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HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

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being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Wednesday, 14th January 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 86)

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

1 Wednesday, 14th January 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (12.10 pm)

5 WITNESS HIA214 (called)

6 CHAIRMAN: Well, ladies and gentlemen, I am sorry we are so  
7 late starting this morning, but we have had a number of  
8 problems with availability of witnesses, which I don't  
9 need to go into. We are now ready to start.

10 MS SMITH: Yes, we are, Chairman. The first witness this  
11 morning is "HIA214". He is to be known as HIA214.  
12 HIA214 wishes to take a religious oath and he also  
13 wishes to maintain his anonymity.

14 WITNESS HIA214 (sworn)

15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA214. Please sit down.

16 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

17 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, HIA214's statement is to  
18 be found at SNB-308 to 313.

19 The congregation's response is at SNB-1943 to 1944.

20 The Health & Social Care Board have given a response  
21 statement at 5710 to 5711, and in that statement they  
22 say that even though HIA214 says that he was put into  
23 care by the Welfare Authority, they have been unable to  
24 find any records in relation to him. I am sure Ms Smyth  
25 and the Health & Social Care Board will double check

1 that is the position, but it may be that these were  
2 records that have subsequently been destroyed, but  
3 certainly the Inquiry has none.

4 HIA214, your personal details are set out here in  
5 your statement, but can I ask you, first of all, to  
6 go -- if we could go to the last page of the statement,  
7 please, which is 313, you see that your name is -- has  
8 been blocked out there with the letters "HIA" and the  
9 numbers "214".

10 Can I just ask you to confirm, HIA214, that this is  
11 the witness statement that you have provided to the  
12 Inquiry, that you signed it on 12th August 2014, and you  
13 want that to be taken into consideration together with  
14 anything else you say today as your evidence?

15 **A. That's correct. It is mine. It is my signature.**

16 Q. Thank you. Now going back to the first page, as I said,  
17 your personal details are set out in the first  
18 paragraph there. You are now 53 years of age. Isn't  
19 that correct?

20 **A. Yes, it is.**

21 Q. The records that we have been given by the congregation  
22 indicate that you were in Nazareth Lodge from March 1963  
23 until February 1964, so from when you were a very young  
24 child up until the age of almost 4. You believe you  
25 were in the home longer than that and your memory is

1 certainly of being there longer than that.

2 **A. That's right, yes. I believe I was in the home until**  
3 **maybe I was at least 7, 6 or 7.**

4 Q. You do remember being fostered out and going back and  
5 forward to the home.

6 **A. Yes. Uh-huh. I do.**

7 Q. In paragraph 2 there you also say that -- sorry. You  
8 were separated from your brother who was in the home at  
9 that time. You only found out that he was there when  
10 one of the nuns mentioned in passing about you having  
11 a brother.

12 **A. That's right, yes. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Now we know that you had older brothers and I know you  
14 were talking to me today that two of them and you have  
15 recorded that two of those elders brothers went to De La  
16 Salle home in Kircubbin after they had been in Nazareth  
17 Lodge, but you don't remember ever seeing them in the  
18 home.

19 **A. No, no, I didn't, no.**

20 Q. What the congregation has said in relation to this issue  
21 of separating you and your brother, that they certainly  
22 tried to maintain sibling relationships, and that boys  
23 would have played in the Lodge play area and the field  
24 behind Nazareth Lodge and weren't separated during play  
25 time. Do you ever remember seeing your brother, whom

1       you name here in paragraph 2?

2   **A. No, I never did see him in the home at all.**

3   Q. In paragraph 3 you talk about your memories of -- you  
4       were in -- you remember large dormitories and you  
5       remember you were in the junior section, but you don't  
6       know who was looking after you there.

7                You go on then in paragraph 4 to describe how, when  
8       you were in bed at night, after the lights were out,  
9       older boys from a different dormitory would get into  
10      your bed and abuse you. You don't know who they were.  
11      One boy made you masturbate him. On two or three  
12      occasions you were actually buggered by him. You were  
13      about 5 or 6 years old when this type of abuse started.  
14      You say the same sort of thing happened to other  
15      residents and you just hoped every night that it wasn't  
16      going to be your turn. You knew it wasn't right or  
17      normal, and you were frightened to go to the toilet at  
18      night-time, as you didn't want to bring attention to  
19      yourself, and as a result of that you often wet the bed.  
20      You say:

21                "The older boys inspected the beds every morning.  
22      If I had wet the bed, I was punished by being made to  
23      stand in the corner of a classroom in front of everyone.  
24      I was aware that there were other boys being made to  
25      stand in other corners. It was a daily occurrence that

1 boys were made to stand in the corner of the  
2 classroom facing the wall in front of the whole class  
3 and that was humiliating."

4 You went to school in Nazareth Lodge.

5 "I do not know who taught me at the Lodge",  
6 and the only memories you have of the school are of  
7 standing in the corner.

8 Now, HIA214, we were talking a short while ago and  
9 you have indicated that as far as the nuns who looked  
10 after you you have no issue with regard to the care you  
11 were provided by them in the home, save for this  
12 particular aspect, where you were made to stand in the  
13 corner. You said that -- you told me that the nun who  
14 would have been teaching you in the class -- it was  
15 a nun who was teaching you in the classroom and she  
16 would have been aware of this treatment.

17 **A. That's correct, yes, uh-huh, but I had no other issues**  
18 **with the nuns whatsoever.**

19 Q. Now you went out to foster parents, and at paragraph 7  
20 here you say that you were fostered by a particular  
21 couple. Your foster father was and they  
22 decided to foster a child. They told you that they were  
23 actually brought into the dormitory where you were  
24 sitting on your beds -- on your beds and they picked  
25 you.

1 **A. That's correct, yes.**

2 Q. They had previously fostered some other children and  
3 they took you out for days at a time. That then  
4 progressed to a week-end and then to a full week one  
5 summer.

6 **A. That's right, yes.**

7 Q. You say that when one of the nuns told you about your  
8 brother, you then told your foster parents. They made  
9 enquiries about him and confirmed to you that you did  
10 have a brother in Nazareth Lodge, and they also then  
11 took him out when they took you out.

12 **A. That's correct, yes.**

13 Q. That was the first contact that you had with this  
14 brother --

15 **A. That's right.**

16 Q. -- was when you went out with him to the foster parents.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Paragraph 8 there and 9 you recall that you left at the  
19 age of 8 or 9 to go back to live with your father and  
20 you describe this in paragraph 9.

21 Paragraph 12 you talk about your father's death and  
22 how you then subsequently went to live with your foster  
23 parents. Although you describe them as having adopted  
24 you, your brother and sister, in fact, what you have  
25 told me this morning is it wasn't actually adoption; it

1 was long-term fostering.

2 **A. Long-term fostering. That's right.**

3 Q. In paragraph 10 you describe what contact you had over  
4 the years after you left with your mother.

5 Now in paragraphs 11 through to 16 you describe your  
6 life with your father and with your foster parents, and  
7 we have discussed this, and you know that we are not  
8 going to go into the details of that.

9 Then at paragraph 17 through to 20 you describe your  
10 life after care. Again it is quite clear the effect  
11 that all of your life experiences have had on your adult  
12 life, HIA214, and you can be assured that the Inquiry  
13 Panel have all of those details and have considered  
14 them.

15 Is there else that we haven't covered about your  
16 time in Nazareth Lodge that you want to say to the  
17 Inquiry? This is the opportunity for you to do that  
18 today.

19 **A. No, there's nothing else that I need to say. Anything  
20 that I was able to remember it's there. It's in black  
21 and white, and there's nothing else that I need or want  
22 to say about Nazareth Lodge.**

23 Q. One question that I had asked you and it was just about  
24 the age of these older boys that you were describing,  
25 and you said you were about 5 or 6 when this -- this



1 abuse started and you thought that they might have been  
2 in their early teens.

3 **A. That's correct, yes. I don't -- I don't think they were**  
4 **carers as such. I just -- I feel that they were older**  
5 **boys that came in from another dormitory, who were in**  
6 **charge of us at night-time, but I don't think it was**  
7 **grown men, you know; just other guys in their possibly**  
8 **early teens.**

9 Q. Well, one other thing that the congregation has said in  
10 its statement is that -- they have obviously said that  
11 they were shocked and horrified to hear about the sexual  
12 abuse that you suffered, and they said that they  
13 endeavoured to provide a safe and caring home for all  
14 children within their care, and are devastated that  
15 a child would be frightened to go to the toilet for fear  
16 of being sexually abused. They describe sexual abuse of  
17 children as an appalling crime.

18 They have also said that it is a matter of deep  
19 regret that any child under their care did not feel  
20 love, valued or cared for, and they expressed their hurt  
21 and sadness at the allegations that you have brought  
22 forward, and they offer you an unreserved and sincere  
23 apology for any treatment you received by any Sister  
24 which fell below the acceptable standard, but I know  
25 that you don't feel that they did treat you badly apart

1 from this nun in the classroom.

2 Is there anything that you want to say about that  
3 apology that you have received, HIA214, from them?

4 **A. Well, I accept the apology. I know there's a lot of**  
5 **water under the bridge since then up until now. There**  
6 **is nothing that can be done to change what happened in**  
7 **the past and, as I say, I fully accept their apology,**  
8 **and I am just happy to know that in this current time**  
9 **that these things don't now -- don't have the same**  
10 **chance to happen that they did back in the early '60s.**  
11 **There's nothing else that I can say --**

12 Q. HIA214 --

13 **A. -- or want to say.**

14 Q. Sorry, HIA214. The only other question I wanted to ask  
15 you is that you are aware this Inquiry has to make  
16 recommendations ultimately about what happened to those  
17 children in care who were abused and what -- are there  
18 any views? What would you like to say to the Inquiry  
19 about that?

20 **A. Further recommendations. I am not too sure what**  
21 **recommendations you can make. As I say, what has**  
22 **happened has happened, and I believe that the procedures**  
23 **are now in place where children are concerned that**  
24 **there's not the same opportunity for abuse that there**  
25 **was years ago, and that's the only recommendation that**

1 I can make or ask you to take into consideration is that  
2 whenever children are in care, that they are looked  
3 after properly by the appropriate people and cared for  
4 and loved. You know, I appreciate that wasn't the way  
5 things were years ago, but that's all I would like to  
6 see happen now.

7 Q. Thank you very much, HIA214. I have nothing further  
8 that I want to ask you about, but the Inquiry Panel may  
9 have some questions for you.

10 Questions from INQUIRY PANEL

11 CHAIRMAN: HIA214, thank you for coming to speak to us  
12 today.

13 Can I just ask you again about your memories of  
14 being in the Lodge and how long you were there? You  
15 said that you remember being taught in the school on  
16 site. Do you have a clear memory of that?

17 A. I just remember being taken to the classroom in the  
18 morning time with the rest of the guys that were in the  
19 dorm at the time and being there for a few years, but in  
20 and out, because I was fostered quite often on days and  
21 then -- which led on to maybe a week. I don't have much  
22 recollection of the education that I got other than --  
23 the only recollection that I have is whenever -- any  
24 time that I was in the classroom I had my head in the  
25 corner because of what happened the previous night.

1           Other than that there's not a great deal that I can  
2           remember about it.

3   Q.   I see. Thank you very much.

4   MR LANE: You mentioned that you were afraid to go to the  
5           toilet at night because of the boys who were around.  
6           Had bedwetting been a problem before that or do you link  
7           it solely with the fear that you had?

8   A.   I don't know. Before I went into Nazareth Lodge I don't  
9           have any recollection of bedwetting. All I can remember  
10          is that the bedwetting was that you were frightened to  
11          go to the toilet in case you brought yourself under  
12          attention by other older boys, but I don't recall having  
13          any problems before then, but I couldn't be 100% sure.

14   Q.   We have heard that the Sisters had cubicles to sleep in  
15          in the corner of the room. Would they have been in  
16          a position to see what the older boys were doing at all?

17   A.   I don't recall the Sisters being in the room, in the  
18          dorms. I only recall older guys being in the dorm, but  
19          I don't recall any Sisters being in the dorm other than  
20          the Sister would have been in the classroom the next  
21          morning and would have been aware of the punishment that  
22          I was being given, but I don't recall Sisters being in  
23          the dorms.

24   Q.   And the Sisters would have been told by the older boys?

25   A.   Yes, they were informed that -- yes, because our beds

1           **were inspected in the morning time.**

2    Q.   Thank you very much.

3    CHAIRMAN:   Well, HIA214, those are all the questions we want  
4           to ask you.   Thank you very much indeed for taking the  
5           time to come and speak to us today.   We are very  
6           grateful.   Thank you.

7    **A.   Thank you.**

8   **(Witness withdrew)**

9    MS SMITH:   Chairman, the next witness is to be taken by  
10           Mr Aiken, but if there's a short break, we can ascertain  
11           whether he's ready to proceed.

12   CHAIRMAN:   Yes.   Because of other constraints we will try  
13           and complete the next witness by sitting through the  
14           normal lunch break until the witness is finished.

15   MR MONTAGUE:   I am obliged.

16   CHAIRMAN:   We will rise for a few moments until we see where  
17           we are.

18   (12.30 pm)

19   (Lunch break)

20   (2.05 pm)

21   WITNESS HIA36 (called)

22   Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

23   MR AIKEN:   Chairman, Members of the Panel, good afternoon.

24           The next witness today is HIA36, who is "HIA36".   HIA36  
25           gave evidence on Day 63 of the Inquiry's public

1           hearings, which was 3rd November of 2014, in relation to  
2           his time spent in Rubane House in Kircubbin.

3           He took the oath on that occasion, Chairman, and  
4           I have explained to him that he remains under oath  
5           today. He confirmed on that occasion that he wished to  
6           keep his anonymity and that remains his position.

7           I should say before I draw attention to some of the  
8           core documents that there are appearances from two legal  
9           representatives, one in respect of "HIA147", who is  
10          HIA147, and it is Mr Coyle's first occasion down, so  
11          I invite him ...

12       MR COYLE: May it please you, sir and Members of the  
13          Tribunal, I appear instructed by Mr McAteer of McAteer &  
14          Company for HIA147.

15       CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

16       MR AIKEN: We have had the appearance from Miss Savage  
17          previously on behalf of "NL5", NL5. Miss Savage pointed  
18          out to me that she was also here this morning. So for  
19          the record that's --

20       CHAIRMAN: I had noticed that she was here. Thank you for  
21          putting it on record, Miss Savage.

22       MR AIKEN: As we know, HIA36, we will use names as we  
23          discuss --

24       **A. Okay.**

25       Q. -- your evidence today. Then, as you know, your names

1 and the names of others that were used in the chamber  
2 can't be used beyond the chamber --

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. -- arising from the Inquiry's restriction orders.

5 HIA36, you adopted your witness statement on the  
6 last occasion. I just want to get you to just check  
7 that it is the right one -- 425, please -- because we  
8 have renumbered the top corner, but it is the same  
9 statement. If I can just get you to confirm that you  
10 recognise that as being your statement.

11 **A. Yes, it is indeed.**

12 Q. If we go to the last page at 434, please, that's the  
13 last page of your statement. On the last occasion you  
14 confirmed that your signature is underneath that and you  
15 adopt that as your evidence.

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. That remains your position today.

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. In addition if I can give the Panel -- just bear with  
20 me, HIA36, for a short time -- some references, the  
21 response statement from the Sisters of Nazareth can be  
22 found at SNB-1890 to 1891, and I have made HIA36 aware  
23 that that contains a sincere and unreserved apology to  
24 HIA36 for any occasion whenever the care that he  
25 received fell beneath an acceptable standard. HIA36

1 will be pointing out to you that he had many good  
2 experiences there as well.

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. We will address that towards the end of his evidence.

5 Then the Health & Social Care Board have provided  
6 two response statements in this module. The first is at  
7 SNB-5574 to 5575. At the time that was provided it was  
8 confirming that to the best of the Health & Social Care  
9 Board's understanding HIA36 was a private placement at  
10 the time he was in Nazareth Lodge, and at a point in  
11 1972/'73, when you were leaving Rubane amongst a series  
12 of other boys, you became part of a number who were  
13 taken on Board by the Welfare Authority at the  
14 invitation of De La Salle.

15 Then a statement was provided recently -- it is 5th  
16 January or 8th January -- at 5714 to 5716. That  
17 statement has a significant amount of exhibits that run  
18 from 5717 to 5736. Those documents relate to the  
19 Belfast Welfare Authority's involvement with HIA36 after  
20 he had left Rubane and came within the care of the  
21 Belfast Welfare in terms of their aftercare engagement  
22 with him. In our discussion HIA36 remembered some of  
23 the individuals who interacted with him. Those are  
24 extensive notes that we are not going to go through  
25 today, but which HIA36 is aware of the general tenor of



1 in terms of finding accommodation and employment, and  
2 obviously if those records had been available at the  
3 time of the last module, then we would have been dealing  
4 with them in the last module. I am simply drawing  
5 attention to them today, that they exist and have been  
6 provided.

7 The Panel is aware there is an ongoing production of  
8 material from the Health & Social Care Board and we have  
9 sought an explanation as to how this material has come  
10 in the manner in which it has.

11 Having said all of that, HIA36, if I can just  
12 confirm with you you were born on --

13 **A. That's right.**

14 Q. -- and are now 58 years of age.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You went into St. Joseph's Babies' Home on the Nazareth  
17 complex on 27th August 1957, when you were aged  
18 approximately six months. You make the point, if we go  
19 back to the first page of your statement, please, on  
20 425, that you recall your mum putting you in. You  
21 believe she made payments towards your upkeep and she  
22 was someone who came to visit you.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. As I said to you, the Sisters of Nazareth could not find  
25 any record of that payment structure or arrangement

1 taking place, but, as I said to you this morning, we did  
2 find a record in amongst the De La Salle papers, but  
3 which goes back to your time in St. Joseph's, and it is  
4 a form the Inquiry may not have seen the type of before  
5 --

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- so I am just going to show it to you as I did this  
8 morning. That's at 30529. This is a form of  
9 application for admission to St. Joseph's Home,  
10 Ravenhill Road. It sets out your name and your personal  
11 details. Then about ten lines down we can see:

12 "Payment offered per child per week."

13 That seems to be 15 shillings.

14 CHAIRMAN: 75p in new money.

15 MR AIKEN: That seems to record and sit alongside your  
16 memory that you recall your mum paying over money --

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. -- towards your keep.

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. She was someone who then continued to visit you while  
21 you were in the home.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. If we just scroll down so the Panel Members can see the  
24 bottom of the form, it has then some medical information  
25 contained on it and then signed off by some form of

1 medical practitioner it seems, who would have examined  
2 you on entry.

3 CHAIRMAN: It looks like --

4 MR LANE: "McGuinness".

5 CHAIRMAN: It is difficult to make out, but it seems to be  
6 an address, dated 24th August 1947. Gives  
7 his medical qualification, then "BBCH". "J.G. Mc..."

8 MR AIKEN: I think it is a bad attempt at a 5 on the bottom  
9 line. It seems to be two days before. You go in on  
10 27th August '57 and this seems to be 24th. So three  
11 days beforehand some form of --

12 CHAIRMAN: 1957, yes.

13 MR AIKEN: -- some form of medical examination has taken  
14 place and then you are admitted to St. Joseph's.

15 You spend the first years of your life then in the  
16 Babies' Home.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. On 30th September 1961, when you were aged 4 --

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. -- you move then to Nazareth Lodge --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- where you will remain until 20th August 1968, aged  
23 11. You then move to Rubane as part of the annual  
24 transfer of boys from Nazareth Lodge to Kircubbin.

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. I was asking you earlier -- you were explaining that you  
2 remember the day you moved from the Babies' Home --

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. -- to the Lodge.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Do you just want to say a bit about that to the Panel  
7 and what you remember?

8 **A. What I remember was there was about maybe eight or  
9 twelve of us and we all walked it over from -- it was  
10 a big avenue. We walked it from the baby home over to  
11 the big house, and then we were kind of divided up, you  
12 know, into different groups, like. I went till  
13 St. Joseph's group then.**

14 Q. That was a group headed by SR34 --

15 **A. SR34 and NL5.**

16 Q. -- and NL5.

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. That group was on the very top floor --

19 **A. Top floor, yes.**

20 Q. -- of Nazareth Lodge.

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. You remember -- I think you mentioned St. Joseph was  
23 known to you as "Bethlehem".

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You moved -- you remember that --

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. -- moving across to take up your new location with  
3 others in that top dormitory.

4 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. You describe in your statement, HIA36, two different  
6 incidents of sexual abuse that you suffered in Nazareth  
7 Lodge.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. I want to look at each of those with you. If we can  
10 look at paragraph 5 of your statement, please, at 426,  
11 you say that you were abused by a lay worker, who was  
12 a                    and had                    . This was someone  
13 who was an old man at the time that he abused you. That  
14 was in front of another resident. That's got a blacked  
15 out name, but that is HIA56 --

16 **A. Right.**

17 Q. -- that will be speaking to the Inquiry in due course.  
18 I was asking you earlier -- you don't remember who --  
19 what the name of this old man was --

20 **A. No, no.**

21 Q. -- but where you remember this occurring was in the  
22 boiler house, but not the boiler house at Nazareth  
23 Lodge.

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. The boiler house at the St. Joseph's Babies' Home.

1    **A. Yes.**

2    Q. Can you just explain the nature of the premises? How  
3       would you end up near the boiler house of the St.  
4       Joseph's Babies' Home?

5    **A. Well, my mother used to visit Nazareth Lodge. We would**  
6       **have went down till the front, the gates at the front,**  
7       **you know, to meet her coming off the bus and more times**  
8       **than -- often she wasn't there, like, but you would have**  
9       **dandered up and down, and we would have went round the**  
10      **back of the Baby Home, because we would still have been**  
11      **associated with ones that worked there, you know. At**  
12      **the side of the home there's a boiler house and you went**  
13      **down a ramp to it, you know, and he'd call us into**  
14      **there.**

15   Q. When you're saying "us", HIA56 -- we will use his name  
16      but not beyond the chamber --

17   **A. Right.**

18   Q. -- that's HIA56 or HIA56.

19   **A. Yes.**

20   Q. His mother and your mother were close --

21   **A. Yes.**

22   Q. -- and often came together to visit.

23   **A. Uh-huh.**

24   Q. He was someone that you would have associated with in  
25      the home.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. What you explained to me is you and he had a falling-out  
3 in later years --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and you haven't had any relationship --

6 **A. Friendship.**

7 Q. -- with him for fifteen --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- something years, but you are clear that he was there  
10 --

11 **A. He was there.**

12 Q. -- alongside you whenever --

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. -- at least on you believe two occasions --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- but you were there on your own with this man on one  
17 occasion --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- to the best of your recollection. Is that fair?

20 **A. That's fair, yes.**

21 Q. What you describe -- and I am not going to go into the  
22 detail of it, HIA36 -- but you are saying that he made  
23 you take your clothes off and it was mostly fondling of  
24 you --

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- by him.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. I was asking you earlier did he ever talk to you or say  
4 anything to you as this was taking place, and you have  
5 no memory of him doing that.

6 **A. I don't remember any conversations or anything I had  
7 with him, like, you know.**

8 Q. But you do remember one occasion that you recall where  
9 he was almost caught, because there was a nun --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- shouting down. The boiler house was down a set of  
12 stairs. Is that right?

13 **A. Uh-huh. Yes.**

14 Q. The nun was shouting down.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. I was asking you, "Did you not feel able to" --

17 **A. Shout out.**

18 Q. -- "shout out?" Can you just explain to the Panel why  
19 you didn't feel able to shout out at the time?

20 **A. Because we were out of bounds there, you know. We would  
21 have been in trouble for being down there, you know, or  
22 in around that area, like. It was -- it wasn't a place  
23 where we would normally be, you know.**

24 Q. I'm not going to bring it up, but I'm just going to  
25 refer the Panel to the relevant passage of HIA56's



1 statement. That's at RUB465. He can explain his  
2 recollections to the Inquiry in due course, but do you  
3 think that or have you any reason to believe that any of  
4 the nuns knew what this older gentleman was doing to  
5 you?

6 **A. No, they didn't have any idea at all, you know.**

7 Q. Now paragraph 6 then of your statement, HIA36, if you  
8 look at that. We were talking about this earlier --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- because I was drawing to your attention that the  
11 Inquiry statement says that you told your mother about  
12 this --

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. -- and she made a complaint and a social worker got  
15 involved. I was explaining to you that the Health &  
16 Social Care Board have explained --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- that they have no record of involvement with you --

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. -- before '72 --

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. -- and this would have been much earlier than that. It  
23 would have been --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- in the '60s. You were saying you don't think that

1           this paragraph is right.

2   **A. No.**

3   Q. You don't think that you did tell -- you think confusion  
4       might have occurred with a later incident at Rubane  
5       where you did tell your mother.

6   **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

7   Q. We looked at that during your Rubane evidence. You  
8       don't think anybody was told about this.

9   **A. No. I don't think it was ever mentioned, you know, not**  
10   **by me anyway, you know, to anybody, like, you know.**

11   Q. You yourself didn't feel able even to tell your mum or  
12       anybody else at any stage.

13   **A. No.**

14   Q. It is really for the Inquiry that you have talked about  
15       this happening.

16   **A. I never -- I never really spoke about it to anybody, you**  
17   **know. It's only when I was going over, you know,**  
18   **different things, flashbacks, you know, coming back to**  
19   **you and, you know, that incident always stuck out,**  
20   **because it was just something that was on my mind, like,**  
21   **and ...**

22   Q. This was essentially -- you disclosed already later  
23       incidents in Rubane --

24   **A. Uh-huh.**

25   Q. -- which are accepted by --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- the De La Salle Order as having taken place, as you  
3 know.

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. But this incident involving this man was the very first  
6 occasion when someone interfered with you.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Now you go on in your statement in paragraph 7 to talk  
9 about abuse at the hands of another boy.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. "HIA147" is HIA147, and again his name won't be used  
12 outside the chamber. You point out he was older than  
13 you, and based on his information he would have been  
14 a year and a half older than you. He was born on  
15 . You describe -- can you remember him in  
16 the home?

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. Was he in your group, can you recall --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- or was he in other groups?

21 **A. I think he was in our group for a while, so he was, but  
22 I can't really remember, you know, an awful lot. I just  
23 remember him being there for a time, you know.**

24 Q. This is difficult to do, but before you encountered him  
25 in the way you describe in your statement, which we will

1 touch on --

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- in brief terms, because I know you found that  
4 upsetting earlier --

5 **A. Right.**

6 Q. -- can you remember what he was like in the home in  
7 terms of what type of fellow was he amongst the young  
8 boys, or did your view of him really only crystallise  
9 after what occurred between you?

10 **A. I never -- I never liked him. He was like a predator  
11 and he was always trying to get you on your own in  
12 different situations, you know. He was a lot smarter  
13 than I would have been, like, and more kind of  
14 streetwise, you know.**

15 Q. You describe in paragraph 7 that this incident that you  
16 describe -- and it was a one-off incident I am right in  
17 saying.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. This was one occasion whenever this happened to you.

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- that it took place in a large dog kennel.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. Can you explain to the Panel what you mean by that and  
24 where was this dog kennel?

25 **A. Well, there was like a perimeter wall. There was a row**

1 of sort of outhouses, and then at the end of these  
2 outhouses there was a wall where they kept -- they might  
3 have had Alsatian dogs at one stage and that's where  
4 they kept them, but it was abandoned at this stage, and  
5 the dog kennel was at the very bottom of this. It was  
6 sort of like a wee sort of courtyard, you know, with  
7 a wall right the whole way round it.

8 Q. And this was --

9 A. It was knocked down, like, you know -- like, a few years  
10 after that they knocked it completely down and took it  
11 away to build, you know -- there was a football pitch  
12 there, you know.

13 Q. Was this at the back of the Nazareth Lodge home?

14 A. Yes, yes.

15 Q. You had this set of outhouses.

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. An area where -- is this -- there is obviously different  
18 sizes of dog kennel. Was this a thing you as a young  
19 boy could stand up in?

20 A. Yes, you could. It would have been about roughly the  
21 size of this table, you know, and it might have went  
22 back to that wall, you know.

23 Q. So it was a substantial enough --

24 A. It was pretty big.

25 Q. -- construction. You don't want to go into the detail

1 of precisely what took place --

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- but if I can summarise it in the way that you did to  
4 me, and then if there is anything else you want to add  
5 to it, you do that, that this was him interfering with  
6 you and trying to force himself on you.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. That continued until you started to cry, and you  
9 remember threatening to tell your mother.

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. It is something else you remark on in your statement,  
12 that because you had an outside interaction that other  
13 boys didn't, it was something that brought you greater  
14 protection, as it were.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. Then it ended. Can you remember how you came to end up  
17 in the dog kennel in the first place?

18 **A. I can't really sort of remember how that just came  
19 about. I just remember being in that position and being  
20 in there with him, like, you know, and ...**

21 Q. And --

22 **A. It wasn't --**

23 Q. -- was it an area where there were other people around?

24 **A. Outside the wall there would have been, you know. It  
25 was -- this was like a quiet area that nobody really**

1        would have went into, because there was dogs in it at  
2        one stage, you know, and ...

3    Q.    Can you remember what part of the day that it happened?

4    A.    It was daylight. It was during daylight hours, you  
5        know, but ...

6    Q.    Obviously during the day you would have had school for  
7        a period.

8    A.    No, but this was the time when there was no school or  
9        anything, you know. We had free time. You know, we  
10       would have spent more or less every afternoon outside in  
11       the back field. That's where everybody would have  
12       congregated, you know.

13   Q.    This back field, did it run along the side of Nazareth  
14        Lodge or was it behind?

15   A.    Right directly behind, so it was.

16   Q.    Then the outhouses were --

17   A.    The outhouses were just -- run side -- down the side of  
18       -- the back of Nazareth Lodge, you know, and they were  
19       on -- they kept vegetables and stuff in these outhouses  
20       or tools, you know, gardening tools and stuff maybe in  
21       one shed, or they would have sorted out rags. You know,  
22       they would have had a rag store and that type of thing,  
23       you know.

24   Q.    Did you feel able to tell anyone about what he had done?

25   A.    No, I couldn't tell anybody about it, you know. I just

1           -- all I wanted was for him to leave me alone, you know.

2   Q.   Why did you not feel able to tell anybody?

3   A.   It is just shame and -- more or less just the shame of  
4       it, like, and -- I never liked him, you know. He was --  
5       he was just evil, you know. He was just -- he was  
6       an opportunist and he would have done anything to get  
7       you on your own.

8   Q.   You were saying to me earlier that he would have made  
9       comment about --

10  A.   He would have --

11  Q.   -- the engagement with you.

12  A.   Yes.

13  Q.   What was it that was said?

14  A.   He would have like, you know, "I got you", you know.  
15       "I got you." That's the way he would have put it, you  
16       know. "I got you in the home", or something like that,  
17       you know.

18  Q.   Obviously when you went to Rubane, this boy was still --  
19       he was in Rubane as well --

20  A.   He was there.

21  Q.   -- but this was the only occasion whenever you had any  
22       difficulty with him.

23  A.   He never touched me. I was never anywhere near him. In  
24       Rubane he wasn't anywhere near my -- you know, where  
25       I was kept, you know. He was --



1 Q. The chalet that you were in was different from --

2 **A. He was -- I don't think he was in a chalet. I am not**  
3 **too sure now.**

4 Q. He might have been in the main house.

5 **A. I think he remained in the big house.**

6 Q. You have expressed a view -- and it will be a matter for  
7 the Panel to deal with other material -- but you have  
8 expressed a view of you never witnessed him abusing  
9 other boys.

10 **A. Not personally, no, definitely not.**

11 Q. You are just aware of what --

12 **A. I have heard other boys telling me that he abused them,**  
13 **but, you know, I never knew of anybody that he'd abused**  
14 **until later years, you know.**

15 Q. HIA147 has provided a statement to the Inquiry --

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. -- as I discussed with you earlier, HIA36, in response,  
18 if we just look at 80030, please, and he speaks of his  
19 own experiences, and the Panel will hear from him about  
20 that. I am going to get some copies of that. We have  
21 had a technical problem, but what he's had to say is:

22 "I have read the witness statement of HIA36, in  
23 which he alleges that I abused him in a large dog  
24 kennel. I absolutely and utterly deny this. There was  
25 no dog kennel as far as I can recall at Nazareth Lodge."

1           So he's saying two things, HIA36.

2   **A. Uh-huh.**

3   Q. The first is that there was no dog kennel.

4   **A. Uh-huh.**

5   Q. Is there anything else you want to say about that?

6   **A. I would expect that from him, you know. I know**  
7       **differently and I know -- I know in my own heart what**  
8       **happened was the truth and I have no reason or no gain**  
9       **and I don't expect any gain from saying this here, but**  
10      **it happened and he knows himself in his own mind that it**  
11      **is true, you know.**

12   Q. That's -- the second element of what he is saying is  
13      that at no stage did he sexually abuse you.

14   **A. Uh-huh.**

15   Q. Is there else you want to say about that or have you  
16      said what you want to say about that?

17   **A. Does he remember me, you know? You see, I was always**  
18      **known as HIA36.**

19   Q. HIA36.

20   **A. He wouldn't have knew me as HIA36, you know.**

21   Q. So it was HIA36 he would have known you as.

22   **A. Uh-huh.**

23   Q. Obviously he will have the opportunity to explain to the  
24      Panel in due course.

25   **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. Your -- he said it didn't happen. Your position is what  
2 you have described is what took place.

3 **A. Definitely, yes. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. There is a reference in an earlier statement -- I will  
5 just give you the reference, Members of the Panel. At  
6 5530 in the Rubane bundle HIA147 says that he doesn't  
7 recall a dog kennel at Nazareth Lodge. So it's the same  
8 point.

9 Do you think that any of the nuns would have been  
10 aware of him doing this?

11 **A. No, definitely not.**

12 Q. Do you recall anyone being aware of -- you described him  
13 as a predator. Do you recall any one of the staff  
14 members appearing like they were concerned about him or  
15 knew about him in any way? (Inaudible.)

16 **A. Nobody, nobody that -- nobody at all that I -- I don't  
17 recall any staff knowing anything about it, because it  
18 was against other boys and it wasn't -- staff wouldn't  
19 have been aware of it, you know, and you wouldn't have  
20 talked about it anyway, you know, to anybody. It was  
21 something you just didn't talk about, things like that,  
22 you know.**

23 Q. You make that point in paragraph 11 of your statement --  
24 427, please -- that you didn't feel you could talk to  
25 anyone about it, because you say it was vile and

1 disgusting. You say that it had an effect on your  
2 confidence then as an adult and together with the other  
3 experiences that you had in Rubane left you feeling  
4 alienated and uncomfortable mixing with people --

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. -- and -- but you were determined that it, like the  
7 other incidents you've recalled, weren't going to ruin  
8 your life, that you got on with things.

9 **A. I did, aye.**

10 Q. I want to talk to you about NL5.

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. You discuss her in paragraph 12 of your statement at  
13 427. She is NL5. You mentioned earlier you were in her  
14 group, which was the St. Joseph's group --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. -- known as the -- in paragraph 13 you say it was known  
17 as "The Dainties".

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. You felt there was some sort of tier system --

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- that the children who had families or contact from  
22 outside --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- were --

25 **A. In the one group.**

1 Q. -- they were in the one group.

2 A. Well, that's my opinion now, that I always thought that  
3 they were, you know -- they were a wee bit more inferior  
4 than anybody else, that group.

5 Q. Well, as I said to you earlier, the Sisters of Nazareth  
6 have said as far as they are concerned --

7 A. Everybody was equal.

8 Q. -- there was no hierarchy as such, but that's how you  
9 perceived it --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- at the time. You say in paragraph 13 that they  
12 received preferential treatment.

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. What do you mean by that? What happened to them that  
15 didn't necessarily happen to others?

16 A. We were sort of kind of a way privileged, you know, and  
17 we had sort of maybe more outings, or we got more  
18 places, or we were looked after kind of a bit better or  
19 dressed better. I suppose -- my mother done -- would  
20 have knitted a lot of stuff for me and, you know, you  
21 kind of way thought you had your own clothes and all.

22 Q. Because you were allowed to keep the clothing that she  
23 sent in.

24 A. Well, it wouldn't have been the first time that somebody  
25 else would have been going out wearing my clothes and

1 she wouldn't have been coming in, you know, but that was  
2 just the way things were, you know. It was ...

3 Q. But the Sisters didn't keep clothing from you?

4 A. No.

5 Q. You were able to keep --

6 A. No.

7 Q. Maybe other boys took your --

8 A. That was -- they would have just dressed anybody up in  
9 what was available, like. I mean, that's the way it  
10 was, you know.

11 Q. You say in paragraph 12 then of NL5 that:

12 "Her bark was worse than her bite."

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. You say she ruled with a firm hand, but didn't cause you  
15 any harm.

16 A. No. She was strict. NL 5 was strict, but she was --  
17 she was always wanting the best for you, you know. It  
18 wasn't that she was cruel or anything. I don't think  
19 she was cruel. I don't think she would have done  
20 anything that my mother wouldn't have done, you know, as  
21 regards chastisement or anything like that there.

22 Q. You are aware we were discussing that earlier.

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. You say in your statement that:

25 "She would have used a stick on you ..."

1   **A. Yes.**

2   Q. Then you have a "but":

3           "... but she had no other way of controlling people  
4           and there were" --

5   **A. Uh-huh.**

6   Q. -- "70 or 80 boys to be supervised."

7           I was asking you what type of stick this was.  
8           Presumably this was in the dormitory this was taking  
9           place.

10  **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

11  Q. What type of stick?

12  **A. Just a cane, like, you know. It was just a small cane.**  
13           **It was sore. That's all I can remember, but I mean --**  
14           **and she never beat me for nothing or anything. It was**  
15           **always something that you had done or -- you know, and**  
16           **it might have lasted a wee while, but ...**

17  Q. Was this over the lands or legs or can you remember?

18  **A. It was -- she did it on the backside, you know.**

19  Q. I was explaining to you -- you don't really make any  
20           complaint about that, even though that took place --

21  **A. No.**

22  Q. -- for you.

23  **A. I don't really see it as a complaint, you know. At that**  
24           **time that is the way things were done and, you know,**  
25           **I don't think I turned out a real bad person or, you**

1           **know, it didn't do me any big pile of harm, you know.**

2    Q.    I was saying to you earlier, HIA36, if we can look at  
3           80031 -- we seem to be going to encounter the same  
4           problem. I am just going to read to you, as I did  
5           earlier, HIA36, that NL5 has said to the Inquiry in  
6           paragraph 4 of her statement -- this is just her  
7           generally describing her time --

8    **A.    Uh-huh.**

9    Q.    -- when she was working there over a considerable period  
10          of time:

11                "I should state at the outset that I never smacked  
12                or assaulted any child in my care."

13   **A.    Um.**

14   Q.    You were surprised at that earlier when I said to you  
15          that --

16   **A.    I don't know why NL 5 would say that, you know, because**  
17           **I would say she did, you know, and maybe she's feeling**  
18           **a bit guilty now or feeling remorseful and she doesn't**  
19           **want to admit it, but, you know, she did chastise**  
20           **children, like, you know --**

21   Q.    But you felt --

22   **A.    -- but it was chastisement.**

23   Q.    Yes.

24   **A.    It wasn't -- it wasn't abuse as I would -- I wouldn't**  
25           **class it as abuse as such, like, you know.**



1 Q. You didn't feel it was excessive?

2 A. No. Well, it was when you were getting it, but, I mean,  
3 you got over it pretty quick -- you know what I mean --  
4 when you realised what you got it for, you know, but it  
5 wasn't -- it wasn't overly abusive.

6 Q. You say that -- you provide a reason: that there were  
7 a lot of boys and essentially not a lot of staff. Is  
8 that the point you are making when you say she had to --

9 A. She had control over maybe say twenty in one group. It  
10 might not have been just twenty. It might have been  
11 more. I just can't really remember. I can just  
12 remember rows of beds and they were all full, but ...

13 Q. So there was an issue about trying to keep control.

14 A. It was trying to keep control, and you know what kids  
15 are like. They go mad, like, shouting and screaming and  
16 whatever, but that was her way of dealing -- trying to  
17 get peace and quiet, you know, fear and like that kind  
18 of -- it was more -- it was a lot of threats more than  
19 actual physical, you know, violence. She would have  
20 used it if it was necessary, like, you know. I can't  
21 believe NL5 would say she didn't beat anybody, you know,  
22 because she definitely would have. She definitely did,  
23 like, you know, and I -- you know, I would have expected  
24 her to do that. I know my mother would have encouraged  
25 her if I fell, you know --

1 Q. If you had stepped out of line.

2 **A. -- if you stepped out of line. "Don't be afraid to."**

3 Q. So you are not criticising --

4 **A. I have been there when my mother has actually said that**  
5 **to her, you know: "Don't be afraid to, you know, give**  
6 **him a slap if he needs it, like, you know".**

7 Q. You are not criticising her for --

8 **A. No.**

9 Q. -- the physical chastisement --

10 **A. Definitely not.**

11 Q. -- that you say she engaged in.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. You mentioned as we were speaking earlier -- and this is  
14 not something that's in your statement, and we will get  
15 the transcript to NL4's representatives who need to deal  
16 with it.

17 **A. Right.**

18 Q. I have explained to you, if necessary, we might have to  
19 ask you to deal with this again for us --

20 **A. Right.**

21 Q. -- but, all being well, that won't arise. You mentioned  
22 to me earlier that you do recall experiences with NL4 --

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. -- that you didn't talk to the Inquiry staff about when  
25 you were doing your statement.

1           Can you just explain to the Panel what you remember  
2           of her and her engagement with you?

3   **A.** Well, I first met NL4 when I was about -- let's say  
4           about 8 or 9, roughly in or around that, and I had just  
5           been returned from holiday. I had people that took me  
6           out on holidays, and I had just returned, and all the  
7           boys were going in for dinner, and I just arrived and,  
8           of course, everybody made a fuss about me, and then they  
9           were all shouting and kind of like screaming, "There's  
10          HIA36. HIA36's back", you know, that type of way. All  
11          I could hear was her shouting, "Who is making all that  
12          noise?", but I couldn't see her, because she was round  
13          the corner, and then eventually then she just pulled me  
14          in by the hair in till the dining room, and she just  
15          beat the life out of me, but the visitors that I had,  
16          the people that had taken me out, were still in the  
17          reception area, and I was in that bad a state that  
18          I couldn't even go and say "Cheerio" to them, because  
19          I was a very -- I had been -- she had beat me. She had  
20          been over-excessive like, you know.

21   **Q.** And did you go to a dormitory then?

22   **A.** They put me -- just put me into the dormitory and  
23          I never seen them.

24   **Q.** You didn't mention this to the Inquiry staff.

25   **A.** I didn't, no. I never mentioned it, because when I was

1 writing out my statement, you know, if I had to write  
2 everything like, you know, it would be thicker than that  
3 book there, you know, and I am just -- sort of like  
4 separate incidents of different things, you know, and  
5 that was just because you mentioned this morning, you  
6 know.

7 Q. Was that your only experience of her or your worst  
8 experience of her --

9 A. No.

10 Q. -- or do you remember seeing her interact with other  
11 boys?

12 A. I have seen her beating. She was really, really,  
13 really, really wicked person and she should never have  
14 been allowed to look after children, because she had  
15 no -- she had zero tolerance of children, absolutely  
16 zero tolerance.

17 Q. Is that something -- is what she was doing in terms of  
18 the children --

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. -- or what NL5 was doing in terms of the children -- did  
21 any of the nuns know that was happening?

22 A. I wasn't aware of the nuns knowing. The only time  
23 I ever remember the nuns was really in the school or in  
24 the church or at, you know, some religious thing. The  
25 nuns were -- it was all mostly lay staff that would have

1           **done --**

2    Q.   The looking after --

3    **A. -- the looking after you.**

4    Q.   -- part.

5    **A. The nuns would have sort of -- they weren't -- they**

6           **weren't hands on. They would have maybe -- say on bath**

7           **night or something like that they would have helped out,**

8           **you know, maybe in that aspect, but, you know, you**

9           **didn't -- you didn't see an awful lot of -- there would**

10          **have been a nun slept in the dormitory, but she would**

11          **have come in when you were in bed and you were sleeping,**

12          **and, you know, I don't think they were aware of, you**

13          **know, how much people were getting, you know -- how much**

14          **abuse was -- not abuse; I don't really class it as abuse**

15          **-- how much physical violence there was towards**

16          **children, you know.**

17    Q.   But you draw a distinction between NL5 --

18    **A. Uh-huh.**

19    Q.   -- and when she hit --

20    **A. Yes.**

21    Q.   -- and NL4 and when she hit. They weren't on the same

22          level as far as you are concerned.

23    **A. No, definitely not. NL4 was kind of I think used as,**

24          **you know -- like, you know, like the elite. If children**

25          **were going to -- stepping out of line, she was called to**

1 deal with them, because all the kids were absolutely  
2 scared of her, like. She was -- she was, like, pretty,  
3 you know, frightening person, you know.

4 Q. Well, you mention in paragraph 14 of your statement,  
5 HIA36, about bedwetting.

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. You say that you didn't have a problem with that.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. You yourself did not wet the bed, but you recall what  
10 happened to some boys who did --

11 A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

12 Q. -- and that's in two forms. You say they were beaten  
13 for wetting the bed.

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. Can you -- and if you can't, just say so -- can you  
16 remember specific incidents of that or what form the  
17 beatings took?

18 A. I don't remember anybody actually being beat for wetting  
19 the bed now, but I knew of instances, like, you know,  
20 kids saying they were beat because they wet the bed, but  
21 I didn't actually, you know, witness that, you know. It  
22 would have been the talk maybe in the dining halls  
23 somebody had wet the bed, you know, and they had to  
24 stand with a sheet over their head, you know.

25 Q. Well, that was the second point I was going to ask you

1 about.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. You say in the second part of paragraph 14, the second  
4 sentence, that:

5 "The nuns would have put the sheet over your head"

6 --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- "and made you stand there and it was humiliating."

9 Did you see that yourself taking place?

10 **A. No, I can't honestly say that I actually seen that, but**  
11 **I know boys that went through that experience, like, you**  
12 **know.**

13 Q. So you are recounting what was told to you about that.

14 **A. Uh-huh. I would have been -- I would have been**  
15 **humiliated if somebody had done that to me, you know.**

16 Q. Now if we can look at paragraph 8 of your statement,  
17 HIA36, at 426, something that you wanted to say very  
18 clearly in the discussion that you and I had earlier was  
19 that you have recounted the bad instances --

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- the bad examples that you recall of what happened to  
22 you --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- but you say that most of your time in Nazareth Lodge,  
25 like most of your time in Rubane --

1    **A. Uh-huh.**

2    Q. -- was actually very good --

3    **A. Yes.**

4    Q. -- and you have fond memories of it.

5    **A. Uh-huh.**

6    Q. You regard most of the staff --

7    **A. Uh-huh.**

8    Q. -- as being good people, who were good to you --

9    **A. Very good.**

10   Q. -- and -- but you say that, despite that, you feel you  
11    need to come and tell the truth about the bad things  
12    that did happen as far as you are concerned.

13   **A. No, I would rather come and tell you about the good**  
14    **things that happened, but that's not the way it is.**  
15    **I mean, there was bad things happened, but the majority**  
16    **of things that happened to me were good. 99.9% of them**  
17    **were good, and I still keep in contact with staff that**  
18    **work there and still visit them, and I still would send**  
19    **Christmas cards. I know it didn't turn out that I could**  
20    **maybe have helped them in some other way, but I am here**  
21    **telling the truth. I have no reason to tell any lies,**  
22    **and that's -- that's my take on it, you know, and ...**

23   Q. You say in paragraph 15, if we go through to 427, that  
24    you still feel lucky --

25   **A. Uh-huh.**



1 Q. -- to have been brought up there --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- and that you felt the staff were strict but fair.

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. Now presumably NL4 was a specific example out of that --

6 A. Uh-huh, yes.

7 Q. -- but in the main the staff were strict --

8 A. Uh-huh, yes.

9 Q. -- but fair to you.

10 A. They were. They were, most. Like, you know, I would be  
11 the kind of person that would hold a grudge against  
12 somebody that done something wrong on me, but there's  
13 nobody there that I can hold a grudge on, not one  
14 person, apart from abusers, like, you know, and I can't  
15 blame -- blame the whole congregation or anybody for one  
16 person's abuse against me, you know, and, you know,  
17 I would still go and talk to them today as if I'm  
18 talking to you now, and, you know, in hindsight if we  
19 look back all over all them times, we wouldn't -- we'd  
20 do things differently. Of course we would. You know  
21 what I mean? Life moves on and people move -- you know,  
22 things change and people change, and, you know, we have  
23 different attitudes, and we learn a lot -- we have  
24 learnt a lot more now than we did in the '50s -- '30s,  
25 '40s, '50s and '60s, like, and kids are more sort of

1           protected now, you know.

2   Q.   Well, you say in paragraph 16 -- you make the point  
3       about having kept in contact with ex-residents as well  
4       --

5   A.   Uh-huh.

6   Q.   -- and that you had genuine good times. You felt you  
7       were well fed and well looked after in the main.

8   A.   Well, like, I'm a big strapping man now. I mean,  
9       I think we were very well fed, you know. I have no  
10      complaints about their diet, not one bit, you know, and  
11      it was always there. We were always fed and always on  
12      time, you know, and you did get extras if you needed.  
13      If you wanted more, you know, there was no -- there was  
14      no discriminating against food or anything. There was  
15      nothing held back from you. You got exactly -- you were  
16      well fed.

17           I mean, when I left Kircubbin, I used to go in and  
18      out of houses, you know, with families and I looked and  
19      sort of said, "God! I was well fed and I was well  
20      looked after". It was maybe one slice of -- one loaf of  
21      bread would do a family of seven, maybe ten, people, you  
22      know, and we had ample, ample amount to eat, like,  
23      I think. I think so anyway, you know.

24   Q.   As you know, HIA36, as you've went through this with me  
25      on the last occasion --

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. -- towards the end of someone's evidence we ask them two  
3 further questions. The first is about recommendations  
4 that the Panel has to consider making --

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. -- to the Government and whether that's in the form of  
7 some form of apology, or memorial --

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. -- or some other means of redress. Have you any views  
10 that you want to express about those recommendations?

11 **A. I don't really know what I can tell you, you know, only  
12 what my experiences were. It's -- I leave it up to  
13 professional people to come up with the conclusions,  
14 like, and -- you know.**

15 Q. The last question that we ask every witness, HIA36 --

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. -- is whether there is anything else that they want to  
18 say about their time in this home. It is Nazareth Lodge  
19 we are talking about.

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. It may be something that I haven't covered properly --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- or covered in sufficient detail that you want to say  
24 something more about, or maybe something I haven't  
25 touched on at all --

1    **A. Uh-huh.**

2    Q. -- or maybe just something else you want to say. Now is  
3       your opportunity to do that --

4    **A. Uh-huh.**

5    Q. -- and whether there is anything else that you would now  
6       like to say.

7    **A. There is nothing really more that I can add. You know**  
8       **what I mean? You will have loads of other people to**  
9       **deal with. I will keep it short and sweet and leave it**  
10      **at that, you know.**

11   Q. HIA36, bear with me. The Panel Members may want to ask  
12      you something. So just bear with us for a short while.

13   **A. Okay.**

14                            **Questions from THE PANEL**

15   CHAIRMAN: HIA36, can I just ask you to think back to what  
16      you have been saying about what happened to you in the  
17      boiler house?

18   **A. Uh-huh.**

19   Q. When you made your statement before you came here today,  
20      you said that you told your mother about what happened  
21      and she made a complaint to the social worker.

22   **A. Uh-huh.**

23   Q. Now I am not clear in my own mind from what you said,  
24      because you referred to two things perhaps being  
25      confused.

1 A. Uh-huh. I probably have mixed that up with Rubane, you  
2 know.

3 Q. I see.

4 A. We didn't really have social workers in Nazareth Lodge,  
5 you know --

6 Q. That's just what I was coming to ask you.

7 A. -- and I can't -- yes. Well, I can't really recall  
8 making any complaint to anybody about it, you know.  
9 Believe it or not now, I would have maybe trivialised  
10 that, you know, more so when I was -- from what happened  
11 in Rubane it was trivial, you know. It wasn't -- it  
12 wasn't a big issue with me and, you know, worse things  
13 happened since then, you know.

14 Q. I was just trying to get clear --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- whether in some way or other there had been a social  
17 worker involved with you in Nazareth Lodge --

18 A. No.

19 Q. -- but you don't think so.

20 A. I think I have probably made a mistake there, you know,  
21 but --

22 Q. Well, thank you very much.

23 A. -- that's --

24 Q. That's a very clear way of putting it. Thank you.

25 A. Uh-huh.

1 MS DOHERTY: Thanks, HIA36. Can I just check is that the  
2 only time that NL4 hit you, that one occasion?

3 A. No. She hit me quite a few times, but that was the  
4 worst I ever experienced from her, you know. I mean,  
5 I never met the woman. It is only because the kids were  
6 making such a fuss about me she tried to make an example  
7 of me, you know. I only wish at that time that the  
8 people that had taken me out had seen me and things  
9 might have been different, you know, but they were able  
10 to cover that up by just saying, "Look, he's away up to  
11 the dormitory and just leave him. Let him settle in" or  
12 something, you know, because I was crying. You know,  
13 when I -- when I had to go back, I was pretty upset  
14 anyway about having to go back, but -- especially when  
15 somebody was spoiling you for two or three weeks, you  
16 know. You had to go back and try and fit in with, you  
17 know, their -- that regime again, you know.

18 Q. The other thing was just to ask about whether -- other  
19 witnesses have talked about bullying by older boys --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- physical bullying by older boys.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Was that an issue for you?

24 A. Och, aye. It was an issue with every -- every boy.

25 They had like senior boys and, you know, they would --

1       you had to sort of do what they told you to do, but, you  
2       know, it depends who was actually kind of over you  
3       really. Some of them were -- were 100%, but other ones  
4       were maybe a wee bit physical on it, you know, or -- and  
5       liked to make an example of you, you know.

6   Q. When you say "over you", did they have a role, you know,  
7       given to them by the nuns --

8   A. Yes.

9   Q. -- or the lay staff to be in charge of you?

10  A. Well, if the nun or, say, lay staff left the room, they  
11       would always have left an older boy --

12  Q. In charge.

13  A. -- in charge, you know. Then he would have reported  
14       back, you know, if anybody kind of way misbehaved, or in  
15       most cases he dealt with them himself, you know, in some  
16       form, like.

17  Q. Uh-huh. Would that have included in the dorms at night?  
18       Were the older boys in charge of getting you to bed and  
19       making sure you stayed?

20  A. Yes, older boys would have been -- they would have got  
21       you ready for bed -- not so much got you ready for bed,  
22       because you were able to get yourself ready for bed, but  
23       they would -- you wouldn't have been allowed to talk  
24       after a certain time, and, you know, you would have got  
25       up in the morning. An older boy would maybe -- if you

1       had laces or something, he would have been wanting to  
2       tie your laces or something like that, you know, or  
3       maybe help to make your bed or something, you know, but  
4       you weren't long getting into the way of doing all that  
5       for yourself anyway, you know.

6    Q.   Okay.  Thanks very much.

7    **A.  You're welcome.**

8    CHAIRMAN:  Well, HIA36, thank you very much for coming back  
9       to speak to us.

10   **A.  Right.**

11   Q.   As we explained I think on the last time, unfortunately  
12       it is very difficult to separate --

13   **A.  I know.**

14   Q.   -- or rather not to separate people's experiences when  
15       they are so significant --

16   **A.  Uh-huh.**

17   Q.   -- but thank you for coming to speak to us again today.

18   **A.  Uh-huh.**

19   Q.   I am sure you will be glad to hear that's --

20   **A.  That's the end of it.**

21   Q.   -- the last question we have.  Thank you.

22   **A.  Thank you.  I appreciate that.**

23   Q.   Well, it may -- it may be the last we need to ask you --

24   **A.  Uh-huh.**

25   Q.   -- but -- we hope we won't need to ask you to come back



1           again --

2       **A.   Okay.**

3       Q.   -- but in the meantime thank you very much.

4       **A.   Thank you.**

5   **(Witness withdrew)**

6       MR AIKEN:  Chairman, Members of the Panel, that concludes  
7           the evidence for today.

8       CHAIRMAN:  Yes.  Well, we will resume tomorrow, ladies and  
9           gentlemen, whenever it is possible to do so, hopefully  
10          at the usual time.

11       (3.00 pm)

12           (Hearing adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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