonder could you describe in a little bit more
- detail just exactly what happened. First of all, was
- 24 the cleaning that you did outside the boiler itself or
- were you in the boiler?

- 1 A. It was outside the boiler room.
- 2 O. In the boiler room?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Yes.
- 5 A. I remember them putting me -- I don't know if it was the
- 6 chimney or not, but I remember them putting me --
- 7 I thought it was a chimney like, you know, and they put
- 8 me in this hatch, and they told me to clean the -- clean
- 9 the inside of it, you know, and it was soot.
- 10 Q. You describe having some sort of wire brush.
- 11 A. Yes, something to clean it with, yes.
- 12 Q. But you remember being put through a hatch definitely --
- 13 A. Yes, a hatch, yes.
- 14 Q. -- into something smaller presumably?
- 15 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. Can you remember if it was a chimney or something like
- 17 that?
- 18 A. That's what --
- 19 Q. If you can't remember, just say so.
- 20 A. Well, I thought it was a chimney, you know, you know.
- 21 Q. And you --
- 22 A. It might have been -- it might have been a big boiler
- 23 itself or something like that there. It could have been
- a big boiler.
- 25 Q. But you don't --

- 1 A. It was -- it was -- I was put into this hatch and told
- to clean, clean all the soot.
- 3 Q. But you didn't have any sort of face mask I gather?
- 4 A. No, no, nothing.
- 5 Q. I see. Thank you very much.
- 6 MS DOHERTY: Thank you, HIA422. Can I just check: do you
- 7 think that the nuns were aware of the older boys
- 8 bullying the younger boys?
- 9 A. Altar boys? Older?
- 10 Q. The older boys. Do you think that the nuns knew?
- 11 A. Yes, I think they knew, aye, yes.
- 12 Q. Why do you think that? Why?
- 13 A. Well, sure when they come up, we were under the blankets
- and all like, you know. I am sure they did know it was
- going on like, you know.
- 16 Q. So when the older boys were making yous keep your heads
- under the blankets, the nuns might come into the dorms?
- 18 A. Oh, aye, yes. Uh-huh.
- 19 O. The nuns --
- 20 A. Or maybe while you were getting beat, you know. They
- would hear the nun and then --
- 22 Q. They would scamper.
- 23 A. They would have scampered. You'd be going in, you know.
- You would be crying and all and your face would be red
- and all. They were bound to know what was happening,

- you know. Sweating and all. Bound to know.
- 2 Q. Okay. Can I -- we heard from some other witnesses that
- if they went out to families and then came back with
- 4 money or toys or things, that was taken off them --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. -- but you were able to keep your money when you came
- 7 back from --
- 8 A. No, it was taken off me by a girl called -- that girl.
- 9 O. So --
- 10 A. Am I allowed to name her?
- 11 Q. So it wasn't that you -- because I thought you kept the
- money and gave her some money over to get her hair done.
- 13 A. Yes, aye. That's right, aye.
- 14 Q. But you were allowed to keep it. So you had it and then
- 15 --
- 16 A. Yes, I had it and I gave her money out of it. I don't
- 17 know how much it was like, you know.
- 18 Q. But when you came back from your holidays, you were
- 19 allowed to keep the money?
- 20 A. You were allowed to keep it, aye. Uh-huh.
- 21 Q. Okay. Thanks, HIA422.
- 22 MR LANE: You mentioned about the support that you would
- like when you were talking about recommendations. Any
- 24 particular form of that? Is it counselling, or is it
- 25 help with benefits, or education, or what sort of

- support are you talking about?
- 2 A. Getting?
- 3 Q. Uh-huh.
- 4 A. Well, you know, counselling. I was on a scheme there,
- you know. What was the name of it? It's a support
- 6 thing, you know, to help you get back to work and all
- 7 that there, you know.
- 8 Q. Right.
- 9 A. I was on that for twelve weeks, you know, but that's
- 10 finished, you know. "Condition management" or something
- 11 they called it.
- 12 Q. But you would appreciate some sort of system
- particularly for people who have been through children's
- homes and so on?
- 15 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA422, you will be pleased to hear that
- those are all the questions we want to ask you, but
- 19 thank you very much for coming to speak to us today.
- 20 A. That's dead on. Thank you.
- 21 (Witness withdrew)
- 22 MS SMITH: Chairman, I am not clear whether Mr Aiken is
- ready to deal with the next witness or not. So perhaps
- if we could rise --
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

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MS SMITH: -- and then as soon as we are ready we will come
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        back in.
              We will rise until we are ready to start, ladies
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    CHAIRMAN:
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        and gentlemen.
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     (11.30 am)
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                            (Short break)
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    (12.07 pm)
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                       WITNESS HIA104 (called)
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    CHAIRMAN:
                Yes.
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                Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY
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    MR AIKEN:
                Chairman, Members of the Panel, the next witness
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         today is HIA104, who is "HIA104". HIA104 gave evidence
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         on Day 64 of the Inquiry's public hearings relating to
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        Rubane on 4th November of 2014, and he was the last
        witness that day. So it is from page 93 on the
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         transcript onwards that records HIA104's evidence.
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             He took the oath on the last occasion and I have
        made him aware he remains under oath. He confirmed that
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        he was keeping his anonymity and that remains his
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        position today.
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             He is aware that I am going to give you some
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         references, Members of the Panel, to some key documents
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        before I ask him some questions and summarise what he
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        has to say about his time in Nazareth Lodge.
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             His own witness statement, which is appearing on the
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screen, runs from 492 and, HIA104, you can just confirm

that is the first page of your witness statement --

- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. -- that you can see? If we go to 499, we will have the
- last page, HIA104, and you can confirm that you have
- 6 signed it?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. You adopted it as your evidence on the last occasion and
- 9 you do the same on this occasion.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 O. The response from the Sisters of Nazareth can be found
- at SNB-1895 and 1896. I have made HIA104 aware that
- paragraph 8 of that statement contains an unreserved and
- sincere apology to you, HIA104, for any occasion
- whenever your treatment by the Sisters fell beneath
- an acceptable standard.
- 17 The statement from the Health & Social Care Board
- can be found at 5674 and 5675, and that confirms that as
- 19 far as the HSCB is concerned HIA104 was a private
- 20 placement during his time in Nazareth Lodge, that it was
- an arrangement that the Welfare Authority weren't
- involved in.
- 23 HIA104 made a statement to the police about his time
- in Nazareth Lodge on 25th November 2010 and that
- statement can be found at 31942 through to 31944.

That statement eventually formed part of matters 1 that were put to NL5, who is "NL5", during her police interview on 13th March of 2012, and that interview, 3 which -- at the moment the version the Inquiry has received is handwritten, but it runs from 60822 through to 60830, and in keeping with her draft statement to the Inquiry, her position is that she didn't hit any child at any stage during her working life in Nazareth Lodge. 8 The last core document is a medical report from 10 Dr Mangan that's available as part of HIA104's ongoing 11 civil claim from 30th October 2012. That runs from 12 70644 through to 70649. As with the witness earlier this morning, Chairman, 13 14 Members of the Panel, there is legal representation from both NL5 and NL4, who have given their appearances 15 16 previously. 17 HIA104, after all of that, you were born on 18 19 Yes. 20 -- and you are now aged 51. 21 Α. Yes. 22 You explained to the Panel during your evidence about 23 Rubane after you left Rubane you became a 24 a very good life --25 Yes. Α.

- 1 Q. -- and you worked in for many years --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. -- and returned home after you had a stroke.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. As I said to you, if at any stage you have any
- 6 difficulty of any kind, just let me know --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. -- and we will take whatever breaks are needed. You
- 9 explained on the last occasion as well you have one
- daughter,
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You are now a grandfather with three grandchildren --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. -- keeping you well occupied.
- 15 A. It is indeed.
- 16 Q. Your time in Nazareth Lodge began in the St. Joseph's
- 17 Baby Home --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- as -- you moved there from birth essentially. It is
- 20 not clear from the Nazareth Lodge admission record,
- which is at 4353, at what age you moved from
- St. Joseph's into the Lodge proper, but the general
- 23 pattern from others whose record does show that date
- seems to be around the age of 4 or 5 --
- 25 A. Right.

- 1 O. -- that children moved from the babies home into
- Nazareth Lodge, but you remained there in the Lodge
- 3 until 29th August 1974, aged 11 --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- when you moved to Rubane as part of the annual
- 6 transfer of Nazareth Lodge boys to Kircubbin, and the
- 7 admission record for that is at 4351.
- 8 You explain in your witness statement, if we go back
- 9 to the first page at 493, that you eventually move into
- the dormitory or a group that's operated by SR34 and
- 11 NL5.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. I was asking you -- you yourself don't remember the name
- of that group, but it may well have been others are
- correct: the St. Joseph's group.
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. The reference for that, Members of the Panel, is at
- 18 60823.
- 19 Now SR34 -- if we just scroll down to paragraph 3 --
- who is "SR34" -- you describe one particular incident.
- 21 She was both principal of the primary school and she was
- in charge of your group. I was saying to you there is
- other material the Inquiry has to suggest that she was
- 24 -- although there were four nuns in charge of four
- 25 groups, of which SR34 was one in charge of your group --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. -- she was overall in charge of the children in Nazareth
- 3 Lodge. You have one particular incident that you
- describe where she gave you the role as being in charge
- of the tuck shop.
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Now just to bring some clarity to this, because the
- 8 Sisters said they were surprised someone of your age was
- given the role in the tuck shop, this was in the school
- 10 --
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. -- this took place.
- 13 A. That's right, yes.
- 14 Q. It was in the cloakrooms you think.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Perhaps other schools can guess what you are describing.
- 17 There's a desk put out. You sit behind the desk with
- the cloakroom behind you and sell your wares, as it
- were, to the other children --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 O. -- who are there.
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. That was a role you were given by SR34.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. I was asking you do you remember why she gave you that

- role and you said to me you thought you were one of her
- 2 favourites.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You did get on very well with her.
- 5 A. I did, yes.
- 6 Q. I am going to come to some further examples of that
- shortly, but what you are describing in paragraph 3, if
- I can summarise it in this way, an occasion when she
- 9 lost it with you because it had come to her attention --
- 10 whether someone had told on you or however it had come
- about -- that you had stolen from the tuck shop that you
- were in charge of.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. You are smiling. I know that you feel the shame of
- that, as it were, because that then brought you into
- 16 conflict with SR34.
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. She asked to you admit to having done it and you
- 19 wouldn't admit to having done it, and she then got you
- 20 to empty your pockets to demonstrate the fact that you
- 21 had done it --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- and then, in summary form, she lost it with you.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. She gave you a really bad beating that day, as you

- describe it. She was hitting and kicking at you.
- 2 A. Yes, yes.
- 3 Q. You ended up crawling under the table --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- and she was grabbing at you. You say you felt really
- 6 bad about the incident. I take it what you mean by that
- is your own stealing it brought it about --
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. -- but the actual beating obviously was something that
- 10 got out of hand.
- 11 A. Yes, yes, definitely over the top.
- 12 Q. It wasn't the type of thing that you had experienced
- 13 from SR34 --
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. -- before or had seen her do to other children.
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. The congregation in paragraph 3 of their statement at
- 18 1895 apologise for any excessive punishment from SR34
- and they, as I said to you, doubted you had been put in
- 20 charge of the tuck shop, and you have explained how that
- 21 came about --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- in the school, but you say in your police statement,
- 24 if we can just look at 31943 -- this is in 2010 -- just
- 25 at the top of the page:

- 1 "This is the only bad thing I remember SR34 doing,
- because overall I adored her, but I think on this
- occasion she was in a blind rage because of what I had
- 4 done."
- 5 What -- what was it about her that you adored?
- 6 A. She just was very nice to me. That incident is the only
- 7 incident that ever happened with her and the rest was
- 8 just very caring.
- 9 Q. You put that down to the breach of trust, that that just
- sent her over the edge?
- 11 A. Yes, yes.
- 12 Q. You said to me earlier she seemed to take you under --
- 13 A. Her wing.
- 14 Q. -- her wing.
- 15 A. Yes, she did, yes.
- 16 Q. But your experience of her with this particular singular
- incident was not the same as your experience with NL5.
- 18 A. No, no.
- 19 Q. NL5 is "NL5", and it seems, subject to receipt of her
- 20 signed statement, that she worked in the home between
- 21 1956, when she was in her 30s, and -- perhaps in her
- 22 20s -- 20s through to 1999. So she worked for a very
- long time in the home. The reference for that, Members
- of the Panel, can be found at 60823. It seems she would
- 25 have been in her 40s approximately during the time that

- 1 you are in the home.
- I think am I right in saying she was a $\,$,
- 3 but obviously she would have been bigger than you --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- at the time you are describing.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. You relate, if we go back, please, to 493, a particular
- 8 incident at paragraph 4 of your statement, where you
- 9 say:
- "On another occasion I was supposed to be an altar
- boy when someone was visiting the home, but I stayed
- outside and played football."
- 13 You said to me earlier you lived for football. That
- was your --
- 15 A. That was me.
- 16 Q. That was your thing?
- 17 A. I was the next big thing.
- 18 Q. When you eventually came in, she, NL5, took you into
- a small room and gave you a serious beating, which you
- remember to this day.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. "She had slapped me before this incident, but never with
- 23 the same severity. She beat me with her hands and
- 24 kicked me with her feet. I was about 8 or 9 years old
- 25 at the time. I am still not great with authority even

now."

- 2 So this had a different effect on you than SR34's --
- 3 A. Oh, very much so.
- 4 Q. -- over the top where you brought it about, if you like.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. This was you --
- 7 A. Just stopped going to mass.
- 8 Q. As I said to you, we have just received a draft
- 9 statement from NL5. I was discussing that with you this
- 10 morning, and she said she does not recall you being
- an altar boy, and anyway mass was in the morning.
- I appreciate, HIA104, if I begin -- I know a lot of
- this upset you as we were going through it. I want to
- give you just the opportunity to respond to some of the
- things that are said. It is not designed to upset you.
- 16 So bear with me as we do that.
- 17 You -- she says:
- 18 "Mass was in the morning and there wouldn't have
- been football played in the morning. The children were
- just getting up."
- 21 So the suggestion being made there is that this type
- of incident where you were out playing football and
- therefore hadn't performed as an altar boy wouldn't
- really have arisen.
- 25 A. But this was -- as I say to you, was like a special

- person that came, maybe a big bishop or something. I am
- not sure. That's why it was an afternoon mass.
- 3 Q. Yes. So it wasn't -- this wasn't something that
- 4 happened in the morning.
- 5 A. No, this wasn't the normal thing. This was a one-off
- 6 big, big boy.
- 7 Q. Well, she doesn't recall you being an altar boy.
- 8 A. That's ...
- 9 Q. You -- you are smiling. You don't accept that.
- 10 A. I was one of the top altar boys.
- 11 Q. That's one of the duties that you performed.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. In any event she said, as I indicated to you earlier,
- both in her police interview, which we will come to look
- at, and to the Inquiry in a draft statement that she
- never hit any child at any stage. She loved the
- 17 children in her care and never -- never hit them in any
- 18 form. You obviously --
- 19 A. Total lies.
- 20 Q. You don't accept that?
- 21 A. No, I do not. No way.
- 22 Q. In paragraph 5 of your statement -- I am just going to
- 23 deal with this now, HIA104 -- you relate a particular
- 24 incident where you had taken the rubber ends that were
- 25 used to keep chairs from scraping the floor and you were

- 1 kicking them about.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. This was in the old school dining room, which was on the
- 4 ground floor. Is that right?
- 5 A. The ground floor, yes.
- 6 Q. You were making noise, and one or other of SR34 or NL5
- 7 grabbed you and took you to the bedroom and you got
- 8 beaten.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. You say you considered that it was a bit excessive. You
- 11 can't -- you can understand why I might suggest it
- wouldn't have been SR34, because you have said to the
- police that there was only this one occasion with SR34
- 14 --
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. -- but you genuinely can't remember which of them it was
- 17 --
- 18 A. No.
- 19 O. -- but one of them --
- 20 A. I would love to be able to know exactly which. There's
- 21 no point in saying one when it mightn't be, but I know
- it was either one or the other.
- 23 O. One or other of them --
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. -- punished you for --

- A. Kicking the rubber things.
- 2 Q. -- kicking the rubber things off the feet.
- 3 As to that, NL5 says to the Inquiry that she says it
- wasn't her and she never saw SR34 excessively beat any
- 5 child and she didn't think you had rubber ends on the
- 6 chairs. You say well, there were.
- 7 A. Oh, there was, yes. You know, it stops the chair from
- 8 sliding. Them -- it's like -- see the rubber thing
- 9 there (pointing to end of walking stick)?
- 10 Q. That type of --
- 11 A. Just that type of thing was on them --
- 12 Q. And you were able --
- 13 A. -- and then you were able to pull them off the bottom
- and then just kick them all over the place, because you
- 15 hadn't got a ball.
- 16 Q. She does say:
- "I was strict and wouldn't have allowed football to
- be played indoors."
- 19 A. We weren't playing football. We were just playing with
- that wee rubber thing.
- 21 Q. You then say in paragraph 6, if we scroll down, please,
- 22 and this is -- you are describing matters to do with
- 23 NL5.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Having re-read paragraph 6, you think that this

- 1 paragraph doesn't accurately describe what you were
- 2 communicating --
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. -- to the Inquiry, because two events seem to be put
- 5 together.
- 6 A. It seems to be, yes, spliced together.
- 7 Q. What I want to deal with, first of all, is you describe
- 8 NL5's approach to the bed making --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. -- and the sheets. Do you want to just describe in your
- own words to the Panel what she was like in terms of
- making the beds?
- 13 A. Well, when you made the bed, you had to tuck them in at
- the bottom, get your corners, take your corners up.
- 15 That gets you an angle, and then fold everything in. If
- you didn't do that right, slap. So that was every
- morning until you got it perfectly that you could do it
- 18 yourself.
- 19 Q. You described, when I was putting to you that she says
- 20 that's not what happened, that even today you could
- 21 execute the --
- 22 A. I could, yes.
- 23 O. -- the making of the bed in the same fashion.
- 24 A. It's still there. Yes.
- 25 Q. Triangles were created --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. -- and it had to be done in a very particular way.
- 3 A. And when you tucked it in, you had to tuck the whole way
- 4 in.
- 5 Q. I said to you that what you had to say was put -- you
- 6 made that point to the police in 2010 about being hit
- 7 for the manner in which the beds were being made.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. That was put to her during the interview of her on
- 10 13th March of 2012. If we look at 60822, please, and
- unfortunately this is in handwriting. So we will do
- 12 the -- that's the beginning of the interview. If we can
- move through, please, to 60827, we will see at the very
- 14 bottom of the page NL5 is asked:
- "Q. Did you hit him for not making the beds" -- if
- we just scroll down -- "beds properly?"
- 17 She said:
- "I never hit my little ones made the beds because
- 19 I was so perfect I did them myself. In that group in
- 20 particular there was only about 7 boys."
- I think certainly by the end of your time that was
- 22 right.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. There were a small number in the group.
- 25 A. There was, yes.

- 1 Q. "Not all -- not at all. I never hit a child. They
- wouldn't make the beds the way I wanted."
- 3 So she is essentially saying you wouldn't have been
- able to do it like her. She liked things perfect and
- 5 she would have made the beds.
- 6 A. If it is drummed into you and beat into you over the
- 7 years, you soon pick it up.
- 8 Q. What she said to the Inquiry in draft form is that:
- 9 "My group had no chores, as I was fussy about the
- 10 beds being made properly and preferred to make them
- 11 myself."
- 12 She goes on to say:
- "I have read NL4's group cleaned floors, but my
- 14 group did not."
- When I suggested to you you didn't have floor
- cleaning to do in NL5's group, you don't accept that.
- 17 A. No, definitely not.
- 18 Q. Do you want to just describe how you had to clean the
- 19 floors?
- 20 A. Yes. When we -- when I first went in there, her group
- was actually at the very top of the house, and there was
- 22 big wooden floors, and first the old -- what do you call
- it -- the bumper -- what do you call it -- the shiner
- thing, you know, the one you hold?
- 25 Q. Was it by that stage an electric machine --

- 1 A. Yes, yes.
- 2 Q. -- or a wooden machine?
- 3 A. No, an electric machine at this stage. Then once that
- 4 done its work then we went to work on it with dusters on
- 5 our feet.
- 6 Q. Was this -- you had your shoes on.
- 7 A. No, no, no. Just over your slippers. It was over your
- 8 slippers.
- 9 Q. Was the cloth on the ground?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Then you pushed it with your foot. Is that how it was
- 12 --
- 13 A. Yes, and you kind of tucked it into your slippers.
- 14 Q. This was something your group did have to do.
- 15 A. Yes, we definitely done that.
- 16 Q. Was that overseen by NL5?
- 17 A. Yes, very much so.
- 18 Q. What she is saying to the Inquiry that's not a task that
- those she looked after had to do.
- 20 A. Lies.
- 21 Q. If we go back to what she says in her police statement
- is that she can say with a clear conscience that she
- 23 never assaulted any children during her time in Nazareth
- Lodge.
- 25 A. I thought she was the worst.

- 1 Q. Your experience of her --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. -- was different from that.
- 4 A. Yes. She was -- yes, very much so.
- 5 Q. She says to the police then in that interview that she
- loved the children and she said, if we look, please, at
- 7 60825, just at the bottom of the page -- scroll down to
- 8 the bottom, please. She was asked:
- 9 "Q. How were the children disciplined?
- 10 A. They may have been deprived of pocket money, but
- I never saw a child being hit by a nun or a member of
- 12 staff. I never heard a child complaining either. They
- were good children in those days. They seemed to come
- 14 from good backgrounds. Manys a time I was told I should
- be proud of them."
- 16 That doesn't reflect your memory of what took place.
- 17 A. No, it does not, no. Is this the right statement?
- 18 Q. This is the police interview in 2012 in response to your
- 19 statement --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- and a series of other individuals that made
- 22 allegations that were being looked at. If we just move
- through, please, to 60828, we have looked at the making
- the beds, but we can just see then she is asked:
- 25 "Q. Did you punch and kick HIA104 for not going to

- 1 mass?"
- 2 So that's the altar boy issue.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. "A. Not at all. I don't ever remember him serving
- 5 mass. I wouldn't do that.
- 6 Q. You wouldn't do that."
- 7 Then she is asked about waking the boys to go to the
- 8 toilet. This is something you discuss in your Inquiry
- 9 statement, that she would get the boys up --
- 10 A. Yes, get us all up.
- 11 Q. -- take them to the toilet and try to get them to go to
- the toilet before getting back into bed.
- 13 A. Correct, yes.
- 14 Q. The point that you make isn't a complaint about being
- got up. It is that you would have got a clip round the
- ear if you couldn't go.
- 17 A. Yes, and then like on a winter's night you were just
- standing outside, the row of yous, just absolutely
- 19 freezing, just a vest and underpants on, and when you
- get cold, you know, sometimes it is hard to go to the
- 21 toilet.
- 22 Q. What she is saying here is, "If I had had a problem,
- 23 I would have -- if the boy had a problem, I would have
- 24 lifted him and taken him to the toilet. I would never
- 25 have let them lie on a wet mattress or sheet".

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1 You are not suggesting she ever did that. The point
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- you are complaining about is when you couldn't go as
- 3 part of that line-up --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- then you got a clip for not going.
- 6 A. Yes --
- 7 O. And --
- 8 A. -- and the actual like making you stand in a line. If
- 9 she was that good, she would have taken one by one.
- 10 O. You can see there:
- "Q. Did you slap them if they couldn't go?
- 12 A. Not at all. That's ridiculous."
- 13 Then she is asked about a particular incident you
- describe in your Inquiry statement about putting -- to
- protect the pillow from drooling putting a cloth --
- 16 A. Yes, a towel.
- 17 Q. -- over the pillow.
- 18 A. A towel.
- 19 Q. A towel.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 O. She is asked:
- 22 "Q. If you checked the pillow and it was wet, did
- you hit them on the head?
- 24 A. Not at all. I threw the pillow out. I remember
- one child dribbled and I put a wet cloth on the pillow

- and took it off in the morning and washed it. I don't
- 2 remember if it was him."
- NL5 has said to the Inquiry that she thinks this was
- 4 you.
- "I did put a cloth on his pillow at night as he
- 6 drooled or dribbled a lot in his sleep. He seemed to
- 7 have a lot of phlegm and to make it more pleasant for
- him I put a dry cloth on his pillow. He is the only boy
- 9 who had this problem and so the only one I treated this
- 10 way. It wasn't intended as a punishment but the
- opposite."
- 12 A. All the boys.
- 13 Q. So this just didn't happen to you?
- 14 A. It didn't just happen to me. It happened to all of us.
- 15 Q. You think it was more to protect the pillow?
- 16 A. Oh, aye, definitely. Definitely. Everything had to
- be -- as I said to you earlier, everything was white,
- pristine white. She had a fascination with this.
- 19 Q. This is where we then get to the point about NL4 and
- 20 NL5.
- 21 A. Right. Yes.
- 22 Q. You say in your Inquiry statement that she was -- they
- were sidekicks of each other.
- 24 A. Yes. What I can remember of them, yes, they were --
- 25 O. Close to each other in the home.

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- 1 A. -- yes, quite pally.
- 2 Q. The incident you describe in paragraph 6 of your
- 3 statement you don't think accurately reflects what you
- 4 are trying to say of them. The one occasion whenever
- 5 you had a problem with NL4 --
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. -- you were in the dormitory and she was hitting you.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Can you remember why she was hitting you?
- 10 A. No. Well, if it's in the dormitory, it must have been
- something to do with the beds or something, or ...
- 12 Q. You don't precisely remember why she was hitting you?
- 13 A. No, I don't, no.
- 14 Q. But what you do remember happening was NL5 coming and
- speaking to her.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Your recollection -- you associate it with NL4's -- it
- says "father" in the Inquiry statement, but you are
- 19 adamant it is the mother --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- her mother dying --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- and her then leaving in tears.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Now both NL5 and NL4 say something about that to the

- Inquiry, as I explained to you. NL4 says -- and this is
- in paragraph 39, Members of the Panel, at 80013 -- she
- 3 says:
- 4 "I worked with a different group from NL5. It would
- 5 be unusual for me to be working alongside or close to
- 6 her in the morning. I believe I was working in
- 7 Manchester between '71 and '73, but I accept I was
- 8 working in Nazareth Lodge when my mother died in '74.
- 9 HIA104's statement to the police about this incident
- describes it in a slightly different way. In his police
- account he alleged I was the person assaulting him in
- 12 the dormitory when NL5 came into the room and told me
- something which resulted in me leaving the room in
- 14 tears."
- That's more accurate.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What you said to the police is what you are meaning to
- 18 convey.
- 19 A. Yes, yes. They seem to -- this one seems to have put
- 20 the two of them together, two stories together.
- 21 Q. "He alleges he later found out that I had been told my
- 22 mother had died."
- She says she doesn't recall you, doesn't recall
- 24 hitting you, has a clear memory that it was SR34 who
- 25 told her that her mother had died. She died in

Her recollection is that it was on Tuesday of night and she was told the first thing the next morning Her brother: 3 by SR34. "... came up to Nazareth Lodge to tell me. As soon as I'd heard I went straight home with my brother. I can't think the nuns would have told NL5 first of all and then asked her to tell me. I therefore believe the allegation made a HIA104 couldn't be true." 8 9 NL5 then says to that that: 10 "HIA104 describes me as NL4's sidekick. I didn't work with NL4, was never in her presence if she 11 abused a child. This whole incident is a fabrication." 12 That might be more to do with the conflation that 13 14 has taken place between the two incidents that you're --15 Α. Yes. 16 -- clarifying, but she says: 17 "I don't recall NL4's father or mother dying, 18 although I do remember her brother died, and I most 19 certainly never informed her personally of a family 20 bereavement. This would absolutely have been done by 21 the nuns." 22 So, whatever the way of it, what you are describing 23 is one occasion when NL4 was hitting you in the 24 dormitory. 25 Yes. Α.

- 1 Q. Can you remember now what form that hitting took? If
- you can't, just say so.
- 3 A. No, I can't.
- 4 Q. You just have this memory --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. -- of that taking place --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- and you have NL5 coming in, and whatever was said --
- 9 A. Her running out.
- 10~ Q. -- she leaves, and that's -- you associate that with the
- 11 time whenever you became aware that her mother had died.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. But whether that was NL5 telling her or whether it was
- 14 a few days later you don't -- you can't be clear about
- 15 that.
- 16 A. Obviously not 100%, but (inaudible).
- 17 Q. But certainly as far as -- as far as paragraph 6 is
- 18 concerned, the incident with the sheet and the incident
- 19 with NL4 -- the sheet --
- 20 A. Two very different things.
- 21 O. -- and NL4 --
- 22 A. Yes, yes.
- 23 Q. -- those two don't fit together like that.
- 24 A. No, no.
- 25 Q. You will see the interview says:

- 1 "Q. Do you recall slapping HIA104 on the head after
- 2 he had taken the rubber feet off the table in the move
- 3 downstairs?
- 4 "A. No, never, never, never. There was no rubber
- 5 feet on the table. I loved these children. He was
- 6 about 9. The others were younger."
- 7 So she is saying it was -- it wasn't her she is
- 8 saying over the feet issue, and you don't remember which
- 9 of her or SR34 it was.
- 10 A. Yes, but she is saying there was no rubber things on
- 11 there at all.
- 12 Q. Yes, that's what she is saying, that there wasn't.
- 13 A. Blatant lie.
- 14 Q. She was asked in the interview, 60830 -- if we move,
- please, through to 60830, she was asked about the care
- in Nazareth and she said:
- "It was first class. The Sisters treated us like
- themselves and they were good to the children and the
- children were happy."
- 20 Am I right in saying, HIA104, you had positive
- 21 experiences and what you are recollecting are very
- 22 particular incidents when things got way out of hand?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. But your experience with NL5 was not ever a positive
- 25 one?

- 1 A. Never, no. Just too strict. Very, very strict. She
- was very, very strict.
- 3 Q. She was very strict?
- 4 A. Very.
- 5 Q. Just so I give the correct references to the Panel, in
- 6 October 2012 -- you had already made your police
- 7 statement in 2010 -- NL4 is interviewed by the police
- 8 and she is asked about you as well as asking her about
- 9 a number of others, and she says much the same thing to
- the police. That can be found at 60960 through to
- 11 60962. She has no recollection of hitting you and no
- recollection of it being in connection with her mother
- dying. She did accept, as I indicated to the Inquiry
- earlier when another witness was giving evidence, that
- she had hit children smacks to the hands or the legs and
- 16 potentially used a ruler, but she had no recollection of
- involving you in that.
- When you spoke to Dr Mangan in 2012, HIA104 -- I am
- not going to bring this up; I am just going to give the
- 20 panel the reference at 70645, which is halfway down the
- 21 page --you make the point that you were relating some of
- 22 the specific incidents that you recalled happening to
- 23 you, but that most of the time you were not mistreated
- 24 and you were more relating isolated incidents --
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. -- where you were badly treated.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Is that a fair description of your time in Nazareth
- 4 Lodge, that there were some very bad incidents you
- 5 remember --
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. -- but that the rest of the time was not like that?
- 8 A. No, not -- round NL5 basically you were walking on
- 9 eggshells. That's how bad it was.
- 10 Q. But beyond her --
- 11 A. No. Beyond her --
- 12 Q. -- it was more positive?
- 13 A. Yes, definitely.
- 14 Q. In fairness to you, on that same page, which I am not
- going to bring up, 70645, you mention that visits from
- 16 your mother were being used as a blackmail --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- to keep you in line.
- 19 A. That's right, yes.
- 20 Q. Now that is -- you deal with this in your Inquiry
- statement in paragraph 12. If we can just go back to
- that at 495, please, you say that in Nazareth Lodge your
- mother would have visited, HIA104, about once a month.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. You were saying to me earlier that was something from

- 1 you got up that morning you were very much looking
- 2 forward to.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You would usually just sit and talk in the staff room.
- 5 A couple of times you went out to the park. You recount
- 6 how NL5 would sometimes threaten you if you didn't do
- 7 something she asked, she would ring your mother and not
- let her come to visit you.
- 9 A. Yes. She would threaten you with them words. She
- wouldn't actually do it.
- 11 Q. To your knowledge it never happened --
- 12 A. No, no.
- 13 Q. -- but you have this memory of her doing that.
- 14 A. Yes, saying them things, yes.
- 15 Q. She said to the Inquiry -- she denies that she ever said
- that to you. She doesn't, she says, even remember you
- having a mother visit you. That's her memory. Your
- 18 memory is that your mum did visit you --
- 19 A. She did.
- 20 Q. -- and that this was used to try and --
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. -- get you to stay in line. Now in paragraphs -- if we
- just scroll up -- 7, 8 and 9 of your statement on 494
- 24 you describe -- I am just going to bring this together
- in a summary form, HIA104 -- a strict regime.

- 1 A. Very, yes.
- 2 Q. I was asking you do you think that SR34, who was
- 3 ultimately in charge of your group, knew of the type of
- behaviour that you are describing of NL5 and you are
- saying it is possible she wouldn't have known
- 6 necessarily.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. You used the word "sleeked". She wasn't -- SR34 wasn't
- 9 there all the time NL5 was there.
- 10 A. No. NL5, yes, definitely she was there most of the time
- 11 that I can remember.
- 12 Q. Well, do you think SR34 would have known what NL5 was
- doing?
- 14 A. I don't think so, because everybody was that feared of
- NL5 that they wouldn't even have said anything to SR34.
- 16 So it wouldn't have come from any of us. She would
- 17 probably have had to see it herself, which -- I don't
- 18 think she ever witnessed it.
- 19 Q. Well, you describe in these paragraphs how you felt your
- group was put earlier to bed.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. That you were got up, as you were describing, to make
- 23 sure everybody went to the toilet in this line-up that
- occurred in the cold, and up early to polish the floors
- with cloths on your feet, although your recollection is

- it wasn't necessarily every day you were made to polish
- the floor with your --
- 3 A. No, no.
- 4 Q. -- using your feet. You give another example in
- 5 paragraph 8 of your underwear being checked --
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. -- to make sure there were no marks on them. This was
- 8 while you were -- while they were still on you.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. In your 2010 police statement you describe NL5 as having
- 11 this military approach and that's what it felt like for
- 12 you --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. -- in terms of the strict regime in that particular
- group. You make that point at 31942 in your police
- statement.
- Now NL5 has said to the Inquiry in this draft form
- that it was -- that she didn't check children's
- 19 underwear when they were wearing them. That's not
- 20 something she did she said. So your recollection of
- 21 that is different.
- 22 A. Oh, yes, she did.
- 23 O. She says that she didn't. She says:
- 24 "All of the children went to bed at similar times
- and my group wasn't any different. We'd an early start.

- Bedtime was at 6.00 or 7.00. I certainly didn't put
- children to bed early as a punishment."
- I don't think that's being alleged as anyone else.
- 4 I am not sure you are saying the bedtime was
- 5 a punishment as such. It was just --
- 6 A. No. That was just the norm for our group.
- 7 Q. It was the norm. Her group went to bed a bit earlier
- 8 than others.
- 9 A. Yes. It was even worse in the summer, you know, with
- long nights, and you were in bed at 6.00 or 6.30, and
- all the other boys were out playing.
- 12 Q. Well, as to that, she says that in the summer everyone
- 13 went to Ballyhornan --
- 14 A. We didn't go there the whole time.
- 15 Q. -- and either you are mistaken about that or making it
- up. She says:
- "It was nearly 9 o'clock or later when the children
- went to bed on the holidays at Ballyhornan."
- 19 So are you talking about longer nights not at
- 20 Ballyhornan there?
- 21 A. No, no. Ballyhornan was -- yes, it was the same.
- 22 Ballyhornan was totally different.
- 23 Q. It was a different set-up --
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. -- where you went to bed later --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. -- and everybody was going to bed about the same time?
- 3 A. Yes, yes.
- 4 Q. So what you are talking about --
- 5 A. Was in the actual home.
- 6 O. -- was in the home.
- 7 A. Yes. All probably to do with school and all that, so it
- 8 was.
- 9 Q. Whether it is summer per se -- I am not sure how we will
- 10 ever put a date on that -- but it was when longer nights
- 11 were in --
- 12 A. Longer -- yes, definitely.
- 13 Q. -- others were still playing --
- 14 A. Out playing. You could hear them, you know.
- 15 Q. -- and you were not.
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Really that summarises for you, HIA104, your focus in
- Nazareth Lodge and the difficulties you had was over NL5
- and her approach.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. There's two questions, HIA104, we tend to ask everybody
- 22 at the end of their evidence. The first one is about
- 23 recommendations that the Panel has to consider making to
- 24 the Northern Ireland Executive at the end of its work.
- That's to do with an apology, some form of memorial,

- 1 maybe some other form of redress. On the last occasion
- when I asked you about this, you felt just leave it to
- 3 the -- leave it to the Panel.
- 4 A. Yes. Same again.
- 5 Q. You had said what you had to say.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. There is nothing else you want to say about the
- 8 recommendations?
- 9 A. No, no, no. Same answer again.
- $10\,$ Q. The last question we ask everybody is whether there's
- anything else that they want to say about their time in
- Nazareth Lodge. Obviously I have explained to you today
- that NL5, NL4 don't accept they mistreated you. Your
- view of that is different. You have explained that to
- 15 the Panel.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Is there anything else about your time in Nazareth Lodge
- or about any of those incidents we have been talking
- about that maybe I haven't covered?
- 20 A. No, they have all been well covered, and it just seems
- to be a case of her word against my word.
- 22 Q. Is there anything else you want to say to the Inquiry?
- I appreciate it is the second time you have come to talk
- about your experiences.
- 25 A. No, no, no. It is all -- the same again. It is all

- there. It is all there in black and white.
- 2 Q. You are happy we have clarified --
- 3 A. Yes, yes, very much so.
- 4 Q. -- the paragraph 6 incidents so that they are not put
- 5 together in the way they are?
- 6 A. Yes, yes, because even I was a bit confused when I read
- it. So, no, that has been well explained.
- 8 Q. All right. HIA104, I am not going to ask you anything
- 9 else. If you bear with us for a short while, the Panel
- 10 Members may want to ask you something.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Questions from THE PANEL
- 13 CHAIRMAN: There is just one thing I want to ask you,
- 14 HIA104. You have told us about your mother paying
- visits to you and so on.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Later on in your statement when you were talking about
- 18 your time in Rubane, you did mention that in Nazareth
- 19 Lodge there was a family in that you would
- 20 go out to at weekends --
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. -- who you became very close to --
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. -- and visited regularly after you left Nazareth Lodge
- and Rubane. Isn't that right?

A. Yes.

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- Q. Yes. Thank you very much.
- Well, HIA104, you will be relieved to hear that that
- question was the last question we are going to ask you.
- 5 Thank you very much for agreeing to come back and speak
- to us a second time. We try to avoid that where we can,
- 7 but it is difficult to separate what people say about
- 8 different places.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. So this is why we are doing it. Thank you very much for
- taking the trouble to come to speak to us again today.
- 12 A. Yes. No problem. Thanks very much.
- 13 (Witness withdrew)
- 14 CHAIRMAN: Well, ladies and gentlemen, we were going to have
- another witness today, but unfortunately he is unable to
- 16 attend for good reasons, and arrangements will be made
- 17 to fit him in later during the timetable.
- 18 As already indicated to you, we will not be sitting
- 19 tomorrow. One of the Panel has a relative who died over
- 20 Christmas and unfortunately in England, unlike here, it
- 21 takes much longer to arrange the funeral, but we will
- resume on Wednesday.
- 23 The witnesses who were to be called tomorrow we have
- 24 been able to rearrange and we will sit for the purpose
- of hearing them on Wednesday, 21st January to ensure

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         that they don't have to wait too long before they can
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         give their evidence.
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              So we will sit again this coming Wednesday at the
         usual time.
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