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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 Thursday, 15th January 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 87)

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

1 Thursday, 15th January 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 WITNESS HIA423 (called)

4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I am sorry
5 we are a little late starting this morning, but there
6 are various problems that we have which had to be
7 addressed. We are now ready to start, but before we do
8 can I just, as usual, remind everyone that there must be
9 no talking in court, in the chamber, but that it is
10 important to ensure that all mobile phones are turned
11 off, or at the very least placed on "Silent"/"Vibrate",
12 and I also want to remind everyone that no photography
13 and indeed no recording of any sort is permitted in the
14 chamber or anywhere on the premises.

15 Yes, Ms Smith.

16 MS SMITH: Morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and
17 gentlemen. Our first witness today is HIA423. HIA423
18 wishes to take a religious oath and she wishes to
19 maintain her anonymity for the purposes that have been
20 afforded for the purposes of the Inquiry.

21 WITNESS HIA423 (sworn)

22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA423. Please sit down.

23 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

24 MS SMITH: Now good morning, HIA423.

25 **A. Good morning.**

1 Q. Before I come to take you through your evidence I am
2 just going to tell the Panel Members where some
3 documents are in our bundle of materials.

4 **A. Okay.**

5 Q. The statement of HIA423 is at SNB-740 to 746.

6 The congregation's response is at SNB-1951 to 1952.

7 The Health & Social Care Board have provided
8 a response statement at 5706 to 5707. In that statement
9 they state that they believe that HIA423's was a private
10 placement and they hold no records for her.

11 HIA423 herself has brought some documents to the
12 Inquiry, which can be found at SNB-31755 and 32111 to
13 32115.

14 If we could have HIA423's statement pulled up,
15 please. That's SNB-470. You will see here, HIA423,
16 that instead of your name it says "The Witness Statement
17 of HIA423", which, as you are aware, is the designation
18 that we have given to protect your identity.

19 I know that you are somewhat nervous. Are you --

20 **A. I will be okay. I'm fine.**

21 Q. If we go to the last page of the statement, please, and
22 can I just ask you, HIA423, if you would confirm that
23 you signed this statement on 1st October of last year
24 just where that large black box is with the --

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

1 Q. You wish the Inquiry to take this statement into account
2 as your evidence together with anything else you tell us
3 this morning?

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

5 Q. Now if we could go back to the first page of your
6 statement at 740, please, in this you set out your
7 personal details and there is other redaction required
8 and that will be done.

9 You were in Nazareth Lodge from you were a baby in
10 1964 until November 1970, when you would have been age
11 6. Your brother, who was a year older than you, was
12 also in the home with you, and you remember a particular
13 nun there, who -- as you will see, we have given her
14 a designation as well, but just for the avoidance of any
15 confusion on your part her name was SR28?

16 **A. No, SR28.**

17 Q. SR28. I can't get the pronunciation right also, but we
18 have given her the designation SR28 and she was the nun
19 in charge. You describe her as wearing white robes, but
20 the rest of the nuns wearing black.

21 **A. That's right.**

22 Q. You remember there were two groups and that you were put
23 into the same group as your brother, but all the girls
24 were in one dormitory and all the boys were in the other
25 dormitory.

1 **A. At night, yes.**

2 Q. You at one stage in your statement talk about a sister
3 and I just clarified that with you. It is at a later --
4 it is at paragraph -- I'll just check which paragraph it
5 was in, in fact. I don't think we need to go to it at
6 this stage anyway. It is at paragraph 10, which we will
7 come to look at later, but I just want to be clear it
8 was only you and your natural brother who were in the
9 home. You talk about a sister there, but this is a girl
10 who then became your adopted sister. Isn't that right?

11 **A. Yes. I have three sisters and two brothers.**

12 Q. And they were all part of your adopted family?

13 **A. They are my adopted family, yes.**

14 Q. And --

15 **A. Sorry to interrupt. If I'm talking, when I refer to my**
16 **mum, I am talking about my adoptive mother. I just want**
17 **to make that clear. Okay?**

18 Q. Paragraph 5 of your statement, you don't have any real
19 memory of the daily routine in the home. You remember
20 you got up in the morning and you had to stand beside
21 your bed.

22 "The nuns would walk around every morning and rub
23 their hands up and down our bed sheets under the covers
24 to check if they were wet. We got washed and had
25 breakfast."

1 You remember having to pray all the time.

2 "At night we had to kneel and say our prayers at the
3 bed."

4 In paragraph 4, if I can just go back to that:

5 "As a baby you remember very little, but as you got
6 older, you were more aware of things that were
7 happening, but I just took it in my stride. We just
8 knew when we got up in the morning that we were going to
9 be hit.

10 One of my memories of Nazareth Lodge was that there
11 was a lot of physical and mental abuse. The nuns told
12 us that we would go to hell or that we would burn in
13 hell because we didn't have a mummy or a daddy and that
14 they did not want us. We were constantly told that
15 nobody wanted us and that we were dirty. I was always
16 terrified of dying. I remember crying one night while
17 out with my foster family and telling my foster mother's
18 sister that I didn't want to die, because I didn't want
19 to burn in hell.

20 **A. That's right.**

21 Q. You talk, as I say about, the bedwetting here at
22 paragraph 6 -- 5. It was checked. You describe the
23 treatment for anybody who did wet the bed, and you
24 remember that you did wet the bed on one occasion. You
25 say the nuns beat you and called you "dirty" and made

1 you get back into the bed and lie in it until somebody
2 came and told you to get up. You say:

3 "For the next week when I was in bed, the nuns would
4 tie my feet at the ankles to the bottom of the bed. It
5 was an iron bed with holes and they used bits of rag to
6 tie me to it."

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. "My feet would be freezing and the nuns would come back
9 to check that I hadn't covered them over. One night
10 I got up in the middle of the night to go to the toilet,
11 because I was so afraid of wetting the bed. I went into
12 the toilet and I could hear the nuns outside talking.
13 I had to sit on top of the toilet for hours with my feet
14 up waiting on the nuns to go away so that I could run
15 and get back into bed. I would have been punished for
16 being caught out of bed and I would have been punished
17 if I had wet the bed. So I could not do anything right.
18 Even now I am petrified and have to go to the toilet
19 before I go to bed."

20 Now the congregation have given a response
21 statement, as I discussed with you, HIA423 --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- about the issue, and they accept that the treatment
24 for children who wet the bed, that it would have been
25 difficult they say for the Sisters who cared for

1 a number of children to consider the individual needs of
2 each child, and they do accept that the reason behind
3 a child's bedwetting was clearly not dealt with
4 appropriately.

5 "However, we do not accept that HIA423 was tied to
6 the bed by her ankles for bedwetting and we also do not
7 accept that HIA423 would have been punished for going to
8 the toilet during the night."

9 Is there anything you want to say about that,
10 HIA 423

11 **A. I know my feet were tied to the bed, and the reason why**
12 **I wet the bed was fear. I ran to the toilet because**
13 **I was afraid of wetting the bed, because I didn't want**
14 **my feet tied to the end of the bed again, and I know it**
15 **happened, and they can say it didn't, but it did.**

16 Q. Paragraph 7 here of your statement you talk about
17 bathtime in the home and you say:

18 "We were stripped and made to stand in a line. We
19 had to walk up and down the wooden steps and then we
20 were put in a big tub."

21 I take it -- can I just pause there -- these were
22 sort of wooden steps that were put beside the bath to
23 help you get into it?

24 **A. Yes, because it was high up.**

25 Q. "The nuns used scrubbers like those used to scrub

1 a floor to bath us and we all had to share the same bath
2 water. There would be a nun on each side of us. They
3 would grab us by the back of the hair and pull us down
4 under the water to get the carbolic soap out of our
5 hair. There was always an institutional smell that we
6 could not get rid of. We would be really red when we
7 got out because of the scrubbing brush. All the
8 children wanted to be the last to get bathed, because
9 whenever we got out of the bath, we were made to stand,
10 still naked and without any towel, until everyone was
11 bathed. We could be left standing naked for up to
12 an hour before we were allowed to get dressed."

13 In paragraph 9 you describe an incident where on one
14 occasion a nun asked you to get off a chair. You don't
15 remember the name of this nun --

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. -- but because you didn't get off the chair quick
18 enough, she pushed you and cut your eye.

19 "I remember putting my hands to my head and feeling
20 blood",

21 and you say you still have a scar:

22 "... on my right eye from this incident."

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. You were pointing that out to me earlier.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. "When I went out to my foster home that weekend, my
2 mummy couldn't believe that the nuns didn't get me
3 treated for the injury",

4 and you say you don't remember ever seeing a doctor
5 or dentist during your time in Nazareth Lodge.

6 **A. Never, no.**

7 Q. Again in their response to what you have said about this
8 and about the treatment by the nun the nuns have said
9 that they can't investigate it, because you can't
10 identify the particular nun who did this. They can't
11 say whether she's alive or dead or whatever. So they
12 can't take that any further, but they do say that they
13 would find it difficult to accept that a sister would
14 act in this way.

15 **A. Well, it did. It happened. I know it did.**

16 Q. You talk in paragraphs 10 and 11 about the crying of
17 children at night. You say there were black children in
18 the home and this is your older sister -- again this is
19 your adopted sister:

20 "... called them but we called them
21 ."

22 You felt they were treated differently in the home,
23 and your sister said it might have been because their
24 parents were paying the nuns to look after them. Now
25 this sister -- this was a conversation that you had

1 after you had left --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- Nazareth Lodge.

4 **A. Yes. These children, there were four -- I think there**
5 **were four or five of them. We always referred to them**
6 **as " " -- I don't know if that's**
7 **an appropriate tone or not -- and when I was talking to**
8 **my sister ages -- when I was adopted, and we were**
9 **recalling the , and it was her that said she**
10 **reckoned that their name was probably .**

11 Q. And that's why they got the nickname?

12 **A. Yes, and she had said that -- because I said that they**
13 **were always -- they never really -- they never got hit**
14 **or I don't remember them being punished in any way, and**
15 **my sister had said that some of the children that**
16 **were in the home were paid to be there because their**
17 **parents maybe were like doctors or something like that.**
18 **I don't know. That's what my sister said.**

19 Q. This was a conversation, but you remember a particular
20 black baby who shared the dormitory with you --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- and she cried at night.

23 **A. I took her into my bed one night, yes.**

24 Q. To try to keep her quiet?

25 **A. Yes, yes.**

1 Q. You also talk there again about running over to your
2 brother's dormitory to get into bed beside him. You say
3 he had the first bed in the dormitory, and you begged
4 him to run away with you, but he kept telling you to go
5 back to bed, as you would get into trouble. You say
6 that night he let you sleep in his bed, but you got back
7 into your own bed in the early hours.

8 **A. Yes. Things were just so bad, and I begged him.**
9 **I begged him to run away with me. I said, "We will be**
10 **all right on our own" and he kept saying, "But we can't.**
11 **You have to go back to bed", and I kept saying, "Please,**
12 **please, let's run away. Let -- we" --**

13 Q. HIA423, are you okay?

14 **A. I'm fine.**

15 Q. If you need to take a break --

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. -- at any stage, please do so.

18 **A. I promised I wasn't going to cry. I'll be okay. I'll**
19 **be fine. Thank you.**

20 Q. Sure?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. In paragraph 12 here you talk about another incident.
23 You remember a Saturday night the nuns were walking
24 round the dormitory with clothes on a hanger trying to
25 decide who to bring to chapel.

1 "If we woke the next day and there was an outfit
2 hanging at the end of the bed, it meant we were
3 privileged. They would wash us and make sure our hair
4 was done and we looked lovely."

5 You say:

6 "In the chapel the other children used to look
7 around and say, 'There's an orphan'."

8 **A. That's right.**

9 Q. "The nuns would tell us not to look around because God
10 was watching us."

11 **A. You had to keep just looking straightaway and praying
12 and being happy. "Always remember to be happy", to let
13 people know that you were, but you weren't.**

14 Q. Just to be clear here talking about going to chapel,
15 there was a chapel in Nazareth Lodge. Is this outside
16 of the home entirely that you are talking about, being
17 taken to a church outside?

18 **A. I'm not sure. I don't know. It might have been the
19 chapel in. I don't think they ever took us out.**

20 Q. You also at paragraph 13 say that you remember Father
21 Brendan Smyth visiting the home on one occasion and you
22 remember standing outside a big wooden door with
23 pigtails and a dress on. You say:

24 "The nuns would stand behind us and poke us, telling
25 us to sit on his knee and be nice to him. He told us to

1 do what he said and to tell him that we were -- they
2 told us to do what he said and to tell him that we were
3 happy."

4 You say he asked you questions about your name and
5 age, but you don't remember at any stage being sexually
6 abused by either him or anyone else while you were in
7 the home.

8 **A. No. I remember sitting on his knee. "Who are you? Do**
9 **you like it here? Is everybody nice to you?" and just**
10 **rubbing his hand on my leg up and down, but no, I wasn't**
11 **sexually abused.**

12 Q. You go on to talk about being fostered out from you were
13 a baby, and you name two girls there, and they went to
14 the local secondary school. They would come into the
15 home after school to help with children in the
16 orphanage. They then started to take you out every
17 week-end to stay with their family at an address there.

18 "I would go from a Friday until a Sunday. I never
19 wanted to go back to the home on Sunday nights, because
20 I knew what I was going back to. I used to beg them to
21 let me stay, but they said if I didn't go back, they
22 would never be allowed to have me again. On Sunday my
23 mummy used to make me up a bag of sweets as a bribe to
24 get me to go back to Nazareth Lodge. I remember being
25 brought back and the nuns trailing me out of the back of

1 the car. They pulled me by the hair and said, 'Nobody
2 wants you. We don't even want you'. When I got back to
3 the home, the used to steal my sweets. They
4 would hit me and often they pulled and trailed me, but
5 nothing was ever done about it. My mummy was
6 a dressmaker and she used to make me lovely clothes and
7 dresses, but as soon as I went back to the home the nuns
8 took them off me and they were never seen again."

9 **A. That's right.**

10 Q. At weekends if I was not taken out by the foster family,
11 I would hide under the sheets to keep my head covered.
12 I could hear the nuns walking around and the swish of
13 their rosary beads."

14 Now two things. First of all, I should have said
15 about Father Brendan Smyth that the congregation are
16 horrified, shocked and devastated that they trusted this
17 person and they offer an apology to anyone who was
18 abused by him while they were in their care.

19 About the foster parents, they say they don't accept
20 you were trailed by your hair from the car, and they do
21 say that they found bullying wholly unacceptable, but
22 that it could occur, but it was not accepted or
23 tolerated by the Sisters. If you suffered bullying or
24 peer abuse of any sort, they do believe that to have
25 been wholly unacceptable, HIA423.

1 **A.** They did pull my hair and they beat me and I lay on the
2 ground waiting for them to stop. I know they did this
3 to me and I used to say, "Mummy" -- on a Sunday night
4 I hid in the house and she came looking for me, and
5 I told her to let on that she had lost me and she
6 couldn't find she. She said she couldn't. She said,
7 "If you don't go back", she says, "they will not let us
8 take you again and you will never see us again. You
9 have to go back". It used to break my heart. My mummy
10 used to cry watching me getting out of my ...

11 Q. Take your time, HIA423.

12 **A.** It's just so hard. I don't want to think of these
13 things that happened.

14 Q. Are you okay?

15 **A.** I'm sorry.

16 Q. You're all right. Do you want to take a short break?
17 We can come back.

18 **A.** No. I have to go on. I'll keep going.

19 Q. We don't have very much else that we need to deal with.
20 So we will just take our time and get through it.
21 Eventually you did go to stay with --

22 **A.** I'm sorry.

23 Q. You're all right. Just -- are you sure you don't want
24 a break, HIA423, because we I think -- we will take
25 a short break and just ...

1 (11.07 pm)

2 (Short break)

3 (11.14 pm)

4 CHAIRMAN: Now, HIA423, I understand you feel able to carry
5 on, but I do want to emphasise you don't have to if you
6 don't feel up to it.

7 **A. No. I have to. This has to be done today.**

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, but --

9 **A. Thank you for asking. I apologise.**

10 CHAIRMAN: No, no. You don't need in any way to feel that
11 you have to apologise. You don't -- we know that it is
12 very difficult for people. We do what we can to make it
13 easier, but at the end of the day unfortunately these
14 are very difficult things for people --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. -- to tell us, and we know that, and I'm not --

17 **A. These are things I have had I have never spoken about.**

18 **I didn't realise -- I just thought it was -- that was my**
19 **life. That's what things -- that's the way they carried**
20 **outside.**

21 Q. There are lots of other people who have found it equally
22 difficult. You shouldn't in any way feel ashamed or
23 difficult, but it is --

24 **A. I didn't realise. Thank you.**

25 Q. -- but it is difficult. We are very aware of that. We

1 can't make it not be difficult to some extent.

2 **A. I know. I know.**

3 MS SMITH: HIA423, there's just a couple more things that
4 I'm going to ask you about. We were talking about your
5 foster family. We know you were eventually adopted by
6 that family.

7 **A. That's right.**

8 Q. But there's just a couple of documents that you have
9 brought to the Inquiry that I am going to call up. If
10 we could look, please, at SNB-32111 and if we could
11 enlarge that, this is headed "Down & Connor Catholic
12 Family Welfare Society" and it says:

13 "To whom it may concern.

14 This is to state that", your name is given there
15 with your date of birth, "has been taken from Nazareth
16 Lodge, Ravenhill Road, Belfast on a nursing and
17 maintenance basis by", the family who subsequently
18 adopted you, "since December 1970. The latter are
19 looking after the child voluntarily and get no financial
20 assistance from any source. This arrangement has been
21 approved by Down County Welfare Committee."

22 It is signed by someone, a Margaret McGuckian -- a
23 Mary McGuckian -- sorry -- who is described as a social
24 worker.

25 Now you were given this document by your mother

1 later in life. Isn't that correct?

2 **A. All these documents my mummy had. She kept a box of**
3 **things, and when I was moving out into my own house, she**
4 **gave me all these documents.**

5 Q. There is another -- a snippet from a newspaper that she
6 gave to you, which is at SNB-32113. Now it is quite
7 hard to see. We will enlarge it, and it is quite hard
8 to make out the writing on this, but the copy I have is
9 slightly better and it reads:

10 "Mr J. -- W.J. Russell, dealer, sales manager, Burma
11 Oil Trading Limited, pictured with children from
12 Nazareth House, Belfast and Childhaven, Millisle when he
13 presented the two homes with Easter eggs. Also in the
14 picture are the Reverend Sister ..."

15 and you better pronounce this rather than me.

16 **A. SR28.**

17 Q. "SR28, Nazareth House, Sister " maybe -- it's not
18 quite clear -- "Childhaven and the Reverend McCrory from
19 Grosvenor Hall."

20 You feature in this photograph. You are the little
21 girl with an Easter egg right at the front with the
22 pigtails.

23 **A. Standing beside the minister, yes.**

24 Q. There are three black children there. Those are the
25 that you are referring to?

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

2 Q. I received some information just while we took a break,
3 and what I am told is that these children actually had
4 a surname of .

5 **A. Oh, right. Fine.**

6 Q. No, but that may be why --

7 **A. We called them the**

8 Q. -- you called them the . The was their
9 actual surname.

10 **A. Maybe they were calling them and I picked it up**
11 **as**

12 Q. That's possible as a child, but certainly they would
13 have been in the home with you.

14 **A. Okay.**

15 Q. Now you have no recollection -- I just talked there
16 about -- the last document I looked at referred to Down
17 County Welfare approving your placement with your
18 adopted family. You have no recollection of ever seeing
19 a social worker or Social Services involvement in your
20 care.

21 **A. The only person I ever spoke to was the judge the day**
22 **I was being officially adopted.**

23 Q. You talk about that in the rest of your statement. You
24 talk about your life after care from paragraphs 19
25 through to 23. I am not going to go into the details.

1 They are there and the Panel have read those details,
2 but you say that at paragraph 21, though, at SNB-745 --
3 you say that:

4 "The nuns handed out children willy-nilly and to
5 this day I carry that with me."

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 **Q.** You talk -- I am not going to go into the details, but
8 you talk about being approached by a woman who said they
9 fostered you at some point and they had wanted to keep
10 you, but that they couldn't.

11 **A. Yes.** I was picking my son up from nursery school about
12 twelve, thirteen years ago and this girl out of the blue
13 came over to me and she, "Oh, you are HIA423" and I sort
14 of juked back a bit, and she said, "You know, you were
15 nearly my sister", and I said, "What?", and she said,
16 "You know, my mummy and daddy wanted you", and I know
17 talking to my mum, she said to me that one time when my
18 sisters went to pick me up one Friday I wasn't there and
19 that I had been given to somebody else, and when my
20 sisters went home mummy says they were all devastated
21 and they all cried and my daddy said, "Oh, that's it.
22 She's not coming back if this is what she's going to do
23 to this house and cause all this", but it ended up then
24 the people gave me back, because they didn't want
25 a girl. They wanted a boy.

1 Q. And that was --

2 **A. What my mummy told you.**

3 Q. But it turned out to be fortuitous for you, because you
4 actually then ended up with --

5 **A. With the family that I have, who I love dearly.**

6 Q. Now you also in paragraph 21 say that -- sorry. Later
7 in your statement at paragraph 22 you say that you are
8 not a bitter person, but you don't like nuns as a result
9 of the treatment that you received.

10 **A. I think I just have a fear of them.**

11 Q. The Sisters of Nazareth in their response statement have
12 offered you a sincere apology for any treatment you
13 received from any Sister which fell below the accepted
14 standard. Is there anything you want to say about that
15 apology, HIA423?

16 **A. An apology doesn't take my thoughts and my memories. My
17 bruises have gone, but it's still here. I have it here
18 and I will always have it, always.**

19 Q. SR423, there is just one other question that we ask
20 people when they come to speak to us and that is that
21 this Inquiry has to make recommendations to the
22 Government about what should happen with regard to those
23 who have suffered abuse in care, whether there should be
24 an apology, whether there should be some sort of
25 memorial, whether there should be redress, and the

1 Inquiry are interested in knowing what your views are as
2 to what recommendations it should make.

3 **A. I think an apology is all well and good, but it doesn't**
4 **alter the fact this happened. The children were treated**
5 **like this and abused like this. It wasn't my fault that**
6 **I was put where I was. It wasn't my fault that nobody**
7 **wanted me, and I am sitting here today not as a victim.**
8 **I am a survivor, and I want everyone here to look at me**
9 **like that, and I have a wonderful family, whom I love,**
10 **and they took me in and cared for me and loved me, and**
11 **I have two wonderful children as well, and it breaks my**
12 **heart that I haven't told them that I am doing this, and**
13 **my children don't even know that I am adopted, because**
14 **I am too ashamed to tell them unfortunately. One day**
15 **I maybe will have to tell them, but until then I am**
16 **still living the lie, but I'll be okay. I'll get**
17 **through it. Fifty years on I'm still here.**

18 Q. HIA423, thank you.

19 **A. Thank you.**

20 Q. There's nothing else that I want to ask you, but if
21 there's anything else that you feel you want to say or
22 that we haven't covered about your time in Nazareth
23 Lodge, now is your opportunity to do that.

24 **A. No. My statement says everything and I know these**
25 **things did happen to me, and the nuns can say it didn't,**

1 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA423, I am sure you will be very glad to
2 hear we don't have any more questions for you.

3

4 **A. Thank you.**

5 Q. Thank you very much indeed for coming to speak to us
6 today. We do understand that many people find it very
7 difficult. You are by no means the only one. So you
8 mustn't in any way feel you have let yourself down by
9 coming to speak to us or feeling upset. We understand
10 that. As I say, I am afraid you have not been the only
11 one, but we do what we can to make it as easy for
12 people. Thank you for coming to share your experiences
13 with us today.

14 **A. Thank you very much for listening. Thank you.**

15 **(Witness withdrew)**

16 MS SMITH: Chairman, I'm going to take the next witness, but
17 would be grateful for a short break, say maybe --

18 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We will rise until we are ready to deal
19 with the next witness.

20 MS SMITH: Thank you.

21 (11.25 am)

22 (Short break)

23 (11.33 am)

24 WITNESS HIA225(called)

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1 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

2 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, the next witness today
3 is HIA225. He is "HIA225". HIA225 has given evidence
4 in the last module.

5 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

6 MS SMITH: So he is already sworn and he still wishes to
7 maintain his anonymity.

8 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

9 MS SMITH: His statement can be found at 529 to 540.

10 The congregation provided a -- two response
11 statements, one at 1579 and one that we received last
12 night, which is at 2101 to 2102.

13 The Health & Social Care Board in respect of this
14 institution have provided a response, which is found at
15 SNB-5517 to 5530, and there's a bundle of social work
16 papers at SNB-42332 to 44106.

17 There's also a relevant part of HIA225's transcript
18 from the last occasion, which can be found at SNB-90053
19 to 90061.

20 Now, HIA225, I know that you have given evidence
21 before when you talked about your time in Kircubbin.
22 Today we are going to talk about your time in Nazareth
23 Lodge and your statement is on the screen. I believe
24 that on the last occasion you said that you wanted this
25 to be taken into account as your evidence together with

1 whatever else you tell us today, and so I don't really
2 need to prove it again.

3 You are now 58 years of age.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Your personal details are set out there in paragraph 1
6 and how you came to be in care with your siblings is in
7 paragraph 2. There are documents that I know some of
8 which were looked at on the last occasion that show --
9 the Welfare Authority minutes, for example, outlined to
10 the Inquiry on the last occasion how you came to be
11 taken into care. I just refer to one without putting it
12 up. It is SNB-16972. A Fit Person Order was eventually
13 made in respect of you and your siblings and that can be
14 found at SNB-42341, but essentially you and your
15 siblings were split. You and your brother went to
16 Nazareth Lodge.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Your sisters went to Nazareth House, and your youngest
19 brother, he ended up in the babies' home.

20 **A. No. He ended up in the nursery. The babies' home's a**
21 **separate ...**

22 Q. In the nursery in Nazareth Lodge. Apologies. You
23 describe this here in paragraph 3.

24 In paragraph 4 of your statement you talk about what
25 you were told by a social worker --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- when you were taken into care, that you were going on
3 a holiday for a week to a big house like a castle --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and your house would be fixed by the time you got
6 back.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. At the end of the week you were standing waiting for him
9 but he never came. I know you told the Inquiry on the
10 last occasion about how you met him in later life --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- and how -- the circumstances of that and what you
13 actually said to him and the comments that he made.
14 That was covered on the last occasion.

15 Now you were in Nazareth Lodge from January 1965
16 until August 1968, so between the ages --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. --- of 8 and 11.

19 Paragraph 6 you say that the first thing you
20 remember the nuns did to you was to put you in a bath
21 and scrub you clean. Your clothes were taken and you
22 were given new ones.

23 "Every child that was in Nazareth Lodge was placed
24 in a group and there were different groups and a nun and
25 a civilian member of staff were in charge of each

1 group."

2 Your brother and you were placed in Sacred Heart
3 group. A nun whom you name there -- it is SR156. As
4 you see, we have given her a designation also. I am
5 just going to use her name. It can't be used outside
6 this chamber. That was SR 156 .

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You remember her as kind and remember her knitting you
9 a jumper once.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. But she was only there for about a year.

12 **A. To be fair, I can't recall how long she was there.**
13 **I think I was in the Sacred Heart group for about**
14 **a year, 18 months.**

15 Q. She may have been there longer, but you moved from her
16 group.

17 **A. I suppose it is fair to say my evidence had been based**
18 **on memory. So things come back as we talk. My first**
19 **memory was having milk and cake when we were brought**
20 **into the front parlour sitting room, and when the social**
21 **worker left, that's when we were then moved to be what**
22 **I refer to as cleansed. I don't know. It is maybe not**
23 **very strong, but we were bathed and scrubbed clean.**

24 Q. Scrubbed clean?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. We discussed this earlier, that SR 156 has given
2 a short statement about you to the Inquiry, and she says
3 that she has read through your statement.

4 "I state that I only have warm memories of HIA225
5 and all of the Sacred Heart group. Of course, I have
6 warm memories of all the Nazareth Lodge children. I am
7 so shocked at what these children had to suffer."

8 That was a statement that was dated on November 7th.
9 It looks like 2015. I think it was probably 2014. It
10 is at SNB-1579. We don't need to call it up, but that's
11 what that statement says.

12 You talk there at paragraph 7 about the chores that
13 you had to engage in. You said you made your own beds,
14 cleaned, cleaned the baths, polished the corridors and
15 floors with an orange wax using bits of blanket.
16 I asked you what -- and the reason I asked you this is
17 that the congregation had said in their response
18 statement to you that they -- to your statement that
19 they felt that the chores that they were giving children
20 to do were not excessive. That is not your view.

21 **A. No, I don't accept that. I do understand what a chore**
22 **means. Making one's bed and tidying one's clothes away**
23 **or helping with dishes -- dry dishes is one thing, but**
24 **being down on your hands and knees at age 8 or 9**
25 **scrubbing floors, or waxing orange wax into the woodwork**

1 to keep that nice and clean -- I also remember albeit
2 struggling with the bumper cleaner. I just remember it
3 as we talked. That's not chores. That was -- we were
4 cleaning and it had to be done to a particular standard.

5 Q. Did anything happen if it wasn't done to that standard?

6 A. Yes, you could be beat or you could be in trouble.

7 I wouldn't accept the congregation's (inaudible).

8 Q. You talk there about your brother again. He started to
9 run away a lot.

10 A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

11 Q. You say that:

12 "Boys were normally moved to Rubane when they were
13 11, but he was moved prematurely because he kept running
14 away. I didn't know he was leaving and I didn't see him
15 for three years after he was moved."

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. We discussed this and the records -- the register record
18 in respect of him show him as leaving Nazareth Lodge on
19 28th June 1965.

20 A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

21 Q. That would have been just about five months after you
22 were taken into care.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. He would have been 11 then. So it may be that he was
25 going to be going to Rubane in a couple of months in any

1 case.

2 A. He would have been. Hence why -- one of the reasons
3 I addressed with yourself and the other barrister -- it
4 hadn't been explained I believe to --

5 Q. The Panel.

6 A. -- the Panel. My anxiety hadn't been about having all
7 this done in one day. It's the wrong way round. The
8 majority of people or young people who were in Nazareth
9 Lodge, if they didn't go home, the boys, we went to
10 Rubane. That was tradition. I wasn't aware DL 136 was
11 going. He went. It might have been two months
12 premature. I don't know, but he went and I knew he ran
13 away a lot.

14 Q. Did you just -- did anybody tell you that he was going
15 --

16 A. No, not that (inaudible).

17 Q. -- or where he had gone?

18 A. Well, I kind of knew. I mean, you kind of knew fairly
19 quickly what happened, because other boys told you, but
20 there was no explanation really given to me.

21 Q. One of the things that the congregation have done at
22 paragraph 2 of their response statement is to apologise
23 for the separation of your family, and they say that the
24 facilities in Nazareth Lodge catered only for boys until
25 the early '70s, although you may not be aware of this,

1 but the last witness has told us she was there between
2 1964 and 1970 and that there were other girls there. Do
3 you ever remember any girls in Nazareth Lodge during
4 your time?

5 **A. I have no recollection of any girls in Nazareth Lodge**
6 **now or in the nursery. That's my recollection. There**
7 **may have been young people, babies in the Baby Home and**
8 **perhaps they would move to Nazareth Lodge. I don't**
9 **recall.**

10 Q. Certainly not where your age group was?

11 **A. No, and if you don't mind me saying, it is not**
12 **a question you are asking me. I don't hold Nazareth**
13 **Lodge or Rubane at all responsible for being separated.**
14 **The systems failure there was in Social Service and the**
15 **Welfare Authority. It was they who placed us. It**
16 **wasn't -- we were received into care and I think at that**
17 **time it would have been NSPCC and then local authority.**
18 **Those are I think.**

19 Q. You hold them responsible for putting you in the homes?

20 **A. Absolutely. Absolutely.**

21 Q. What the congregation are saying is that they didn't
22 have the facilities to keep you together as a family
23 group. Are you accepting they didn't have the
24 facilities?

25 **A. I absolutely do. Whilst they apologise, in my view the**

1 **apology shouldn't be coming from them. It should be**
2 **coming from the authority in that respect only.**

3 Q. I am sure the congregation will appreciate that from
4 you, HIA225, but they say that they endeavoured to
5 maintain sibling relationships, and it was a common
6 occurrence for children to visit siblings whenever
7 possible. We know certainly your father came and
8 visited you weekly -- you talk about this in
9 paragraph 12 --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and that you were taken by him up to Nazareth House
12 to visit your sisters.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Those visits -- I know you moved on to Kircubbin and
15 those visits continued when you were in Kircubbin,
16 although maybe not as frequently.

17 **A. Not with my father. My father left when I was 10.**

18 Q. You were still in Nazareth Lodge.

19 **A. I have never seen him since. He is now deceased**
20 **I understand. Nazareth House was walking distance from**
21 **Nazareth Lodge. It is literally about half a mile,**
22 **maybe less than half a mile. Yes, there was good**
23 **encouragement from the Sisters in respect of contact.**

24 Q. But that didn't happen as regularly when you went to
25 Kircubbin?

1 **A. No, no.**

2 Q. Now just to be clear, there are social work documents
3 which are in the bundle which record the fact that there
4 were these visits, and there's -- I just refer the Panel
5 Members to them. SNB-42397 there is a visitation sheet
6 and there is also records at SNB-42355 and 42369 just as
7 an example of where the social workers who were looking
8 after you when you were in Kircubbin were recording
9 these visits either from your family or from other
10 family members.

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. At paragraph 13 here you say that -- sorry. You
13 remember that your brother, your younger brother, whom
14 you name here, was moving from the nursery into the
15 Lodge and you were worried about how he would cope if he
16 was subjected to the type of bullying that you had
17 experienced --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- in the Sacred Heart group from both other boys, nuns
20 and members of staff, both what you had experienced and
21 what you had seen happen to other children, and you
22 wanted to try to protect him. The way you thought you
23 could do this was by moving him up from the -- moving
24 both of you into a different group and that was Marion
25 group.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You say that the reason for that was that there was
3 a woman in Marion group called NL4. That's the
4 designation we have given her. I will just use her
5 first name, NL 4 , which again is not to be used outside.
6 Your first memory of her is that she was nice.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. "She gave us sweets",
9 and you thought she was lovely. That was the main
10 motivation you thought "This is a good group to go
11 into".

12 **A. No, not necessarily. I mean, as you are reading the**
13 **statement, you will see that there was a particular**
14 **person, and I cannot -- as I explained to the Panel and**
15 **yourself, I have my life and this is all blocked out.**
16 **The Inquiry, when it began, has thrown up so much of**
17 **many of us I believe. I cannot remember this person's**
18 **name, but the ill treatment I believe I suffered from**
19 **her was my anxiety about would this also happen with**
20 **NL 3 , and I felt the Marion group might have been**
21 **a safer group, because this woman appeared nice, and**
22 **"appeared" is maybe the object word.**

23 Q. Well, I'm going -- that was the main motivation for you
24 wanting --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- to go into that group?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. I am going to come on to talk about the specific
4 complaints then that you had about your care in Nazareth
5 Lodge.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. At paragraph 10, if we can just scroll back up to that,
8 you talk about:

9 "I remember a couple of times when we were having
10 baths and there was a member of staff whose name
11 I cannot remember."

12 This is the person you are saying --

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. -- was the main motivator for you wanting to move out of
15 that group?

16 **A. Yes, yes.**

17 Q. "I cannot -- name I cannot remember, who would pull our
18 towels off and laugh at the size of our penises. She
19 also used to flick us with a towel. She also used to
20 encourage older boys to do it too. It was very painful,
21 especially if the towels were damp."

22 The same person you remember force fed you
23 turnip when you were about 9.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You didn't want the turnip, but this person pushed it

1 into your mouth and hit you around the face and made you
2 swallow it. That made you vomit and she then made you
3 eat the vomit.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Now the Sisters of Nazareth have said that they employed
6 staff in the utmost good faith and they are devastated
7 to hear that that member of staff --

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

9 Q. -- would perform the type of cruel acts that you
10 describe in paragraph 10, but they don't accept that any
11 child was force fed while in their care.

12 **A. And I respect their view, but I wouldn't accept their**
13 **view. I mean, there have been some memories I never**
14 **forgotten about. Whether I remember her name or not,**
15 **because I compartmentalised it, matters little to me.**
16 **I remember vividly that occasion, and I had never really**
17 **at home when I lived with my family had vegetables. We**
18 **would have actually been -- well, that's another story.**
19 **So I wouldn't have been greatly enamoured with turnip or**
20 **green cabbage and I am still not, and if I have**
21 **turnip at all, there hasn't to be any lumps in it. So I**
22 **have a phobia about that, but on this occasion I said,**
23 **"I don't like -- I don't eat turnip" and I was told to**
24 **eat it, and I wasn't going to eat it, and that's when**
25 **I was pushed into -- had a spoon put in my mouth and**

1 I said, "I will be sick" and it continued and I was
2 sick, and she lifted a piece of what I threw back up and
3 put it back in my mouth and slapped me round the face.
4 I mean, I can't imagine what the congregation may feel
5 about that. That is up to them, but I know how I felt
6 about it.

7 Q. It's a memory that has lived with you, HIA225.

8 A. Absolutely.

9 Q. When we were talking about this earlier, HIA225, you
10 mentioned that the complaints that you have recorded in
11 your statement to the Inquiry are essentially those
12 experiences which have troubled you most --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- through life --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- but that there were other memories that you had --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- of treatment that you received in the home --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- that you have not actually recorded there but you do
21 recall.

22 A. Again, I mean, sometimes when I have conversations such
23 as this, a memory comes back. I only put in issues that
24 troubled me. I mean, there were practices that some of
25 the sisters would have done, and I named a sister in my

1 statement and other lay staff. There were particular
2 cruel ways of disciplining us, and one would have been
3 where the side of your lock was pulled, and one would
4 have been a crack ear, if you call it that, pull your
5 ear, but the worst of them was when you got by the
6 cheeks, and if anybody was to squeeze their own cheek
7 and see how hard they could do that, it is very, very,
8 painful, but one of the ways that would have happened
9 was if you squeezed and move your arm up, you kind of go
10 up on to your toes, your tippy-toes, and sometimes then
11 you got a slap across the face. That is something that
12 happened to a number of young people. I hadn't been
13 aware of others being force fed, for example.

14 So I would have been caned in school, for example.
15 I wouldn't have -- others were caned. So it didn't
16 matter a great deal to me. It is the things that stood
17 out in my mind.

18 Q. The type of punishment -- I am going to ask you -- you
19 did give me two names.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I am going to ask you to give those names to the
22 Inquiry.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Again they will not be repeated outside --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- but I think it is only fair the Inquiry know who you
2 say meted out this type of punishment to yourself and to
3 others.

4 **A. SR34 would have done that and NL5 would have done that.**
5 **In terms of contrasting that with being caned, one of**
6 **the teachers I held in very high regard and still do,**
7 **NL 63 --**

8 Q. We will come on to speak about NL 63 shortly.
9 I am going to now turn to the person against whom you
10 have most complaints to make.

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. That's at paragraph 14.

13 **A. Okay.**

14 Q. This is the person who you thought would treat you well
15 --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and treat your brother well, because she gave you
18 sweets and you thought she was lovely.

19 "However, that image changed when I realised that
20 she was actually a frightening woman."

21 There was a boy whom you name there --

22 **A. Yes, yes.**

23 Q. -- and I am just going to use his first name and that's
24 DL 157. He had a problem with wetting the bed. You
25 say:

1 "Looking back with adult hindsight, I think he may
2 have had a learning disability. NL4's way of dealing
3 with the bedwetting was to shove a flannel into his
4 mouth and severely beat him in front of everyone in the
5 dormitory. She told us not to tell or she would do the
6 same to us."

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. Paragraph 15 you go on to complain that one Sunday when
9 your father --

10 **A. Sorry. Could I stop up? My recollection is this was**
11 **one incident. It wasn't something that happened**
12 **frequently. The boy had a bloody nose and a split lip**
13 **and we were told to say that he was fighting or he fell**
14 **down the stairs or the same would happen to us. Sorry.**

15 Q. I am going to -- I should -- I explained to you that NL4
16 has given a statement to the Inquiry. I am going to
17 come back to deal with what she says in response, but
18 I am just going to cover the allegations you make
19 against her first of all.

20 At paragraph 15 then you say there was one Sunday
21 your father came to collect you as had been arranged --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- when I was in the Sacred Heart group. This was
24 before you'd moved over to NL4's group?

25 **A. Yes, I think so, yes.**

1 Q. You went to change "before we went to see my sisters"
2 and she called you down to the refectory and asked you,
3 "Who told you you could change?" You say she was
4 obviously annoyed that she'd not been asked that the
5 Sunday visits with my father could take place after
6 I had moved into her group.

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

8 Q. So I think maybe I have confused matters here. Is it
9 the case you had always been visiting when you were in
10 the Sacred Heart group and this was --

11 **A. The arrangement had been made when I was in the Sacred**
12 **Heart group and there was no questioning. My father**
13 **would have presented at the front door, and when he went**
14 **in, the arrangement was I would go up and see my**
15 **sisters. This happened I think in the Marion group and**
16 **I hadn't gone into the refectory and asked or told NL4**
17 **I was doing this. That's when it began.**

18 Q. You say she was obviously annoyed that she had not been
19 asked that the Sunday visits --

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

21 Q. -- with your father could take place after you had moved
22 into her group. You say she punched you, pulled you by
23 the collar and threw you about, told you to go and
24 change again. Your father asked you what had happened
25 and you wouldn't tell him, but he insisted and you

1 eventually did tell him.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You've subsequently learned that he then went to the
4 refectory -- this is something you have been told anyway
5 --

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- confronted her and knocked her over and for a while
8 after that she left you alone.

9 **A. That was the first time I can remember NL4 physically**
10 **harming me, and I do recall her punching me and pulling**
11 **me around, hitting me on the back of the head, on my**
12 **back and told me to go upstairs, and I ran past my**
13 **father very distressed, and he asked me what was wrong**
14 **and followed me upstairs, and I wouldn't say and I told**
15 **him. He wasn't going to go anywhere until I told him.**
16 **It was clear obviously that I was very distressed.**
17 **After that -- what happened after that somebody told me.**
18 **I don't know if it did, but they suggested he went down**
19 **and confronted NL4 and struck her or knocked her over or**
20 **whatever. I don't know if that be true, because**
21 **I didn't see that, but I do know that for a period of**
22 **time she never physically hurt me again.**

23 Q. You go on to say there at paragraph 16:

24 "I don't know how, but my father got a job
25 ."

1 **A. Yes, yes.**

2 Q. "So I would have seen him quite often at that point."

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. "When I was 10 he left",

5 and you say you never saw him again.

6 "He moved to England."

7 **A. Sorry. Just in terms of that -- sorry to interrupt you.**

8 **It's just --**

9 Q. That's fine, HIA225. I am just -- please do interrupt
10 me if I am not being fair to what you want to say.

11 **A. It may be on record. He was**

12 **, and he did that for a period of time.**

13 Q. You say that he wrote to you after he left --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- to go to England. You knew he planned to go but you
16 didn't know when he was going.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. He wrote to you both in the Lodge and in Rubane, but you
19 never saw him again and you've learnt that he has since
20 passed away.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. But after he left to go to England you say that NL4
23 reverted back to form.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. "If she considered that you had stepped out of line, for

1 example, not making your bed to her satisfaction, or if
2 she thought you were being cheeky, she would hit you."

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. "If you didn't suck up to her by saying, 'I really like
5 you, NL4' or 'You are really kind, NL4', she would hit
6 you."

7 You go on then to describe an incident in
8 Ballyhornan where you went during the summer.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. You say:

11 "There was a shop nearby which had a yard behind it
12 and there were empty lemonade bottles."

13 You say:

14 "Some of us", and you name two boys there, "and two
15 other boys worked out that if you took the empty
16 lemonade bottles back to the shop, they would give you
17 1p. However, the shopkeeper must have worked out what
18 we were doing and told on us. NL4 went mad and shouted
19 at everyone. Later that night when we were all in bed
20 and she had worked out who the culprits were, she went
21 round to the culprits' beds and hit them with a small
22 wooden bat while they were in their beds. She started
23 with the other boys so I could hear them screaming and
24 knew what was coming. I was terrified. She was
25 extremely angry with me, as I was the only culprit from

1 her group. We slept in Nissan huts and the nuns slept
2 elsewhere, but I do not understand how the nuns did not
3 hear the commotion."

4 A. Uh-huh. Yes. That was -- I suppose my memory of it
5 today as we speak is that NL4 was chastising those
6 others and making comments, "Nobody in my group has done
7 this. Nobody in my group would do that". I wasn't
8 a difficult child in care, but I wasn't an angel. I
9 mean, this was a scam. We kind of thought, "A bit of
10 money, bit of pocket money", whatever. Didn't think of
11 the consequences. I didn't think they were these. So
12 my anxiety was I was probably going to get it all the
13 more when she found out I was involved, one of her
14 prized group. Sorry.

15 Q. Okay. Take your time, HIA225. We do appreciate this is
16 difficult for people to -- just take whatever time you
17 need.

18 A. I suppose the concern that I have is that any person
19 could behave this way so openly. So why people (a)
20 didn't know and (b) didn't do anything about it -- when
21 I say "people", I mean the sisters or other staff. It
22 wasn't -- I mean, we were hit around the head. I mean,
23 it is not like that it was hidden. So I don't get that
24 at all. So I appreciate what might be said in response
25 to that, but I remember it vividly and that's -- okay.

1 Q. Well, the congregation have said they believed her to
2 have been a good employee and they are sorry if she or
3 any member of staff dropped below the acceptable level
4 of behaviour towards children.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. You go on there to say that you learned that the way you
7 could survive all of this was not bring attention to
8 yourself.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Now I am just going to mention a couple of other points
11 and we will discuss them in a little bit more detail.

12 You mention at paragraph 10 about an incident where
13 NL4 took a toy off you. I will come back to talk about
14 that, because the actual circumstances of how you came
15 to get the toy was actually a good memory.

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. In paragraph 22 you talk about school, going to school.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You talk about being -- a particular teacher. You say
20 he encouraged you. You say in school he would have used
21 a bamboo cane or a strap, but he only caned you or
22 strapped you if you had done something wrong. You talk
23 about a time when you remember he wrote a sum on the
24 board once and he said he was going to leave it there
25 for ten minutes so you could work out the answer.

1 "When he left, I worked out the answer in my jotter,
2 but before he came back, the class were discussing and
3 I realised my answer was different to everybody else's."

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. "So I rubbed it out and wrote down the same answer as
6 they had."

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

8 Q. "When he came back and worked out the sum with us,
9 I realised my first answer was actually the right one.
10 He asked me to wait behind after class and said he was
11 surprised that I had not got the right answer."

12 You were obviously good at maths.

13 "He asked me to show him my jotter and he saw that
14 I'd got the right answer and had rubbed it out. He then
15 gave me six of the best, which would have been the
16 normal punishment at that time. I suppose that taught
17 me a lesson about copying."

18 Now I know this is not a complaint --

19 **A. No, this is not a complaint.**

20 Q. -- about the treatment that you received from this man.
21 The reason you have this in the statement is because of
22 an incident that happened subsequently in Kircubbin --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- and why you were able to say with total confidence to
25 the Brother in Kircubbin, "I wasn't copying, Brother" --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- because after this incident you never copied again.

3 **A. No. I have no complaint at all about this man. I mean,**
4 **I certainly don't -- wouldn't have wanted to be caned,**
5 **but we were caned in those dates. Corporal punishment**
6 **wasn't illegal as far as I'm aware, and that was really**
7 **to -- that was where I learned a massive lesson, and the**
8 **incident that happened in Rubane in Kircubbin, you know,**
9 **that's maybe helping put that in context.**

10 Q. Explain and put it in context. I know what you have
11 said to me is that you have found it particularly
12 difficult to relate your account of your time in the
13 institutions in the way that the Inquiry has required
14 you to do --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- in that you feel that your life in Kircubbin only
17 makes sense in context with what happened to you in
18 Nazareth Lodge first?

19 **A. Hence why I shared with you and would say to the Inquiry**
20 **that this has been the wrong way round. That's the**
21 **point I tried to make at the beginning, but I do have**
22 **experience in courts, but not in a personal sense and**
23 **certainly something like this, but I do feel that much**
24 **of my story needed and I do believe other children or**
25 **young people's stories, as they are now adults, should**

1 **have started from the beginning, but I do appreciate**
2 **that (inaudible).**

3 Q. I have certainly tried to explain to you and I know the
4 Chairman has explained to others --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- that unfortunately we have not been able to do it in
7 that order.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. I accept entirely that it would have been better
10 certainly for yourself and those who moved from Nazareth
11 Lodge to Kircubbin to do it in this order.
12 Unfortunately we just haven't been able to do --

13 **A. I am a fairly confident person at the best of times and**
14 **I can manage that, but goodness knows what another**
15 **person who is going through the experience has had to**
16 **endure. So I am okay, but I think it is not just about**
17 **"we could have". I think maybe I think about that as**
18 **well. Sorry.**

19 Q. I will accept that criticism on behalf of the Inquiry,
20 HIA225.

21 Can I -- just going back to your account of your
22 time there, the Sisters of Nazareth -- you have no
23 complaint about the school, but in their response
24 statement they have said that education was important to
25 the children and they would have encouraged the children

1 the best they could. I think would you accept that.

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

3 Q. I have said that NL4 has given a statement to the
4 Inquiry where she addresses what you have said about
5 her.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. I am just going to read that section of her section in
8 full. It is at SNB-80014. Perhaps if we pull that up,
9 please. Again there will be names given here that will
10 require redaction and the names are not to be used
11 outside this chamber, but if we could just scroll down
12 to paragraph 45, it says:

13 "HIA225 has made a statement to the Inquiry which is
14 dated 10th March 2014. He says he was in Nazareth Lodge
15 between '65 and '68. As his date of birth is , it
16 would appear he was placed there when he was 9 years
17 old. I do not recall HIA225. He has claimed he
18 observed me shoving a flannel into the mouth of another
19 boy called **DL 157** who wet the bed and that I beat him in
20 front of everyone in the dormitory. I deny this
21 completely. I do remember **DL 157**. Sometimes I would
22 have taken him or some other child out of the home and
23 brought him by bus to my mother's house for the day and
24 then I would have brought him back with me that evening.
25 It was like a day out. I recall **DL 157** was one of the

1 children and I took him to my parents' house a few
2 times. I was quite fond of the child. There is no way
3 I would have pushed a flannel into his mouth, as HIA225
4 has alleged.

5 He also claims I punched him and that he told his
6 father, who then attacked me and knocked me over. This
7 did not happen. I do not recall his father or if he got
8

9 He alleges I attacked a number of boys when on
10 holidays at Ballyhornan during the summer. He alleges
11 I hit the boys with a small wooden bat. I deny this
12 completely. I never used a wooden bat to hit anybody.
13 I did sometimes use a small wooden ruler to slap
14 children for misbehaviour. However, as he has said,
15 I went round the boys in bed who were in a different
16 group and attacked them before I did the same to him.
17 I would never have gone to another group as he alleges,
18 as I had no responsibility for them. I am sure there
19 would have been a nun or other lay worker supervising
20 this other group, and I could not have simply gone into
21 another Nissan hut and beat these boys without another
22 adult noticing. I do not recall ..."

23 what you have alleged in paragraph 23 of your
24 statement. This is something that I was going to come
25 on to, because I know this is a particular difficulty

1 that you have. We will maybe just -- sorry. If I go
2 back to that. I should have gone to that before I came
3 to this statement.

4 At paragraph 22 -- it is on page SNB-533 -- 534.
5 Paragraph 23. Just highlight that. You say that you
6 did the 11 Plus but no-one properly helped you to
7 prepare for it.

8 "All I was given was two encyclopaedias a few days
9 before the exam. I did the exam and then forgot about
10 it. When the results came out, NL4 gathered our group
11 together and said she had something to tell everyone.
12 She said, 'We have a stupid person amongst us' and told
13 everyone that I had failed the 11 Plus. She said to me,
14 'I was right. You are stupid after all'. Calling me
15 stupid hurt me more than any beating she could have
16 given me."

17 You say when you passed -- did not pass the 11 Plus,
18 you knew you would be going to Rubane, because if you
19 passed, you got to stay at Nazareth Lodge and go to
20 grammar school in Belfast. Your younger brother, in
21 fact, passed the 11 Plus and he stayed in Nazareth Lodge
22 until he was 16.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Coming back just to what NL4 said about that at 80014 --
25 if we could just scroll down, please. It's at paragraph

1 40 -- in fact, it is over the page at 80015. She says:

2 "I do not believe I would ever have insulted a child
3 because they had failed an exam such as the 11 Plus."

4 Then she goes on to discuss about taking a toy off
5 you after you had been to a television programme, which
6 I will come back to. That was one of your good
7 memories, but I just wanted to ask you, HIA225, those
8 are -- that's the response that she has made, and
9 I wanted to ask you what you felt about her response.
10 Is there anything you want to say about that?

11 **A.** I mean, NL4 can say whatever she wishes. I suppose that
12 in most of the institutions I was in I was deemed to be
13 relatively intelligent and I felt that the preparation
14 I was given for the 11 Plus was woeful, but I didn't
15 really appreciate at that age just how important it was.
16 I have lived all my life with a chip on my shoulder. If
17 I had had a normal education at a normal school -- my
18 sisters went to a school outside of the home. We had
19 our own school. So whilst I was feeling I was going
20 well, to be called "stupid" in front of everybody,
21 I have felt that all of my life and always felt insecure
22 when I discuss such matters or talk or when I am
23 contrasting matters. I just find I can never forget
24 that. I know I am not stupid. I know I am relatively
25 successful, but that's still there and "stupid,

1 **"failure", whatever, does bring back some anxiety**
2 **attacks.**

3 Q. I remember when we were talking about this earlier, you
4 talk about how when you had either left Rubane or were
5 coming to the end of your time there ---

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- you came to visit your brother -- your younger
8 brother --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and took him out to go up to visit your sisters.

11 **A. Yes, yes.**

12 Q. You talked about she was in -- he was in her care at
13 that time.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. She actually spoke to you --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and told you that you had to have him back by
18 a certain time.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. What happened then, HIA225?

21 **A. Well, before I say that, I mean, I think previously and**
22 **records suggest I was very anxious that NL 3 was safe**
23 **and that was my reason for my anxiety was I couldn't**
24 **look out for him. I'm not suggesting I could protect**
25 **him from this woman in a physical sense, but I did learn**

1 how to avoid things.

2 On one occasion, as you suggest, I came up from
3 Rubane to visit NL 3 and my sisters, and arrangements
4 had been made for me to take NL 3 up to Nazareth House,
5 and NL4 had said to NL 3 that he had better be back in
6 time or else, and I asked, "What do you mean by 'or
7 else'?" and she said, "You know", and I suggested to her
8 -- and I wasn't a small child -- "Look, you will not
9 harm him. If you put a hand on him or harm him, I am
10 going directly to the police", and then I took him to
11 Nazareth House. I wasn't aware of anything happening to
12 him as a result of that and we weren't back on time.

13 Q. I just wanted to talk about a couple of the good
14 memories that you had about your time there. You talk
15 about these at paragraphs 19 to 21 of your own
16 statement, if we can go back to that. I'm sorry to be
17 jumping back and forward in this way. It is at
18 page SNB-533.

19 You talk here about the first Christmas you were in
20 Nazareth Lodge you actually went out to stay with
21 a family.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You have no idea how you were introduced to them or how
24 they came to be taking you out, but it was your only
25 experience of real family life after your own family

1 life and you went into care and you describe them as
2 lovely. You spent every Christmas after that with them.
3 They are probably the reason you survived your time in
4 care and they encouraged you after you left. They had
5 adopted children from St. Joseph's Babies' Home. They
6 wanted to adopt you, but your father wouldn't allow it
7 and he wouldn't even allow them to foster you long-term.

8 **A. That's my understanding.**

9 Q. They befriended you. You remained close to them until
10 they died. They attended your wedding and your
11 daughter's christening, and you think they knew that
12 things were difficult for you in Nazareth Lodge, but you
13 wouldn't tell them anything, as you were too frightened.

14 You also remember when you were about 10 being on a
15 television show, and you describe it as "Tommy's Toy
16 Shop", with another boy from Nazareth Lodge. NL4 in her
17 statement says that the programme was actually "Teatime
18 with Tommy", but the actual name of it --

19 **A. No. It's a subtle difference. It is the same person,**
20 **but one was where you sang and whatever and the other**
21 **was where you chose a toy.**

22 Q. You say you were allowed to choose a toy from "Tommy's
23 Toy Shop" --

24 **A. Yes, yes.**

25 Q. -- and you chose a Scalextric set. The other boy chose

1 a big plastic truck --

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- and when you got back to Nazareth Lodge, she took the
4 Scalextric set off you and gave it to the other child
5 and gave you his plastic truck.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You felt you were a bit too old for that --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- so you gave it to **NL 3** , your brother.

10 Now you also, I mean, talk about this "Teatime with
11 Tommy" programme because you were in the choir and you
12 could sing.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You name a nun there, SR30, "SR30", who played the
15 organ. There were four of you in the choir. Two of
16 them are actually -- have come to speak to this Inquiry
17 and the reference numbers are there, and another boy.
18 You were invited to sing on a teatime television show
19 called "Teatime with Tommy". It was aired on television
20 over Christmas when you were staying with as I describe
21 it the foster family, although technically they weren't,
22 but your befrienders.

23 "So I got to see them watching me on television,
24 which was really nice. I remember they bought me
25 a racing set that Christmas",

1 to make up for the Scalextric set which NL4 had
2 taken from you.

3 Just going back to NL4's statement at SNB-80016 --
4 sorry -- ...15 -- I beg your pardon -- ...15, she said
5 that you referred to this television programme called
6 "Tommy's Toyshop" and she thought you meant "Teatime
7 with Tommy", because she remembers going to the
8 television studio with SR47, NL5 and four boys who sang
9 a song.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Do you remember those two accompanied you?

12 **A. I can't remember the names who accompanied me. I'm just**
13 **surprised that if NL4 remembers, that she doesn't**
14 **remember she was looking after me in her group, but**
15 **that's a moot group.**

16 Q. She says she can't remember if you were one of the group
17 of boys --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- but she -- and she doesn't remember if four boys were
20 given toys afterwards.

21 **A. No, no.**

22 Q. But you weren't given toys after this. Isn't that
23 right?

24 **A. No, no. It was a book token, a pound book token, but it**
25 **is fair to say those memories -- I mean, not everything**

1 in Nazareth Lodge was bad memories or painful memories.
2 I mean, it was the Sisters who organised these things.
3 I believe it was the Sisters who made arrangements for
4 me to be befriended by the NL 61 . I am entirely
5 grateful for those opportunities.

6 The "Teatime with Tommy" was a delighted 10 years
7 old lying on the bed with other young people watching
8 yourself with a busman's hat as you are singing on TV.
9 A prince, you know. So those are fantastic memories,
10 but it was very -- it wasn't me mixing that up. I was
11 very fortunate to have both experiences, the "Teatime
12 with Tommy" and the "Tommy's Toy Shop".

13 Q. Well, the congregation, HIA225, have offered you an
14 unreserved and most sincere apology for any treatment
15 you received by any Sister or any staff member which
16 fell below the acceptable standard and they want you to
17 know that.

18 After you reached 11 and didn't pass the 11 Plus,
19 you then transferred to Kircubbin, and you say that you
20 saw your brother there for the first time in three
21 years. You have told us about your experiences there --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- on the last occasion you came.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You also in your statement describe your life after care

1 in paragraphs 40 to 45 and again you describe that and
2 spoke about that on the last occasion. I am not going
3 to go over any of that. I am just wondering if there is
4 anything else you felt you didn't have the opportunity
5 to say on the last occasion that you would like to say
6 now?

7 A. No, I think I said it previously, that I haven't come
8 then or today in respect of wishing compensation or to
9 vilify or whatever anybody. I want an apology, but the
10 apology I want isn't necessarily only I hear that from
11 the Sisters. I did after the previous hearing approach
12 the Board and request access or a copy of my file,
13 albeit rather thin for seven years. There is little in
14 it from Nazareth Lodge, but I would like, appreciate
15 written apologies so I can put them in that file and
16 close it over, because I closed over my memories some
17 time ago. I only want an apology, but I don't want it
18 from the Sisters and the Brothers. The systems that
19 failed me and others also lie with responsibility to the
20 local authority, and I would appreciate an apology from
21 there also, although that might be another story,
22 because they knew where they placed me, and I suppose
23 that by obtaining that file, I am very grateful that
24 I did, because some of the gaps that I couldn't fill
25 from memory, such as

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those kind of things helped me. I suppose
criticism that I would have for the authority that I saw
no mention whatsoever of anyone trying to locate my
mother. As I say, I have never seen her since I was 6,
and I believe she is deceased, but I can't be certain of
that. I also noted in the file that there was reference
to endeavours being made to locate a foster family for
me and perhaps my brothers. That kind of contradicts,
does it not, opportunities that might have been
available with the NL 61 ? To this day I am "our
HIA225" as far as the NL 61 are concerned. So that's
probably how I want to answer that.

14 Q. Is there anything else, HIA225, that we haven't covered
15 about your time in Nazareth Lodge that you want to say
16 to the Inquiry or anything else other than what you have
17 already said that you feel is important to say? Now is
18 the opportunity before I hand you over to the Panel for
19 any questions they --

20 **A. No. It is okay.**

21 Q. Thank you, HIA225.

22 Questions from THE PANEL

23 MS DOHERTY: HIA225, thanks very much. I understand the
24 question you pose about NL4 and what she was doing was
25 public and why wasn't there any intervention, but you

1 also describe, you know, physical chastisement from
2 SR34. What was the general environment like in relation
3 to physical behaviour?

4 **A. I mean, this wasn't done privately. I mean, when you**
5 **were -- we refer to it as earwiggling or your cheeks**
6 **being -- I refer to it as that. This was done openly in**
7 **the refectory or wherever.**

8 Q. So there was a general acceptance amongst the nuns --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and the lay staff --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- of that type of behaviour?

13 **A. But not all of the sisters would have behaved in that**
14 **sense or all of the lay staff.**

15 Q. Okay. Just a handful?

16 **A. Just to make that clear, I mean, I have very positive**
17 **memories of others.**

18 Q. But the ones that you have positive memories of would
19 have observed the other nuns and lay staff behaving that
20 way?

21 **A. I can't be certain.**

22 Q. I can't be certain.

23 **A. They might very well have done. This wasn't done**
24 **openly. Just in terms of -- you have asked the**
25 **question. The issue about Ballyhornan, well, things**

1 were always very relaxed and you might not have had all
2 the staff group and all the Sisters there and there may
3 have been a person or two persons in charge.

4 Q. Presumably in Ballyhornan you would have been mixed in
5 groups together.

6 A. **Yes. We all ate together. There was no refectory.**
7 **There was a dining area. We all ate together and we**
8 **socialised and then went to the beach together.**

9 Q. Just clarifying that, because of NL4 suggesting she
10 wouldn't have chastised other boys because they weren't
11 in her group --

12 A. **No.**

13 Q. -- I'm presuming in holiday you would have been all --

14 A. **I am sure there are others who could comment with**
15 **greater authority than I can. I would just say**
16 **I wouldn't accept that at all.**

17 Q. The last thing I just want to ask you is about older
18 boys. We have heard about physical bullying from older
19 boys at that period. Did you have any --

20 A. **I mean, I am a bit confused about that, because I don't**
21 **recall any teenage boys looking after me or looking**
22 **after us. The bullying that I endured was bigger people**
23 **-- either a little older than me but of primary school**
24 **age or bigger than me, but I don't recall certainly in**
25 **the Sacred Heart or the Marion group or indeed at all**

1 **where older boys would have been left in charge of us.**

2 Q. Okay. Thanks very much.

3 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA225, thank you very much for coming to
4 speak to us again. I know that you feel that it would
5 have been better if you had done it the other way round
6 --

7 **A. Yes, of course.**

8 Q. -- in a different order. I can quite understand why you
9 say that. Unfortunately we have so many people to see
10 in relation to so many institutions we have to fit them
11 all in, and it is not always possible to do it. In the
12 ideal world if we had an infinite amount of time, but
13 I do understand the point you are making. It is one we
14 will certainly bear in mind, but it is good of you to
15 take the time to come to see us again, and thank you
16 very much for doing so.

17 **A. Okay.**

18 **(Witness withdrew)**

19 MS SMITH: There are two witnesses scheduled for this
20 afternoon. I know one has arrived. I think actually
21 they have both arrived in the building, Chairman. I am
22 not sure what time we will be ready to start, but
23 certainly there is representative for one against whom
24 allegations have been made -- a legal representative is
25 to be in attendance. I indicated if they could be here

1 for 1.45, we might be able to start at that time.

2 CHAIRMAN: Well, you will be told, ladies and gentlemen,
3 within five or ten minutes whether we can start again
4 before lunch. If not, we will try and start as soon
5 after 1.45 -- sorry -- as soon after 1.30 as is
6 convenient to everyone. So if you just wait for a few
7 minutes, Ms Smith will tell you the up-to-date position.

8 (12.25 pm)

9 (Lunch break)

10 (2.18 pm)

11 WITNESS HIA147 (called)

12 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

13 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the next witness
14 today is HIA147, who is "HIA147". He gave evidence
15 about his time in Rubane on Day 65 of the Inquiry's
16 public hearings, which was 5th November of 2014. He
17 affirmed before the Inquiry on that occasion and I have
18 explained to him that he remains under the same
19 obligation today, and he confirmed on that occasion that
20 he wished to keep his anonymity and he's confirmed today
21 that that's his position. Therefore the names we use in
22 the chamber are names not to be used beyond the chamber.

23 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well.

24 MR AIKEN: HIA147 is at pains to point out that for him his
25 time in Nazareth Lodge and what happened to him there is

1 of crucial importance for him and that's the context in
2 which he gives evidence today.

3 There are a series of documents, as HIA 147 knows,
4 that he has provided to the Inquiry over time, including
5 during his period giving evidence in respect of Rubane.
6 I am going to just bring up on the screen, if I can, the
7 document that you have provided today, HIA 147, which is
8 the document that you want the Inquiry Panel to
9 consider. That's -- if we can bring up, please, 80045.
10 This is a ten-page statement that you have written for
11 the attention of the Panel, HIA147, and you can
12 recognise the first page of it?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. If we go to 80054, to the last page of it, you will see
15 you have signed the document and dated it.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. This document will be redacted in due course in
18 accordance with how the Inquiry handles documentation,
19 and this is the statement that you want the Inquiry to
20 take into account along with the other documents it has
21 in respect of your time in Nazareth Lodge?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. I explained to you the Panel received this document and
24 have been reading it in advance of you giving your
25 evidence.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Therefore I am going to summarise in ease of you
3 a number of the matters that it contains.

4 **A. Okay. Thank you.**

5 Q. In addition to that, Chairman, Members of the Panel, if
6 I can just indicate that there are legal representatives
7 present. HIA147 makes allegations against NL4 and NL5.
8 Both of those legal representatives are present and they
9 will provide some supplementary statement about what
10 HIA147 has to say about them arising from his
11 documentation.

12 In addition, HIA147 faces an allegation himself and
13 therefore his own legal representatives are also present
14 and they gave their appearance yesterday and are present
15 again today.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

17 MR AIKEN: In addition, HIA147, to this document which you
18 want to adopt as your evidence you have provided
19 a statement of 9th January of 2015. If we can just
20 bring up, please, 80030, which is a condensed version of
21 this longer document that we have been looking at today.
22 Do you recognise this shorter version that was prepared
23 for you in conjunction with your legal representatives?
24 Let me just get you, HIA147 --

25 **A. Please.**

1 Q. I'll give you my copy so you can see what's under the --

2 **A. Yes, please, or maybe I have one here with me.**

3 Q. It is okay. I will hand you -- I will give you a copy
4 so you can recognise what's ...

5 **A. Yes. I have one here right in front of me, yes.**

6 Q. And you have signed that document?

7 **A. Yes, yes, yes, yes.**

8 Q. Like the other document, you adopt that as your evidence
9 before the Inquiry?

10 **A. Yes, yes.**

11 Q. As I said to you, HIA147, you have provided earlier
12 documents like the latest one that we're going to focus
13 on today, and I'm just going to draw that to the Panel's
14 attention at 32083, please. 32083. You will recognise
15 the top part of that earlier document that you provided
16 to the Inquiry, HIA147.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. I am going to ask you a couple of questions in due
19 course and touch on that document. It ends at 32094.

20 That is the end of --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- the twelve page document, HIA147.

23 Then, in addition, the Health & Social Care Board
24 have provided a statement to the Inquiry and that's at
25 5712 to 5713, and, as I was explaining to HIA147

1 earlier, the statement observes that while there was
2 some potential involvement of the Welfare Authority, and
3 that can be seen in Welfare Committee minutes after
4 HIA147 was born, ultimately he was not taken into care
5 by the Welfare Authority, and his recollection and what
6 the material seems to suggest is that he was placed in
7 St. Joseph's Baby Home by his mother and that's where he
8 began growing up.

9 **A. From the authorities apparently.**

10 Q. You think the authorities were involved in that to some
11 extent?

12 **A. Yes, yes, yes, yes.**

13 Q. In addition to the Health & Social Care Board HIA147 has
14 made two statements to the police. The first of those
15 was 12th December 1994 and that runs from SNB-71077 to
16 71079. It is in that police statement that HIA147 first
17 disclosed the sexual abuse that
18 NL10 that we are going to talk about sexually abused
19 him. You describe that to the police in that statement.
20 That was some twenty years ago now.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. There is a second statement to the police, as we were
23 discussing earlier, HIA147, of 6th October 1995 and the
24 reference for that is at 71080 and 71081, but that was
25 a police statement more dealing with additional matters

1 to do with Rubane --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- although you confirmed in that statement that what
4 you had said in your 1994 statement was true.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Then, as you know, HIA147, the Panel are aware there are
7 a series of medical reports, that you have had the
8 opportunity to be seen by various medical practitioners.
9 Those reports are available to the Inquiry. In a number
10 of those reports you describe the abuse that you
11 suffered. I will simply gave the Panel the reference.

12 Dr O'Gorman in '95 is at 63559 to 63562.

13 Dr Bell in August 2004 is at 71069 to 71076.

14 Professor Fahey in April 2008 at 71041 and 71058.

15 Then Dr Fleming in October 2008 at 71059 to 71068.

16 The point you made to me earlier, HIA147, was that
17 you never felt comfortable disclosing even to those
18 doctors the full extent of the abuse that you attribute
19 to NL10 during your time in Nazareth Lodge that we are
20 going to come and talk about shortly.

21 **A. That's correct.**

22 Q. The Panel is already aware of your own background and
23 the difficulty you have had and the offending that has
24 been part of your life. As I said to you on the last
25 occasion, the Panel is aware of that and I am not going

1 to go into that any further today.

2 **A. Okay.**

3 Q. What I am going to do now, HIA147, is just to set the

4 scene a little, if I can. You were born on

5 and are now aged 59. You have a wife and

6 two children, now grown up, and you have three

7 grandchildren.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You moved into the St. Joseph's Baby Home it seems in

10 February 1958. You would have been about 2 then, if

11 that's right, a small child. You maybe think you were

12 there earlier than that, do you?

13 **A. Where?**

14 Q. In St. Joseph's Babies' Home. You maybe can't remember

15 (inaudible).

16 **A. No, no. I was about six months.**

17 Q. Six months?

18 **A. Aye.**

19 Q. There you remained until you moved over to the Bethlehem

20 --

21 **A. At 3 years of age.**

22 Q. That was like a nursery?

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. That was part of or connected to Nazareth Lodge.

25 **A. Yes, that's correct.**

1 Q. Then at the age 4 or 5 --

2 **A. Went into Nazareth Lodge itself.**

3 Q. -- you moved out of Bethlehem and moved into Nazareth
4 Lodge itself.

5 **A. That's correct.**

6 Q. You moved into the St. Joseph's group --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- which was SR34 --

9 **A. That's right.**

10 Q. -- and NL5.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. That was on the top floor of the house.

13 **A. Sorry. Yes.**

14 Q. That's where your dormitory was?

15 **A. That's correct.**

16 Q. And you spent your time there while you lived in
17 Nazareth Lodge.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. It seems from the records that you went into Nazareth
20 Lodge in September 1960, 4th September 1960, which would
21 have been just before your birthday. So you would
22 have been 4 when you moved across.

23 **A. 4 or 5, yes.**

24 Q. The reference for that for the Panel is at 4399. There
25 is some narrative as to the background of HIA147.

1 HIA147 himself in the statement has used the language of
2 its time. You are from a --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- and the word was common then --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and you have used it in your own statements.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. That's a reference that can be found at 4403. You
9 remained there in Nazareth Lodge, HIA147, until 16th
10 August 1966 when at age 10, shortly to be 11, you
11 transferred to Rubane with the annual group of boys from
12 the Nazareth Lodge who went on to live in Kircubbin.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. What I want to do first, as I said to you, I want to
15 talk about the matters that are of a lower scale and
16 then we will move on to the very serious matter that you
17 want to address in the hope that that will be easier to
18 communicate it in that way.

19 You describe -- and I am going to bring up, please,
20 32085 -- physical abuse that you recall two particular
21 members of the lay staff engaging in. Your experience
22 was you had never any problem with the nuns.

23 **A. No, none at all.**

24 Q. You had a positive relationship with SR34 --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- but you did have difficulty with NL4 and NL5.

2 **A. Absolutely.**

3 Q. You describe here -- you say just halfway down -- if we
4 scroll up a little further so we get to:

5 "All the nuns ..."

6 "All the nuns were very good. No beatings from them
7 at all. Many a time, however, we got beaten by NL5 and
8 NL4, very, very wicked beatings. They would nip the
9 arms clean out of you."

10 You say:

11 "NL5 and NL4 used a PVC type of bat and smacked you
12 very hard on the thighs for absolutely nothing. They
13 also a stick, which they hid from the nuns."

14 You also mentioned to me one of them in particular
15 used to take you by the --

16 **A. The locks.**

17 Q. -- the cheeks or the locks of the hair.

18 **A. The locks.**

19 Q. Which person did that?

20 **A. NL5.**

21 Q. That was NL5 --

22 **A. NL5.**

23 Q. -- did that. Can you remember which of them did the
24 more hitting than the other?

25 **A. Well, that would have been even, you know, because you**

1 **would have got nipped on the arms or your locks and you**
2 **got a beating from NL4. It's just six of one, half**
3 **a dozen of the other.**

4 Q. As I said to you earlier, HIA147, NL5 has said to the
5 Inquiry that she didn't hit children. NL4 has said,
6 "I did smack children, but on the hand or the legs or
7 potentially the bottom. Occasionally I would have hit
8 them with a ruler on the hand or the bottom perhaps, but
9 never with a bat", but you recollect this bat being
10 used?

11 A. **A PVC type of a bat and a stick. It wasn't a ruler. No**
12 **such thing as a ruler. She wasn't a teacher. It was**
13 **a stick.**

14 Q. I was asking you, HIA147, whether any of this hitting
15 was done in front of the nuns. Did they know it was
16 happening?

17 A. **No, they didn't know, not a thing. They were all hidden**
18 **from the nuns.**

19 Q. You describe in -- and I am just going to summarise it,
20 HIA147 -- there is ten or eleven people that you
21 identify during your time in Nazareth Lodge and you had
22 no difficulty with them, the Cook, and you mention
23 various other people of that ilk. It is really for you
24 these two individuals stick out in terms of physical
25 punishment.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Then we are going to talk about NL10 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- that you describe. Just look at your -- we will move
5 on to that now, HIA147, and deal with NL10. At 80030
6 you describe that you can remember the

7 coming and that was NL10, to whom we have given
8 the designation "NL10". His name should not be used
9 outside the chamber. You talk about him taking you into
10 the toilets in the concert hall. The concert hall was
11 on the site?

12 **A. Yes. That was in the back of the -- back of the Lodge
13 itself.**

14 Q. And you describe what he did to you there. You go on to
15 describe other occasions in the workmen's toilets --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and the works garage.

18 **A. The works garage toilets, yes.**

19 Q. Were they at the back of the Nazareth Lodge premises?

20 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

21 Q. Is that part of the outhouses?

22 **A. No. That is part of -- when I am talking about the
23 concert hall, the works garage was alongside the toilets
24 as well. That was all in that area.**

25 Q. That same area?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And when you spoke to the police in December 1994, if we
3 can just bring up 71078, please, you described the abuse
4 that he engaged in, HIA147, as -- can we just maximise
5 the size of that, please -- that he would make you touch
6 him. That's the form that you felt able to tell the
7 police about when you spoke to them in 1994?

8 **A. That's correct.**

9 Q. You have explained that to the Inquiry in your previous
10 typed statement at 32084. I am not going to bring that
11 up, but what I am going to bring up, HIA147, you want to
12 explain to the Inquiry today and that's why you have
13 done this additional --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- statement, that the abuse you suffered at NL10's
16 hands was greater than just him touching you.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. I'm going to read out the passage that you want to be
19 communicated to the Inquiry and I will ask you whether
20 there's anything else you want to say about it. So if
21 we can bring up, please, 80046 and initially at the top
22 of this page, HIA147, you describe the touching
23 experience that he made you engage in that began at the
24 bottom of the page before on 80045, but you say this in
25 the fourth paragraph down, if we can just scroll down:

1 "He was ongoing all the time: in the concert hall,
2 at the back of the Lodge, in the small workman's toilet,
3 in the hall, right-hand side. NL10 brought me into the
4 toilet in the concert hall to masturbate me. He also
5 brutalised me. He grabbed me from behind and I thought
6 he was kicking me. It was so sore. It hurt me so much,
7 like being kicked with a rugby ball. I couldn't sit
8 down, maybe for hours. There was sometimes a wee bit of
9 blood, but I don't know if he tore my flesh, because
10 there was nobody to tell me and help me afterwards ...
11 definitely bruising. I know he pushed his penis up my
12 behind from behind me. So I didn't see things and
13 didn't know how to talk about them. Of course, I did
14 not have those words then. I just knew it was awful.
15 It went on for years. I have it all written down. It
16 didn't stop until I left Nazareth."

17 This is the first time, HIA147, you have felt able
18 to communicate the full extent of what NL10 did?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You were explaining to me that this really was the start
21 for you and the most damaging.

22 **A. Damage.**

23 Q. You describe it as a horror and that then you feel has
24 permeated the rest of --

25 **A. Yes, my life.**

1 Q. -- your life.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Obviously I am aware from speaking to you earlier you
4 found this difficult to communicate. Is there anything
5 else you want to say about it or are you happy I have
6 covered the extent of the matter in the way that you
7 wanted that to be conveyed to the Panel?

8 **A. No, I'm happy enough to be conveyed to the family -- to
9 the Inquiry, but it's ruined and destroyed me, and not
10 only me, but my wife and my kids. It's destroyed my
11 whole family entirely.**

12 Q. Just take your time, HIA147. There's water there if you
13 want some, but you have explained -- just take your
14 time. Are you okay?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Are you okay? Do you want me to keep going?

17 **A. Yes, yes, yes, keep going.**

18 Q. Okay. Again, HIA147, this isn't something that the nuns
19 knew about at the time.

20 **A. No, they didn't know a thing.**

21 Q. And --

22 **A. You were too young to tell anybody. You couldn't tell
23 people like that.**

24 Q. You didn't feel able to tell anyone about it?

25 **A. I just hadn't the words to tell them really what it was**

1 all about or how to use or to tell or what way to tell
2 it. I just didn't know.

3 Q. You explain in an earlier typed version that you gave to
4 the Inquiry, if we can look at 7001, please, that the
5 first time you felt able to talk about it, HIA147, was
6 after you were married.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You met and told NL5 about what happened.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. If we can bring up 70001, please. Let's try something
11 entirely different. 80001. If we just move on to the
12 next page, please, so you say here, HIA147 -- you can
13 see "1979" and:

14 "We came back to Ireland to marry. After I returned
15 I went to Nazareth Lodge to visit. I wanted to see some
16 of the boys there I knew. I told NL5 -- she was a lay
17 mother figure -- about what had happened to me there.
18 She said, 'Don't be talking to the nuns about that, but,
19 sure, you are married anyway'."

20 **A. As if it didn't matter.**

21 Q. As if it didn't matter. You say you are still haunted
22 by what happened and very mixed up inside yourself and
23 you felt she hadn't listened to you. That was you in
24 1979. So you would have been then about --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- years of age, and, as I said to you earlier, NL5 was
2 asked to recall whether she remembered this conversation
3 taking place and to address the suggestion that you told
4 her about what NL10 had done. She's provided
5 a statement to the Inquiry. If we just look, please, at
6 80041, she is saying, as I said to you, HIA147, that --
7 if we just scroll down so we can see it all on the
8 page there -- she doesn't recollect you ever speaking to
9 her about what NL10 did. She recalls meeting you in
10 a furniture shop off Castle Street in the city centre
11 and a conversation taking place about

12 but not about NL10 and sexual abuse. I was
13 asking you where you recall this conversation with NL5
14 taking place and you think it was outside Nazareth
15 Lodge.

16 **A. Outside house. He lived on the**
17 **Ravenhill Road. NL5 was outside his house when I was**
18 **talking to her about NL10.**

19 Q. And that house was --

20 **A. Never -- nothing to do with any furniture shop. What**
21 **point would I have to go into a furniture shop?**

22 Q. You don't remember ever having a conversation like this?

23 **A. No, not at all. Absolute nonsense.**

24 Q. But you do remember this conversation that was on the
25 Ravenhill Road?

1 **A. Yes, yes.**

2 Q. His house -- that gentleman's house that you are
3 referring to, it was near Nazareth Lodge?

4 **A. Yes, facing Nazareth Lodge.**

5 Q. That's where you remember the conversation taking place?

6 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

7 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about that? Was
8 that the first time you had disclosed about what NL10
9 had done?

10 **A. Yes. I disclosed to NL5. Yes, that was the first time.**
11 **She says, "Keep it away from the nuns". I didn't go**
12 **near the nuns.**

13 Q. Now, as you know, HIA147, another individual who has
14 spoken to the Inquiry has made an allegation against
15 you.

16 **A. Yes. Go on.**

17 Q. That's HIA36, or you would have known him as HIA36, who
18 is "HIA36". Again his name shouldn't be used outside
19 the chamber. Can I just show you paragraph 5 of his
20 statement, please, at 426? Just scroll down a little,
21 please. Paragraph 7 -- my apologies -- not paragraph 5.
22 He says:

23 "I wasn't streetwise and an older boy", you, HIA147,
24 "abused me in a large dog kennel and this boy went on to
25 abuse other children outside the home."

1 What he alleges is that there was a dog kennel at
2 the back of the home alongside outhouses and it was
3 quite a large dog kennel and then an enclosure, a closed
4 in area, and it was a place away from -- there wasn't
5 anybody going to walk in, as it were, and that you, as
6 said to you, took him in there and that you interfered
7 with him until he started to cry. He said to the
8 Inquiry that he said he was going to tell his mother and
9 that's when it came to an end. That was the only
10 occasion he says that you did this to him.

11 Now you have said to the Inquiry, and if we just can
12 bring up your statement, please, at 80030, and the last
13 paragraph, you say you:

14 "... have read the witness statement of HIA36 or
15 HIA36 in which he alleges that I abused him in a large
16 dog kennel. I absolutely and utterly deny this
17 and there was no dog kennel as far as I can recall at
18 Nazareth Lodge."

19 So you are saying two things, HIA147, in response.
20 You are saying, "There is no dog kennel that I remember
21 and therefore you were never in a dog kennel", you say,
22 and you never had any sexual interaction with HIA36 or
23 HIA36, as you knew him.

24 **A. HIA36, no, none at all. He's talking absolute nonsense.**
25 **It was an orphanage for boys, not for dogs.**

1 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about the
2 allegation he makes, which is this happened, you
3 interfered with him in Nazareth Lodge, or have we
4 covered it by --

5 **A. I think you have covered it enough, because nothing**
6 **happened. I think you have covered it enough.**

7 Q. Then the point I made earlier, HIA147, you have
8 recounted a terrible experience that you feel has
9 blighted your life and you have carried it with you --

10 **A. Yes, yes.**

11 Q. -- about your time in Nazareth Lodge, but you remember
12 positive things about the place as well and some of the
13 people you met and the nuns that you met?

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. So it was not -- there were positive aspects about your
16 time.

17 **A. Oh, absolutely. Absolutely, yes. There was good nuns**
18 **there and good people there. There absolutely was, but**
19 **there was wicked people there as well, and brutal too to**
20 **be honest with you --**

21 Q. And that's --

22 **A. -- and those who molested you and raped you and one**
23 **thing and another, just monsters. I'm referring to NL10**
24 **by the way.**

25 Q. As I said to you, HIA147, the Inquiry has --

1 **A. Read that. That's fair enough.**

2 Q. -- all of this material and has read it --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- and will read it.

5 **A. Okay.**

6 Q. As you know, whenever it comes to -- anyone who has come
7 to share their experience of what happened to them, we
8 ask them two questions towards the end of their
9 evidence. The first is whether -- as you know, the
10 Inquiry has to make recommendations or consider making
11 recommendations at the end of its work to the Northern
12 Ireland Government about maybe some form of apology or
13 memorial or some other means of redress, and we were
14 discussing that earlier. We ask each witness whether
15 there is anything they want to say that might assist the
16 Panel with the considerations it has to make. Is there
17 anything you want to say about that?

18 **A. Well, I would leave it up to the Historical Inquiry,
19 whatever they want to do.**

20 Q. You would leave it up to the Panel to decide?

21 **A. Yes. Yes.**

22 Q. The last question that we ask each witness, HIA147, as
23 we did in Rubane, is whether there's anything else that
24 you want to say to the Inquiry about your time in
25 Nazareth Lodge. Now's the time to do it. Maybe it is

1 something I haven't covered in enough detail or covered
2 properly, or it may be something that I haven't touched
3 on at all that you want to say about your time in
4 Nazareth Lodge. Now is your opportunity to do that. Is
5 there anything else you want to say?

6 **A. It turned out to be a hell home only for NL10. You see,**
7 **if it wasn't for NL10, it would have been all right.**
8 **I would have survived, but having said that, it's ruined**
9 **and destroyed me; not only me, but my wife and kids.**

10 Q. Okay. HIA147, stay there for a moment. Okay? I am not
11 going to ask you any more questions.

12 **A. All right.**

13 Q. The Panel Members may want to ask you something. Just
14 bear with us for a short time. Okay?

15 **A. Okay. All right.**

16 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA147, I am sure you will be relieved to
17 hear we don't want to ask you any more questions today.
18 I know you have been with us before. Ideally we would
19 have liked to have dealt with all of your experiences in
20 one go, but it's simply too complicated for us to deal
21 with places like Nazareth Lodge and Rubane on the same
22 day. So thank you very much for taking the trouble to
23 come back to speak to us about Nazareth Lodge. We are
24 very grateful and, of course, we have your -- your
25 accounts in writing as well as what you have said today.

1 So that all helps us in our task. Thank you.

2 **A. Thank you very much.**

3 **(Witness withdrew)**

4 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, Ms Smith is
5 taking the next witness. Perhaps if we have a short
6 break to allow that to be organised.

7 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We will sit again in a few moments.

8 (2.50 pm)

9 (Short break)

10 WITNESS HIA56 (called)

11 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

12 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members. Our
13 final witness this afternoon is HIA56. He is "HIA56".
14 HIA56 has given evidence already to the Inquiry about
15 his time in Kircubbin and he wishes to maintain the
16 anonymity that has been afforded to him by the Inquiry.

17 If I can just tell you there are a number of
18 documents relevant to HIA56's time in institutions. The
19 first is a statement which is at SNB-464 to 477.

20 The congregation's response is at SNB-1596 to 1598.

21 The Health & Social Care Board response about his
22 time in Nazareth Lodge is at SNB-5511 to 5512 with
23 exhibits from 5533 to 5534. They indicate that HIA56's
24 placement in Nazareth Lodge was a private and voluntary
25 placement and it was only on his discharge from Rubane

1 did Belfast County Welfare Authority become involved and
2 they hold no records for his time in Nazareth Lodge.

3 The records that they have provided can be found at
4 SNB-30753 to 30796 and SNB-4185 -- sorry -- 895 to 41938
5 and 43222 to 43265.

6 HIA56 has himself provided us with some material,
7 which can be found in the bundle at SNB-3079 -- 700 --
8 I beg your pardon -- to 30719 and SNB-32360 to 32369.

9 There is also police material. HIA56 made
10 a statement in February 1995, which can be found at
11 SNB-61022 to 61033.

12 There was a withdrawal affidavit which is in the
13 Rubane bundle at 61341. That dates back to March '96.

14 He then made a further statement to police at
15 SNB-61025 to 61028 and that was in May 2012.

16 There was an interview with someone against whom
17 allegations have been made. That can be found at
18 SNB-61029.

19 There is a statement of a police officer in relation
20 to an interview with another person against whom HIA56
21 made an allegation and that is at SNB-61032.

22 Finally, there is some transcript from HIA56's last
23 -- last time he spoke to the Inquiry at SNB-90062 to
24 90066.

25 Now, HIA56, that's the administration side of things

1 over. Before us on the screen we have your witness
2 statement that you gave to the Inquiry about your time
3 both in Nazareth Lodge and in Rubane. You have spoken
4 to us about Rubane and today we are going to deal with
5 your time in the care of the Sisters of Nazareth.

6 Your personal details are set out there in
7 paragraph 1, HIA56, and you will see there that it is
8 recorded that you were in the Babies' Home from you were
9 born effectively in 1957 and then you moved to Nazareth
10 Lodge. It is recorded here that you moved in 1959 and
11 were there until 1968. You would have been 2 in 1959,
12 HIA56 --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- but you believe that you only moved over from the
15 Babies' Home when you were 5.

16 **A. 5, yes.**

17 Q. You think that you were in Nazareth Lodge between the
18 ages of 5 and 10. You talk here that you moved when you
19 were 2 and a half to a group called Bethlehem. Now we
20 have been told by someone else Bethlehem was actually
21 the nursery section of Nazareth Lodge.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. That's right?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You were there before you moved into the Lodge proper,

1 as it were, where the older boys were. It was in the
2 same building, different wing of the same building, but
3 Nazareth Lodge really relates to the time when you moved
4 out of the nursery section.

5 **A. Yes, that's right, yes.**

6 Q. So paragraph 2 here you have described that -- you
7 describe that you moved into a group called Our Lady's.
8 There were four groups of 30 boys in each. You thought
9 one was called Bethlehem, Our Lady's, Sacred Heart and
10 St. Joseph's.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You say you were in the same group throughout your time
13 in the Lodge and you stayed there until you were 11.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You talk in paragraph -- I am just going to deal with
16 some of the general things you talk about in your
17 statement. We were discussing this earlier.

18 Paragraph 11 you talk about home -- sorry -- food in
19 the home, and I think when we were talking, you describe
20 it as basic rather than poor, but you were always
21 hungry. Just get -- sorry. You say:

22 "I remember it was basic. We ate things like
23 vegetable roll, fried bread, powdered potatoes that came
24 in big sacks. There used to be a market called May's
25 Market. The nuns would go down two or three times

1 a week. At the end of the day people in the market
2 would give the nuns food and they were getting the
3 leftovers from the market."

4 You say:

5 "Buns were donated every Sunday by Kennedy's Bakery.
6 I remember being hungry all the time. Sometimes we went
7 down to the playing fields at the back of the home. We
8 picked a green leaf from the hedgerows called salix and
9 you could heat the leaf on the radiator and eat them and
10 that was nice."

11 You also talk there about the clothes at paragraph
12 12:

13 "I think a lot of the clothes were donated to the
14 home."

15 You remember at Christmas there were toys donated,
16 but after Christmas the toys were taken off you and the
17 nuns told you they were sent to the babies in Africa,
18 who really needed them.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Have you any memory of any particular toy or anything,
21 HIA56, about Christmas?

22 **A. No, no, none.**

23 Q. Excuse me. Paragraph 18 of your statement you say there
24 that:

25 "Once a week we had to do chores in the home."

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. "The floors in the chapel had to be waxed. The chapel
3 was on the first floor. Some boys had to put orange wax
4 on the floor and then we put a blanket around our feet
5 and ran up and down the corridors. It was fun at the
6 time but you had to do it a lot."

7 You say you also did the odd job in the kitchen that
8 allowed you to be up an extra two hours, because you
9 didn't have to go to bed until 7.00 pm.

10 "I washed up and cleaned the floors and was allowed
11 to eat snacks."

12 You remember a particular member of staff in the
13 kitchen, who you say died a few years ago.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. You talk in paragraph 19 about the summer holidays and
16 during every summer holiday you said you went to an RAF
17 base in Ballyhornan which was given to the nuns for the
18 children.

19 "We stayed in huts. On the Saturday we were given
20 a bar of red soap and told to go into the sea and get
21 washed."

22 You don't think there were any kind of baths then or
23 certainly not in Ballyhornan.

24 Somebody else has described the place where you were
25 in Ballyhornan as there being -- people were getting

1 electric shocks from wires. Do you remember that at
2 all?

3 **A. No, nothing.**

4 Q. HIA56, you brought us some photographs that show a trip
5 to Ballyhornan. I am going to ask for those to be
6 called up now on the screen. SNB-32365, please. These
7 are -- if we could maybe invert that. This is
8 a clipping from a newspaper. It said -- it is quite
9 hard to read out, but it said:

10 "These boys from Nazareth Lodge ..."

11 I think it might be better on my own copy if I can
12 just put my hands on that.

13 CHAIRMAN: "Nazareth Lodge (inaudible) are obviously
14 enjoying their holiday at Ballyhornan."

15 MS SMITH: Yes. These boys --

16 "... Ballyhornan, County Down. Also", something,

17 "are NL5, SR34, SR 18 , SR47 ..."

18 and the last name is something that says SR 209.

19 SR 209 it might be.

20 **A. SR 209 SR 209**

21 Q. SR 209, SR 209 . We can see the nuns at the back here
22 and I just going to -- there is a lady at the extreme
23 side of this page here and I think you identified her to
24 me as NL5.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. That's the lady in a V-neck jumper there with the blouse
2 that looks like maybe a brooch on it.

3 **A. Yes. That's correct.**

4 Q. There's quite a large group of boys. We can see there
5 is a circle round one of the heads there and your name
6 is given there, HIA56. Is that you?

7 **A. That's me, yes.**

8 Q. The nuns at the back, can you identify each of those at
9 all?

10 **A. SR47 and SR34 and ...**

11 Q. Sorry. Just to be clear who we are talking about --

12 **A. From left to right.**

13 Q. -- the one nearest to NL5 is?

14 **A. SR47.**

15 Q. Then the next one is SR34. Is that right?

16 **A. SR34, yes.**

17 Q. The following two runs?

18 **A. SR 18 .**

19 Q. SR 18 and then the last one?

20 **A. SR 209**

21 Q. SR 209 There's a group -- certainly quite a large group
22 of boys there in that photograph.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Did all of the boys in the home go down to Ballyhornan?

25 **A. Everybody, yes.**

1 Q. Apart from maybe those who were going back to families
2 or something like that?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. No. Everyone went?

5 **A. No, I don't think -- nobody went to families. They**
6 **hadn't got any.**

7 Q. Okay. Can we scroll down to the next photograph,
8 please, just the next page, and this is a photograph
9 which seems to have been taken in 1965 of you all on the
10 beach with two Sisters or maybe a third Sister there.

11 **A. There's three there.**

12 Q. Three there. There's one crouching down at the beach
13 itself in Ballyhornan.

14 **A. Yes. That's it.**

15 Q. You were given these photographs by someone else who was
16 in the home at the same time as you. Is that right?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Then the third photograph just on the next page, if we
19 can scroll on down to that, just this is actually
20 a photograph of the chapel in Nazareth Lodge?

21 **A. It is, yes.**

22 Q. The final photograph you have brought to us, HIA56 --
23 I wasn't going to call it up, but I think it is a nice
24 photograph, so I'll just show it -- it is a photograph
25 of yourself and your mother there on the last page.

1 **A. Aye.**

2 Q. Now you were visited by your mother and you talk about
3 this at paragraphs 16 and 17 of your statement. If we
4 could go back to, that please, at SNB-468, you say that
5 your mother came to visit you twice a week from when you
6 were 5 until you left at 10. You actually didn't really
7 see her as a mother. You were actually terrified of her
8 and you remember she had a boyfriend at the time. The
9 two of them used to come up. The problem was she
10 brought a change of clothes with her and made you strip
11 and then she washed you and put on the clean clothes and
12 she also brought you food up like custard and stewed
13 apple. You felt she humiliated you as you got teased by
14 the other boys, "Your ma's here to strip you. It is
15 time for your wash and your feed" and all this. You had
16 to strip out in the gardens no matter who was looking.
17 You say it was humiliating and happened twice a week.

18 You say you later discovered that you were in care
19 voluntarily and that your mother could have taken you
20 out at any time, but that she didn't want you put up for
21 adoption.

22 Do you remember did anybody else visit the home
23 apart -- you were obviously visited by your mother, but
24 do you remember visits by anybody else coming?

25 **A. Celebrities?**

1 Q. Yes, or anyone?

2 **A. Captain O'Neill.**

3 Q. You remember -- that would have been Captain Terence
4 O'Neill?

5 **A. Yes. It's in the paper.**

6 Q. And you remember him coming up?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. I think you talked about whenever the Reverend Mother in
9 the home was replaced there was ...

10 **A. That was a very special day, yes. We lined the avenue
11 and a big limousine came up**

12 Q. And brought her up.

13 **A. Swapped the Mothers over, yes. It was good.**

14 Q. So it was a bit of a ceremony whenever that happened?

15 **A. Aye. Yes.**

16 Q. You have talked about good memories that you had of
17 Nazareth Lodge.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You were telling me about being taken to see the Sound
20 of Music.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You described how you were taken by nuns who were
23 sitting behind you and then suddenly there were nuns on
24 the screen and you were doing like a double-take.

25 One of the things that I asked you about, one of the

1 other witnesses -- and I think you were present when he
2 gave evidence this morning, HIA225 -- he said that you
3 were one of the boys who went with him to sing on
4 "Teatime with Tommy".

5 **A. No.**

6 Q. You think he's got that wrong?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. It wasn't you, but it was some other boys?

9 **A. Definitely, yes.**

10 Q. You also remember you said the retired nuns were always
11 very good to you.

12 **A. Very good to you.**

13 Q. I think you named a SR 150 and .
14 Is that right?

15 **A. and there was a lot more, yes.**

16 Q. You say you certainly were never on TV yourself?

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. Now I am going to ask you about some of the specific
19 complaints you make about your time in the home. If we
20 could go back up to paragraph 3, please, you say:

21 "In the Lodge older boys who were in their late
22 teens and early 20s went out to work during the day.
23 When they came back to the Lodge, they were in charge of
24 groups of younger boys. These older boys were called
25 charge boys. They were in charge of us when the nuns

1 went to the convent between 8.00 -- sorry -- 6.00 am and
2 9.00 pm. A nun had a room called a cell in the
3 dormitory and she would look into the dorm from her
4 cell. The cell had a half wall round it and it was open
5 at the top. The charge boys slept in another part of
6 the dormitory."

7 Now as a child you felt these older boys went out to
8 work. You didn't see them during the day. Is that the
9 position?

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. You thought they were of this age group. They were sort
12 of older teenage boys.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. We have heard when you were there that no mothers
15 that -- there were nobody of that age group in the home
16 at that time. Anybody who was 11 or older had gone to
17 Rubane.

18 **A. No. They kept them for a while and then, as they got
19 older, they went up to Nazareth House.**

20 Q. That was your understanding of what happened to them?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You certainly have a recollection of much older boys --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- looking after you at night?

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

1 Q. Paragraph 4 there you describe who was in charge of your
2 group and you thought she was very good. She never put
3 a hand on you.

4 **A. SR47, yes.**

5 Q. That's SR47. There should be a designation here for
6 her, but we can correct that. You don't know if she is
7 still alive, although --

8 **A. I just learnt today that she died.**

9 Q. You learnt today that she died just a short while ago,
10 about a couple of months ago.

11 **A. A few months ago.**

12 Q. And you think --

13 **A. From the Sisters present.**

14 Q. The Sisters who are present today told you that. You
15 think that she was -- SR34 was also in Our Lady's group.

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. SR34.

18 **A. St. Joseph's.**

19 Q. I am just reading from your statement here, HIA56.
20 I know you can't see the name, but the name that is
21 there is SR34 that we have blacked out. So that's
22 wrong. She was in charge of St. Joseph's?

23 **A. St. Joseph's, which was at the top of the house.**

24 Q. And you say you went -- sorry.

25 **A. She was at the top of the house.**

1 Q. Where was your group?

2 **A. Just below it.**

3 Q. You say there that you went to bed at 5 o'clock every
4 day, 5.00 pm.

5 **A. That would be average, 5.00 to 6.00.**

6 Q. And the nuns went away to the convent at 6 o'clock.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You say:

9 "That's when the charge boys took over and abused
10 us."

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. "They were bullies. We were terrified of them. There
13 were two brothers called ..."

14 You give the names there. I am going to give the
15 first name. He was called DL²⁸⁰ although that seems to
16 have been short for a longer name, and his brother.

17 "On one occasion when I was about 6 or 7 and they
18 were 15 or 16 years old, the brothers made my group all
19 line up. There was about 25 to 30 in each dorm and they
20 just lined us all up and we were told to take our pyjama
21 bottoms off. Then they went along the line and touched
22 everyone's penis until they got erections. Not everyone
23 got an erection. If anyone got an erection, then they
24 would hang these flannels with loops on. They made us
25 wriggle so the flannel moved and they thought this was

1 hilarious.

2 The charge boys were also physically abusive and
3 they used to kick and punch us. DL 280 and his brother
4 were bullies. They used to beat up a boy called" -- and
5 I'll just give the first name -- " ."

6 **A. , yes.**

7 **Q.** "I saw them hit and kick him."

8 You believe they went to England and you thought

9

10 You say that -- just to be clear -- I will come
11 back. We have received an Inquiry statement, and you
12 are aware of this, from one of these brothers, and
13 I will leave it until further into your evidence before
14 I say what he has told the Inquiry, HIA56, but in
15 paragraph 5 you go on to talk about a man

16

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18 **A. Yes.**

19 **Q.** You say he was elderly. You think he was in his 60s
20 then and he had white hair.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 **Q.** You give a name there, but you didn't know his surname.

23

24 and you say:

25 "He was a sort of friendly figure, as he knew us as

1 babies."

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You used to go over and see the staff

4 "I went in as I always knew there
5 were sweets there. When I was in he
6 locked the door and he took down my shorts and pants.
7 He sucked my penis. He would have his trousers down
8 exposing his penis and lower body. He sat me on his
9 knee and his penis came up between my thighs. He made
10 me touch his penis and he moved back and forward. He
11 gave me Toffee Crisps and I ate the sweets while he was
12 abusing me. I think he started to abuse me when I was
13 about 6 years old. He abused me on a couple of
14 occasions."

15 Now you know, HIA56, that someone else has given
16 evidence to the Inquiry, and I am just going to use his
17 first name, because I can't actually remember the
18 reference that we have given to him. That's a boy
19 called HIA 36 and you know who I am talking about.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. You were friendly with HIA 36 when you were in Nazareth
22 Lodge. He was in your age group. Isn't that right?

23 **A. Yes (inaudible).**

24 Q. In his statement to the Inquiry -- and the Panel can
25 look at this. It is paragraph 5 at SNB-426. Can we

1 just pull that up, please? Paragraph 5 there he said:

2 "I was abused in Nazareth Lodge by a lay worker. He

3 He was an old

4 man at the time and he abused me in front of another

5 resident called ...",

6 and the name he has recorded there is your name:

7 "He worked in and

8 he made us strip off. It happened maybe three times.

9 I would describe the abuse as fondling. On one occasion

10 I remember a nun coming to and we were

11 naked and although I cannot recall his name now,

12 I remember her calling him. You had to come down

13 a flight of stairs, but she did not come down."

14 Can I ask you is he correct about

15 having to come down a flight of stairs

16 **A. No. A ramp.**

17 Q. A ramp?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. I think he maybe -- he gave evidence earlier this week

20 to the Inquiry and he did describe the layout

21

22

23 **A. , yes.**

24 Q. He said that -- he went on to say that his mother used

25 to come and visit the Lodge and you and he would have

1 gone down to the front gates at the front to meet his
2 mother coming off the bus together with your mother,
3 because the two ladies were friendly.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. If she wasn't there, you would have dandered up and down
6 and would have gone round the back of the

7

8 and you went down a ramp as
9 he said, and:

10 "He would call us into there."

11 He is saying because you were the person who was
12 with him, because your two mothers were close and you
13 were someone he would have associated with in those
14 days, although in later years you haven't had any
15 relationship and you are no longer friends --

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. -- but he said that it happened when you were there and
18 it happened he thinks about two occasions. Have you any
19 memory? I mean, you know the person I am talking about,
20 HIA56, first of all.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You have no memory of him being present when you were
23 abused by this man --

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. -- or seeing him being abused by him?

1 **A. No. If it happened, it just happened with me.**

2 Q. You then at paragraph 6 of your own statement, if we can
3 go back to that, please, at SNB-465, at paragraph 6
4 there -- sorry -- if we can scroll down to the next
5 page, you describe there:

6 "One day my group was walking along the driveway
7 with SR47. The was over on the grounds and
8 I pointed him out to the Sister and I just said, 'That's
9 the man who done dirty things to me'."

10 You don't remember how she reacted.

11 **A. I didn't hear anything more.**

12 Q. But you definitely told her this?

13 **A. I did, yes. It sticks in my mind.**

14 Q. You also go on then, HIA56, to describe at paragraph 7
15 how you were sexually abused by the of Nazareth
16 Lodge. That was after you had been abused by

17 So you were a little bit older you think, 6
18 or 7. Is that correct?

19 **A. Possibly, yes.**

20 Q. You say it happened on a couple of occasions, and you
21 give his name there as NL10. You said he had dark hair
22 and he was in his late 20s or early 30s at the time.

23 You say:

24 "He lived in
25

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q.

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5 He took you into his bedroom and he felt around your
6 penis. He made you feel his penis by grabbing your hand
7 and placing it on his.

8 "I think his trousers were down. It happened on
9 several occasions. I didn't understand what was
10 happening, but I knew he would give me sweets for doing
11 it."

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. You go on then at paragraph 8 to talk about two boys
14 whom you name -- I will just give first names -- DL 269
15 and DL 231 who you say also abused you when you were
16 about 8 and they were maybe 11 or a bit older.

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. One day they took you up on to the stage in the hall
19 where you watched television. Furniture was being
20 stored on the stage. They took you on to a table and
21 then they started to fight with each other. One said,
22 "He is mine. I had him first". You think it was DL 231
23 that said that. They then took your trousers and pants
24 down and started touching your penis and testicles and
25 you were really frightened. They both had their

1 trousers down at the time, but you don't recall them
2 touching each other.

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. DL 269 told you that you had the nicest bum in the home.
5 You were also abused by these two individually a few
6 times around the hen houses, and you were told by police
7 that one you believed had been arrested and the other
8 had ended up in That's what police told you
9 about those two people. Is that correct?

10 **A. Yes, that's correct, yes.**

11 Q. Now you also complain about a civilian -- you say:

12 "There were two civilian staff who worked in the
13 Lodge."

14 Again the names were NL4 and NL5. I am using names,
15 HIA56, because they are clearly blacked out here.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. It is just so you know who I am speaking about, but the
18 names are not to be used outside.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You say they told the dorms to check if you were asleep
21 and you saw NL4 hit people with her hand. You give
22 a child's name here, NL 174. You say that NL 174 messed
23 his bed one night and you saw NL4 rubbing his face in
24 the mess. She made an example of him. You say:

25 "She left the Lodge. Everyone was afraid of her and

1 they cheered in the refectory when they saw her leave
2 with her bags.

3

4 You knew to stay out of her way in order to avoid
5 being beaten. You recall on one occasion she called
6 your mother a tart and said, "Who does she think she
7 is?" and punched you on the shoulder.

8 Now I am going to pause there for a moment and just
9 ask you about this person. You know that she has given
10 a response statement to the Inquiry --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- about what you say about her.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You have no complaint to make about the other lay staff
15 member, NL5. Is that correct?

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. You say that not only was NL 5 but other people in the
18 home were terrified of NL4.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You named -- did you say -- a staff nurse did you say?

21 **A. NL 175 .**

22 Q. Who you say was also terrified of this woman, NL4.

23 **A. No, but she stood up to her.**

24 Q. You say that NL4 actually hated your mother.

25 **A. Yes. Jealous.**

1 Q. She was jealous of her. You have described how your
2 mother used to come to the home.

3 **A. Because she was quite elegant and arrived**
4 **She was jealous.**

5 Q. Just to be clear, in her Inquiry statement, which is as
6 yet unsigned, because it is a supplemental statement,
7 and I will read out from it what she said about you and
8 what you have said about her, she said:

9 "I recall HIA56. My memory is that he was a nice
10 child and his mother would have visited him regularly in
11 the home. She may have been a shop assistant."

12 Is that right?

13 **A. No.**

14 Q. "She would have called to see him most weeks",
15 which was right.

16 **A. Twice, twice a week.**

17 Q. Twice a week. He (sic) says:

18 "He was in Our Lady's group for a period of time --
19 and for a period of time I did help a nun supervise this
20 group. In paragraph 9 of his statement he describes
21 NL 5 and myself patrolling the dormitories to check if
22 the children were asleep."

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. "This was not the case. I have already stated I only
25 supervised those children in my group and I had no

1 reason to go into any other dormitories and I did not
2 work alongside NL5."

3 **A. She didn't actually have a group, NL5.**

4 Q. NL5 didn't have a group --

5 **A. No.**

6 Q. But what NL4 is saying --

7 **A. She was one of the lay staff.**

8 Q. Yes, but what I --

9 **A. There was a nun in each group, you know.**

10 Q. But was NL4 assigned to a group along with a nun?

11 **A. I think she helped out on Marion's group.**

12 Q. What she has said is that she didn't have any reason to
13 go into any of the other dormitories, only the group
14 that she was in?

15 **A. Because she probably had no authority to, but she did.**

16 Q. I think when you were talking to me, you said she had
17 control over everyone. Once the nuns left for the
18 evening she took over.

19 **A. Some of the nuns were scared of her. The nuns were
20 scared of her.**

21 Q. The nuns were scared of her?

22 **A. Some of them. Not SR134.**

23 Q. Sorry. Not Sister?

24 **A. Not SR134.**

25 Q. She wasn't scared of her?

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. SR134, was she the Mother Superior?

3 **A. No. She was a teacher.**

4 Q. A teacher. You said -- she has said in her statement,
5 just to read further from it, she only checked children
6 who were known to bed wet and that would have been about
7 9 o'clock at night.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. "After that I would have had no further contact with the
10 children until the following morning and the nun in
11 charge would have dealt with any problems that arose
12 during the night.

13 **A. No. She checked every child.**

14 Q. You say that --

15 **A. Whether you wet the bed or not, if you weren't asleep or
16 anything or your head wasn't covered.**

17 Q. What happened if you weren't asleep?

18 **A. Well, you got sort of slapped or -- this was in the
19 height of summer.**

20 Q. In the height of summer when it is still light outside.

21 **A. We had no curtains on the windows and the sun was
22 shining through and we couldn't sleep.**

23 Q. She goes on to say:

24 "He also alleges that he saw me hit people with my
25 hand. I did slap children with my open hand on their

1 leg, hands and occasionally on their bottom. This was
2 a form of chastisement."

3 **A. No. It was a bit rougher than that.**

4 Q. She says she wasn't overly physical with any child.

5 **A. She was.**

6 Q. She said that your claims about NL 174 are not true,
7 that the only child she remembers defecating in his bed
8 at night is another child whom she names as NL 28 and
9 she gives his full name, but I am just going to call him
10 NL 28

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. "I have referred to that in my previous statement."

13 She says she doesn't recall NL 174 but she is sure
14 she never rubbed any child's face in their own mess.

15 **A. She hated NL 174 because he was able to answer her**
16 **back. They are the ones ended up in Muckamore: NL 174**
17 **NL 174 and DL 157 and a whole host of them. They**
18 **never even got to Kircubbin.**

19 Q. You saw what she did to the boy NL 174

20 **A. Yes, I did. She rubbed his face in it.**

21 Q. Now she says that you are another former resident who is
22 described her as returning to the home

23 She says she is:

24 "...
25

1 Q.

2 **A. Aye.**

3 Q. She has said maybe a small number of children did see

4 her on this visit to --

5 **A. Everybody saw her. She was visiting the home.**

6 Q.

7 **A.**

8 Q. She said --

9 **A.**

10 Q.

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. She goes on:

13 "He also alleges that on one occasion I called his
14 mother a tart and I punched him on a shoulder. Again
15 I deny this. I was not told the family circumstances of
16 any child who was in the home."

17 **A. No, she hated my mother. She was jealous of her. As
18 I told you before, NL4 was a short, stumpy thing and not
19 an attractive person whereas my mother was the total
20 episode: elegant, tall, well-dressed and**

21 **You would be jealous, wouldn't you?**

22 Q. Certainly that's what NL4 is saying.

23 **A. After my mother would leave she would take it out on me,
24 punch me. "Who does she think she is coming up here
25 like that?"**

1 Q. In response to your statement the congregation have also
2 given us a statement, HIA56.

3 **A. Right.**

4 Q. They say that their policy of no physical punishment of
5 children, they accept that was not always adhered to,
6 and they say that they employed staff in good faith and
7 accept that some of that may have been misplaced. They
8 say the food and clothing was the best they could
9 provide. They are shocked to learn about the bullying
10 and about the sexual abuse, and they offer you a sincere
11 and profound apology and also for any treatment that you
12 received at the hands of a Sister or staff member that
13 fell below the standard.

14 Now do you think the nuns knew what was going on?

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. You don't?

17 **A. Some of them were scared of NL4.**

18 Q. Can I just ask if they were scared of her, is it the
19 case then they knew what she was doing but just weren't
20 prepared to tackle her?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. About the boys, the older boys and what they were doing,
23 do you think the nuns were aware of that?

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. Now just one thing, that when we were talking earlier,

1 you said you had been present when a witness gave
2 earlier -- gave evidence this morning about a boy called
3 DL 157 in relation to NL4, and you heard what I read
4 from her statement about what he had said. You said
5 that you all went on the bus to visit her family. Is
6 that correct, that she took you all?

7 **A. Yes, to go on visits, yes, to**

8 Q. Was that just one at a time or in a group?

9 **A. No, it was a whole bunch of us went up on the bus to**
10 **visit her mother for tea or whoever was there, her**
11 **sister. That was quite regularly.**

12 Q. Going back to your statement, HIA56, at paragraphs 13
13 and 14, which is at page SNB-467, you say there that you
14 never had any complaints about the nuns.

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. They were good and you had nothing bad to say about
17 them. You were happy with them.

18 **A. No. I am happy they are here today.**

19 Q. And you say --

20 **A. That gives me a bit of comfort, knowing that they are**
21 **here, because I miss the presence of nuns. I really do.**

22 Q. You say that -- sorry.

23 **A. I am happy that they are here today.**

24 Q. Sorry, HIA56. I did not mean to interrupt you.

25 I apologise. What was that you last said at the end?

1 **A. I said I am happy they are here today. I have always**
2 **missed their company and I am glad to see them here.**

3 Q. You say:

4 "They made sacrifices for us."

5 **A. They did.**

6 Q. "I just suppose they didn't know what was going on."

7 **A. It was hard. It was hard for them.**

8 Q. "Even today I really miss them. I have missed them
9 since I left Nazareth Lodge."

10 **A. There was no Social Services. They had to go out and**
11 **beg for food, money, everything.**

12 Q. And you talk about this in paragraph 14.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You say that they couldn't afford to feed you properly.

15 "They must have worked hard for us. We weren't
16 aware of it at the time, but I now realise the
17 sacrifices that they made."

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. You heard, HIA56 -- there was HIA225's evidence. He
20 said that SR34 engaged in a certain type of behaviour.
21 Did you witness that?

22 **A. I wasn't involved with SR34 at all. She taught in the**
23 **school and that was it. She had a group upstairs as**
24 **well. I never had anything with her.**

25 Q. You certainly didn't have any difficulty with her, but

1 did you see what HIA225 described happen to any other
2 children?

3 **A. Aye, there were a few being lifted by the ears and sort**
4 **of cheeks maybe, but I always say they didn't get it for**
5 **nothing.**

6 Q. You felt that kind of treatment was justified and
7 I think HIA225 would probably say that, you know, it
8 wasn't.

9 **A. You try looking after thirty boys. Somebody is going to**
10 **get slapped.**

11 Q. Well, you transferred to Rubane in 1968, when you were
12 11.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. We know that you spoke to police in 1995. If we can
15 just look at that statement, it is at SNB --

16 **A. RUC?**

17 Q. Sorry?

18 **A. RUC?**

19 Q. Yes. SNB-61022.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. You see there, if you can just scroll down through it,
22 please, you just say:

23 "I should say that before I came to De La Salle
24 I had been sexually assaulted by the staff
25 at Nazareth Lodge. One of the men was called NL10. He

1 was the and lived on the premises. He would
2 feel all around me and touch my penis and make me feel
3 his penis. This was on several occasions. The other
4 man was much older. I can't remember his name. He
5 would bring me into lock the door,
6 strip me naked and would suck my penis. He would have
7 his trousers down, exposing his penis and lower body.
8 He would put me over his knee to get me to touch his
9 penis. This happened on many occasions. He used to
10 give me sweets all the time. I was also abused by some
11 of the older boys. I remember the names ...",

12 and you give the four names you have given in your
13 Inquiry statement:

14 "I was stripped on several occasions by all of these
15 boys and my private parts touched."

16 Again you say:

17 "The boys were much older than I was. I would have
18 been about 6 or 7 and they were 15 or 16."

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. "They made me get an erection and they would hang a face
21 flannel on my penis and things like that."

22 **A. Maybe just under 16.**

23 Q. They were just --

24 **A. They wouldn't have been over 16.**

25 Q. They wouldn't have been over 16?

1 **A. Those particular ones.**

2 Q. Well, you again made another statement, which we can
3 look at. It is 61025. This was in May of 2012. Again
4 if you can just scroll down, please, you say:

5 "I have made complaints in my statement against
6 NL10, He was in his late 20s/30s at the
7 time of the sexual assaults I have outlined. He had
8 dark hair. I can recall that he lived

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He would have abused me from around 1963",
when you went to Nazareth Lodge. That can't be
right.

17 **A. It's a rough estimate.**

18 Q. Sorry?

19 **A. '63?**

20 Q. In 1963 you would have been about 5. Isn't that right?

21 **A. I can't be exact.**

22 Q. But that's -- you thought it might --

23 **A. 1960 something.**

24 Q. 1960 something. You go on to say that he would have
25 taken you up to the and round

1 his room and into his bedroom room.

2 "I don't recall how he got me to go there, but once
3 we got there he felt all round my penis. I would have
4 been wearing shorts, but I don't recall how he touched
5 me, whether it was under my pants or over. He then
6 would have made me feel his penis by grabbing my hand
7 and placing it on his penis. I think his trousers were
8 down. I don't ever recall if he had an erection.
9 I just didn't understand what was happening, but I knew
10 he would give me sweets for doing it."

11 You go on to say:

12 "It is just a pity the nuns couldn't see what was
13 going on. This happened on a couple of occasions but
14 then stopped."

15 Do you think, HIA56, by that comment that if the
16 nuns had known this was happening, that they would have
17 put an end to it? Is that what you are trying to say
18 there?

19 **A. Probably.**

20 Q. You have also said:

21 "I have also mentioned sexual abuse at the hands of
22

23 You give a different name here to what you gave in
24 your Inquiry statement.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Which do you recollect is the right name?

2 A. NL 116

3 Q. NL 116 You describe him as in his 60s, white hair and

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5 A. Yes.

6 Q. He didn't live on the premises. You think he was local,

7 and you think again that started about 1963, when you

8 were 6.

You

9 were taken into

10 Again you went because he would give you

11 Toffee Crisps. While he was abusing you, you were

12 eating your sweets. You go on to describe what he did

13 to you in more detail.

14 You do say in your police statement that you:

15 "... can recall on one occasion that I told SR47.

16 I was in the driveway with a whole group of boys. We

17 must have been going somewhere and SR47 was in charge of

18 my group. I told her that the man over

19 had done dirty on me. I pointed him

20 out to her as he was standing

21 but I don't recall getting a reaction from her.

22 I tried to write to her many years ago through

23 Hammersmith, but I got a letter to say they couldn't

24 trace her. I think, although I didn't -- I think,

25 although I didn't keep the letter. I just wanted to see

1 if she remembered me telling her."

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. You go on to say there was a nurse in your group. You
4 can't remember her name. You recall the two --

5 **A. It's NL 175 NL 175**

6 Q. NL 175

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You recall the two brothers whom you have named there
9 helped this particular nun. You say they were charge
10 boys, and when you were 6 or 7, you thought they were 17
11 or 18, but you'll be aware --

12 **A. They were probably younger.**

13 Q. They were probably younger.

14 "They slept in your dormitory, and when the nuns
15 weren't there, they were in charge. About 6.00 the nuns
16 went to the convent and didn't come back until about
17 9.00. We were in bed about 5.00."

18 You go on to say:

19 "Both brothers lined us up in the dorm and told us
20 to drop our pyjama bottoms and then they would feel us
21 with their hands round our testicles. Both brothers did
22 this to me. They did it until you got an erection.
23 Then they placed a flannel on your penis. It had a hook
24 on it and they hung it over your penis and then you had
25 to move about until it moved around with you. Not

1 everyone would get an erection. I recall this happening
2 on one occasion.

3 The two of them were bullies as well."

4 You talk about them hitting and kicking a boy.
5 After -- you then go on to talk about the two lay staff
6 in this statement who were checking to see if you were
7 awake.

8 "Often we were, because of incidents like I have
9 just described with the brothers had taken place. If
10 you were awake ..."

11 Sorry, HIA56.

12 "If you were awake, NL4 made you pull your blanket
13 over your head. I saw her hit people with her hand.
14 I also witnessed her rubbing NL 174 face in poo."

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. "He had messed his bed and she rubbed his face in it.
17 She also kept dogs in the outhouse and thought it was
18 hilarious that we had to run past them to avoid getting
19 attacked."

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. "I also recall she had an argument with SR134 and left,
22 and this was in the dining room, and everyone cheered,
23 and about six months later she returned

24 I couldn't understand it. If she hadn't been at
25 Nazareth, it would have been much better. Everyone was

1 afraid of her. She really didn't do anything on me.
2 I knew how to avoid her and keep on the right side of
3 her."

4 You have mentioned two other boys. When you were 8
5 and they were about 11, you recall them taking you up on
6 to the stage and on stage the furniture was being stored
7 and you relate there what you have told us in your
8 Inquiry statement. You were really frightened, because
9 they had been fighting and the concentration was on you.
10 As a result you have sought counselling for that.

11 Now the police interviewed -- first of all, can
12 I say that DL 280 the boy who is named here as one of the
13 two brothers, has given an Inquiry -- a statement to the
14 Inquiry. He has said in that -- and it can be found at
15 SNB-80055 -- he talks about the fact that he has read
16 the statement that you have given about him and another
17 person who has spoken about him and he says that he
18 doesn't accept the allegations that you and this other
19 person make against him in any way. He doesn't have any
20 specific memory of either of you. He doesn't recall
21 ever being a charge boy or working boy as you refer to
22 in your statement. He said he left Nazareth Lodge in
23 1962 and went to Rubane, contrary to assertions that he
24 wasn't permitted to go there.

25 The allegations that are made against him suggest

1 that at the material time he was around 17 -- 16 or 17.

2 "However, on the basis of the dates they provided
3 I would have been 11 at the oldest when the alleged
4 incidents happened. They have their facts totally wrong
5 and this only shows just how incorrect in suggesting
6 I was so much older.

7 I did not sexually assault anyone, nor was I ever
8 present when this happened.

9 I accept I was involved in a number of fights during
10 my time in Nazareth Lodge, but that was a common
11 occurrence, and it was not as a result of bullying
12 others. I don't recall any specific fights with either
13 of these witnesses.

14 I remember my time at Nazareth House as being a very
15 hard and difficult one. However, at no point did I take
16 part in any sexual or other abuse against anyone there.

17 I cannot speak for my brother, but
18 again I never saw anything whilst I was there involving
19 my brother in these type of matters.

20 I am appalled at these allegations and can only
21 reiterate that I did not carry out the assault as
22 alleged in their statements."

23 He has signed that statement just today actually.

24 **A. Today?**

25 Q. Today. We received it unsigned, but we have now

1 received --

2 **A. Yes. That's okay.**

3 Q. -- the signed statement today, HIA56. Is there anything
4 you want to say about what he has said in response to
5 what you say about him?

6 **A. He's not telling the truth. It did happen. The whole
7 group wasn't lined up. The selected few, if you know
8 what I mean.**

9 Q. They picked people out of it.

10 **A. If there was about 30 boys in the group, there was about
11 -- a selection of them taken out and lined up and
12 stripped and -- I don't know how they got the erections,
13 but some of them did and some of them didn't. They put
14 the wee loops on your -- on the flannel and you had to
15 like dance and sort of swing it round, you know.**

16 Q. The boy DL 269 that you named was interviewed by police.
17 We don't have a copy of that interview, but police
18 officers noted what he said at SNB-61032.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Just if we can look at that briefly. This is
21 a statement from a police officer who -- in 2013 who
22 spoke to DL 269 and he said that:

23 "During the interview DL 269 was asked if he ever
24 grabbed HIA56 and touched his penis and testicles. He
25 stated that he remembered you from Nazareth Lodge but

1 denied he ever touched your penis or testicles."

2 That's the only record we have of that interview.

3 I am not quite sure why, but that is all that we have at
4 the moment.

5 **A. I think he was more interested in bottoms, so he was.**

6 Q. So those are the investigations that the police carried
7 out in relation to the allegations that you have made.
8 Sorry.

9 **A. To make me the winner of the best one how many did he go
10 through to come to that conclusion? I know what he
11 said. He always reminded me of it afterwards.**

12 Q. After you met him --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- after you had left Nazareth Lodge?

15 **A. Even when he was put into the Falls Road, I always had
16 the best bum. How many do you have to go through to
17 come to that conclusion? No, he's lying then.**

18 Q. Sorry.

19 **A. He's lying about that.**

20 Q. Well, you received a letter from the Public Prosecution
21 Service in December of last year just, 2014.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. We have that in the bundle and the Inquiry Panel can
24 look at it. I am not going to call it up, but it is
25 SNB-32360. That indicated that they were not going --

1 **A.**

2 Q.

3 **A.**

4 Q.

5 **A.**

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10 Q.

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15 **A.**

16 Q.

17 **A. Yes, and I enjoyed it.**

18 Q. Now, HIA56, in your statement at paragraphs 43 to 56 you

19 set out in detail your life after care and the effect

20 that the experience has had on you. I am not going to

21 go into the details of those in public, but you can be

22 assured that the Panel Members have read them.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. What I want to ask you about them is simply is there

25 anything in particular that you want to say about your

1 life after your time in care that you feel ought to be
2 brought to the attention of the Panel?

3 **A. Like what?**

4 Q. You don't want to. You can be assured they have taken
5 into effect -- into account the effect that your time in
6 both of these institutions has had on you.

7 I know you were asked last time about the
8 recommendations that the Inquiry has to make. I think
9 you wanted to say something more about that today.

10 **A. Well, I think there should be more practical help now**
11 **when we finish these sessions instead of just advice.**
12 **We actually need practical help.**

13 Q. You were describing --

14 **A. Housing, job, benefits, anything at all. It is not**
15 **available at the moment.**

16 Q. You would like to see that?

17 **A. Just advice. Yes, I would.**

18 Q. There is --

19 **A. It would make a big difference.**

20 Q. There is just one other document that I just wanted to
21 show up on the screen. It is SNB-30710.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. If we could just pull that up, please. This is
24 a document that you brought to the Inquiry, and
25 I actually forgot to ask you about this when I was

1 speaking to you earlier. I just wondered where you got
2 this document from. It is a document from Down & Connor
3 Catholic Family Welfare Society. It relates to -- it is
4 a letter written by Father Lowry to BR6 about you. We
5 don't need to go into the details of it, but I was just
6 wondering where you got that document from, HIA56. How
7 did you come to have that?

8 **A. I got it from the De La Salle office on the Glen Road.**

9 Q. Well --

10 **A. I asked to see a whole lot of them.**

11 Q. Did you take that out of the file then when you saw
12 that?

13 **A. I kept the ones I wanted and destroyed the rest, and**
14 **I was told I could not do that and the police would have**
15 **to be called, but I just said, "Go ahead and get the**
16 **police". There was nothing more about it. I kept the**
17 **ones that I want --**

18 Q. And you --

19 **A. -- and I destroyed the rest.**

20 Q. Well, HIA56, that's all the questions I have for you
21 today you will be glad to hear --

22 **A. Right.**

23 Q. -- but is there anything else that you feel we haven't
24 covered or you want to say about your time in Nazareth
25 Lodge? Now is your opportunity to do so.

1 **A.** I miss the nuns. I do to this day, and I feel a wee bit
2 more relaxed, because they are here today, because
3 they're like your mother. They're like my mother, and
4 I bonded to them and nothing can break that, and I was
5 glad to see them here today.

6 Q. Thank you, HIA56.

7 **A.** And -- yes.

8 Q. Well, as I say, I have nothing further I want to ask
9 about --

10 **A.** One nuns -- one or two nuns shouldn't spoil it for
11 everybody. They were decent people. They were
12 dedicated people and they done a good job.

13 Q. Okay. Thank you.

14 **A.** Is that me?

15 **Questions from THE PANEL**

16 CHAIRMAN: HIA56, can I just ask you to think back to some
17 of the things you said earlier this afternoon? The
18 first is you have talked about boys you've called charge
19 boys who were older.

20 **A.** Yes.

21 Q. You didn't see them during the day.

22 **A.** No.

23 Q. Now we have heard from one or two people that if a boy
24 passed the 11 Plus, he didn't go on to Rubane but stayed
25 in Nazareth Lodge. Do you remember anything like that?

1 **A. I didn't do the 11 Plus. I don't know.**

2 Q. No, I am not suggesting you did, but were you aware of
3 boys who didn't go on to Rubane but continued to live in
4 Nazareth Lodge when --

5 **A. No, I think --**

6 Q. -- when the other people their age moved on?

7 **A. If there was any test, they still went to Kircubbin.**

8 **I don't -- one of the witnesses was here earlier, he was**
9 **recognised as being especially intelligent.**

10 Q. Yes. I just -- I was really anxious --

11 **A. He got to -- he was offered to go to another school**
12 **above the rest of us.**

13 Q. Yes, but I was anxious to know if these older boys that
14 you have talked about were boys who stayed on and were
15 --

16 **A. They stayed on.**

17 Q. -- still at school or were they boys who were --

18 **A. No, they were too old for school.**

19 Q. -- too old for school and maybe had a job somewhere?

20 **A. Yes, and they seemed to come back at night.**

21 Q. Yes.

22 **A. Say finished their work at 5.00 and they were there for**
23 **6.00, when the nuns went to the convent.**

24 Q. Were they only there when the nuns were away perhaps
25 having their meal or at prayer?

1 **A. Yes. Like I say, yes.**

2 Q. The other thing I wanted to ask you was you have told us
3 how you said to SR47 one day what had been happening to
4 you --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- but nothing seemed to happen.

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. Did she respond in any way, make any remark or show any
9 surprise or anything like that?

10 **A. No. I can remember telling her. I tried to check with**
11 **Hammersmith, but they don't recall anything. I said it**
12 **innocently as a child but (inaudible).**

13 Q. I can understand you were very young. It is a very long
14 time ago, but you don't remember her saying anything
15 like, "I will look into that" or "I'll see to that" or
16 anything like that?

17 **A. No. I just said, "Sister, that's that man that's doing**
18 **dirty things", and walked on.**

19 Q. Thank you very much.

20 MS DOHERTY: I was just going to ask when your mother came
21 to visit, did you mention anything to her about what was
22 happening?

23 **A. No. I was scared of her.**

24 Q. You were scared of your mother?

25 **A. SR47 was my mother. That was it.**

1 Q. You felt more familiar and closer to SR47.

2 **A. SR47, yes.**

3 Q. Just the last thing. In terms of, you know, NL4 and the
4 physical abuse, do you have any sense that -- you know,
5 were the nuns around at any of those times?

6 **A. No.**

7 Q. So you --

8 **A. Some of the nuns were scared of her, the younger nuns.**

9 Q. So did you feel that the younger nuns saw what she was
10 doing?

11 **A. They knew I would say. I think so, yes.**

12 Q. Okay, but was --

13 **A. And NL5 was scared of her.**

14 Q. NL5 was scared of her.

15 **A. She just towed along with her.**

16 Q. Can I just ask about the dogs being kept in the
17 outhouse?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Where was that?

20 **A. It was at the back. There were outhouses or sheds and
21 vegetable houses and chicken houses and there was dogs
22 there, yes.**

23 Q. So as opposed to --

24 **A. I can remember the name of some of them.**

25 Q. So as opposed to a kennel it was like a big outhouse?

1 things. Thank you very much.

2 **A. Not at all.**

3 **(Witness withdrew)**

4 MS SMITH: That concludes today's evidence, Chairman, Panel
5 Members.

6 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, in the normal way we wouldn't be
7 sitting next week, but because we weren't able to sit on
8 Tuesday of this week, I just remind everybody that we
9 are sitting on Wednesday, 21st, that's next Wednesday,
10 21st, but that is the only sitting day next week, and
11 then we resume the following Monday in the normal way.

12 (3.57 pm)

13 (Hearing adjourned until 10 o'clock
14 on Wednesday, 21st January 2015)

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