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HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

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being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Wednesday, 21st January 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 88)

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

1 Wednesday, 21st January 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 WITNESS HIA152 (called)

4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Before we
5 start the formal business of the today can I again
6 remind everyone, as I have done so often, please ensure
7 your mobile phones are either turned off or placed on
8 "Silent"/"Vibrate" and remind you also that there must
9 be no photography either in the chamber or anywhere in
10 the building, nor indeed any recording.

11 Yes, Mr Aiken.

12 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

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

14 The first witness today is HIA152, who is "HIA152".
15 HIA152 gave evidence on Day 60 of the Inquiry's public
16 hearings in relation to his time in Rubane. That was on
17 21st October 2014, and on that occasion HIA152 took the
18 oath, and I have reminded him this morning, therefore,
19 that he remains under oath, and he confirmed that he
20 wished to keep his anonymity, and he has confirmed that
21 again for me this morning.

22 There is legal representation again. Miss Savage is
23 here on behalf of NL5 and Mr Harvey and Mr Collins on
24 behalf of NL4.

25 HIA152, bear with me for a moment till I give the

1 Panel Members the core documents relating to you. We
2 are just going to bring up your witness statement. If
3 we bring up 514, please, and, HIA152, you adopted your
4 statement when you were giving your evidence in the
5 Rubane module, but if you just check that that's
6 definitely the first page of it.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. If we go to the back page at 520 and just check that
9 that's the last page of it --

10 **A. It is.**

11 Q. -- and you have signed that. There's a signature
12 underneath the black box that you confirmed on the last
13 occasion.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. The response statement from the Sisters of Nazareth can
16 be found at SNB-2017 to 2018, and HIA152 is aware that
17 that statement at paragraph 6 on 2018 contained
18 an unreserved and sincere apology to him personally for
19 any occasion whenever the treatment he received fell
20 beneath an acceptable standard. I'm going to say
21 something more about that at the end of his evidence.

22 The Health & Social Care Board statement is at 5555
23 to 5556, and that records as far as the Health & Social
24 Care Board can say that HIA152 entered Nazareth Lodge as
25 a private arrangement.

1 I was discussing with HIA152 this morning the
2 Inquiry has received some material to show at an early
3 point before he enters Nazareth Lodge, which is in 1958,
4 at an earlier time in and around 1953 there was
5 involvement of the Welfare Authority with the family,
6 but that didn't result in the children being taken into
7 care at that time. So the position appears to be, as
8 HIA152 knows, that a private arrangement was reached
9 affecting him at the time he was 4 and a half in 1958.

10 In addition, there is a police statement that HIA152
11 made to the police about his time in care in August of
12 2011 and that police statement can be found at 60861 to
13 60862.

14 HIA152, having said all of that -- and, as you know,
15 the names that we use in the chamber today won't be used
16 outside the chamber, and will be respected by all here
17 present -- but you were born on

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. You are now 61 years of age. You are one of four
20 siblings, three brothers, and a sister who has
21 unfortunately passed away.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. You yourself were in Nazareth Lodge. You entered on
24 26th February 1958, aged 4 and a half, and according to
25 the register entry, which I was discussing with you this

1 morning -- I will just give the Panel the reference; it
2 is at SNB-4417 -- it shows that you and your older
3 brother entered at the same time and your younger
4 brother potentially just slightly -- a few weeks after
5 you possibly, depending on how one interprets the
6 handwriting, which is rather difficult to read, but you
7 were there from 4 and a half in Nazareth Lodge until
8 16th August 1965, aged 12, when you moved with the
9 annual transfer of boys from Nazareth Lodge to Rubane in
10 Kircubbin.

11 If we look back at paragraph 3 of your statement,
12 please, at SNB-514, you describe to the Inquiry how you
13 were placed -- if we just scroll down, please -- thank
14 you -- how you were in Our Lady's group.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. That was a group that was headed by SR47.

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. The civilian worker who was part of that group was NL4.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. I was asking you -- because we will come to see you talk
21 about involvement with SR34, who was in charge of the
22 St. Joseph's group, but who was in overall charge of the
23 children --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- and also NL5, who worked with SR34 in the

1 St. Joseph's group, and I was asking you, because
2 there's an issue. They're saying -- NL5 and NL4 are
3 saying they worked in their own groups and weren't
4 really crossing over. Where were these two groups?

5 **A. They were on the same floor at the top of the building**
6 **side by side.**

7 Q. So you were in your dorm, as it were --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- but the St. Joseph's dorm was --

10 **A. Next -- next room.**

11 Q. -- next room over?

12 **A. There was two rooms for them and two for us.**

13 Q. And that's why there was occasions --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- whenever you saw NL5?

16 **A. I seen her all the time, yes.**

17 Q. Whenever she was working in the other group?

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. You -- we'll come back to the more positive element,
20 but, for instance, SR47 is somebody you have a positive
21 memory of.

22 **A. I do, yes.**

23 Q. You felt she had your best interests at heart.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You wanted to make clear that the difficult experiences

1 that we are going to talk about didn't apply to every
2 nun.

3 **A. No. I got on with most of them, so I did. They were**
4 **okay with me.**

5 Q. In paragraph 3 you say that the lay workers were evil --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- even worse than the nuns, and you say:

8 "I remember NL4 and another lay worker would come
9 round our dormitories at night, and if you weren't
10 sleeping, they would take you out to a big wash-room
11 where they would make you sit until you were tired and
12 then you would go back to bed. I'd pretend to be asleep
13 when they walked around the dorm so I wouldn't be sent
14 to the wash-room."

15 Now NL4 was asked about this by the Inquiry and
16 essentially what she has had to say is that perhaps you
17 are referring to children who needed to be woken or
18 brought out of bed to go to the toilet so as to avoid
19 wetting the bed. Is that your recollection as to why
20 you were taken out?

21 **A. No, definitely not.**

22 Q. Can you just explain to the Panel what you remember as
23 taking place that resulted in you being made sit on your
24 knees on the floor?

25 **A. They used to go round the beds and check to see was your**

1 eyes open or closed -- sorry -- and they'd even sit on
2 the bed and watch to see were you going wake up. So you
3 pretended to be sleeping. So they'd go to the next bed.
4 That's what I remember of it and for some reason it
5 stuck in my head all these years, you know. Times when
6 I couldn't pretend to be sleeping I was brought out and
7 set for what seemed like hours, you know.

8 Q. As I said to you earlier, HIA152, what NL4 has said to
9 the Inquiry -- and this is paragraph 13 of her
10 statement, Members of the Panel, and that's at SNB-80061
11 -- she said:

12 "It was my practice to carry out a dormitory check
13 on occasions around 9.00 pm and to take boys who were
14 known to bed wet out to the toilets. This may be his
15 recollection."

16 Did you bed wet, HIA152?

17 **A. Not that I recall. I never.**

18 Q. I was asking you whether what you were describing was to
19 try to make sure whoever was awake didn't wake the other
20 boys who were in the dorm. Was that ever given to you
21 as an explanation for why you were --

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. You describe being brought out and you stayed on the big
24 wash-room floor until you were tired --

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- and then were put back to bed.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. So it seemed to be in an effort to get you to get ready
4 to sleep --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- but was it ever explained to you that that was --

7 **A. No. I could never understand why they were doing it at**
8 **the time. It certainly wasn't the case of wetting the**
9 **bed. If you weren't sleeping, you were brought out,**
10 **sure.**

11 Q. That's something that you explain to the police when you
12 spoke to them --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- in August of 2011. I will just give you the
15 reference. That's the bottom of 60861, Members of the
16 Panel. NL4 was interviewed by the police in relation to
17 a series of individuals, including HIA152. I am just
18 going to show you the relevant portion. 60972, please.
19 So you can see she is being asked about HIA152.

20 "Q. Did you work with SR47?

21 **A. I did.**

22 Q. Did you help oversee Our Lady's group?

23 **A. That was SR47's group.**

24 Q. Would you patrol the dorms at night apart from
25 going to --"

1 Just scroll down, please.

2 "A. No.

3 Q. Who were bedwetting, patrol of the rooms?

4 A. Not at all. There wouldn't be -- the last time
5 you would be - it was as if your turn to go to the
6 bedwetting, take the bed wet, but that would be the last
7 time you'd be in the dormitory until the next morning.

8 Q. And the bedwetting -- can you just explain --
9 would have been the sister and yourself? Was there two
10 people involved or just one?

11 A. No, it was -- we took turns to check them."

12 I just want to pause there, HIA152. The point you
13 made to me earlier: you don't remember the nun and the
14 civilian worker being together.

15 A. No.

16 Q. It was --

17 A. It was two of the civilian workers. It was definitely
18 two, you know. (Inaudible.)

19 Q. The point you made to me there was a cell where the nuns
20 slept --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- but you don't remember the nun --

23 A. The nun --

24 Q. -- doing the patrolling round the beds in this way.

25 A. The nun never done the patrolling. She was never there

1 **when the lay people done it sort of.**

2 Q. Then NL4 is asked:

3 "Q. Did you take the children who weren't asleep at
4 night and make them sit on the floor in the bathroom and
5 until they were tired enough to sleep?

6 **A. No, no way. No, I didn't.**

7 Q. Would maybe that incident be confused with
8 asking the child to go to the --

9 **A. I don't know. They were never asked to sit on
10 the floor. They were never taken out in a group at
11 night to the toilet."**

12 So she is saying, "Look, I didn't make them sit on
13 the floor". Your recollection, as you have explained to
14 the Inquiry, is different.

15 **A. It is one of the things I always remembered over the
16 years sort of, you know. It definitely did happen to
17 me.**

18 Q. Just scroll on down, please.

19 "They never sat on the floor."

20 Just move on down to the next page, please. She
21 explains about trying to get them to go to the toilet:

22 "Because, I mean, you would be tired. You'd need to
23 get to your bed yourself.

24 Q. It wouldn't have been a long period of time?

25 **A. It wouldn't have been if they had had -- honest,**

1 but they nearly always would have gone to the toilet
2 right away."

3 She is saying she doesn't remember you. Then I am
4 just going to show this now, because it is the next
5 issue we are going to talk about.

6 "Q. He alleges that NL5 covered the children's
7 heads with a pillow because they weren't asleep. Did
8 you ever witness that?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Have you ever heard anything?

11 A. I never heard anything of that.

12 Q. Did any child ever come and tell you?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you ever see NL5 slap the children?

15 A. No more than a smack. You know, I didn't see
16 her. She was never outrageous or anything."

17 So with that I am just going to move on to NL5,
18 because you discuss her in paragraph 3 of your
19 statement, if we go back to 515, please. What you were
20 explaining to me earlier, HIA152, if I can put this in
21 context, for you SR34 and NL5 ran the -- those were the
22 people you feared.

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. What you are saying in this paragraph:

25 "I remember one night when I had a bad cough NL5

1 came in and slapped me across the face and made me cough
2 into the pillow."

3 You --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- refer to that as to the pillow being put over your
6 face for you to cough into. You are not suggesting she
7 tried to choke you with the pillow.

8 **A. No.**

9 Q. She was trying to get you to cough into the pillow.

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. In your police statement you refer to that at SNB-6082.
12 Now, as I said to you earlier, NL5 said to the Inquiry
13 that she never smacked or assaulted any child.

14 **A. That's not true.**

15 Q. So you have this memory of her coming into your dorm.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You are coughing, and presumably in an effort to stop
18 you coughing she smacked you across the face, and she
19 has said to the Inquiry -- if we look at SNB-80041, she
20 addresses the issues that you raise about this. Just
21 scroll on to the next page then, please. She remembers
22 your family and your grandparents coming. We will come
23 back to that shortly. She says:

24 "HIA152 says I struck him in the face for keeping me
25 awake with his coughing. This is not true. He wasn't

1 even in my group or my dormitory."

2 That's the point I want you to deal with. What she
3 is saying is, "I had my dormitory, which was
4 St. Joseph's, and HIA152 was in a different dormitory".

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. "So I would never have been involved with him."

7 What do you say about that?

8 **A. That's not true, because the dormitories were beside**
9 **each other, and if she's trying to say all them years**
10 **she never stepped over that line, you know, she was**
11 **never out of the dormitory, you know, even though it**
12 **wasn't her dormitory -- for her to say she was never in**
13 **there and didn't get involved, it is not really true.**

14 Q. She said -- she says to the Inquiry that -- as I said to
15 you, she said she never hit anybody. So she is saying
16 this is not true and she doesn't have any idea why you'd
17 make up she had hit you.

18 **A. She did. She did hit me and she did hit kids as well**
19 **(inaudible). Again most of her referrals were to SR34,**
20 **who she was really, really -- the two of them sort of**
21 **lived off each other. If you did something wrong, you'd**
22 **be referred to SR34 and SR34 would do most of the**
23 **hitting sort of, you know.**

24 Q. I am going to come to that now. You talk about SR34 in
25 paragraph 4 of your statement. That's at SNB-515. You

1 say she was the worst nun --

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- and you say she was an evil bully. There is one
4 example that sticks in your mind. We will talk about
5 the general punishments generally executed, but the one
6 incident that sticks in your mind you explain in
7 paragraph 4. You were in the chapel and you had not
8 opened your mouth widely enough as far as SR34 was
9 concerned.

10 **A. Yes. She --**

11 Q. Do you just want to explain to the Panel what happened?

12 **A. She was -- it was our first communion and she was**
13 **pretending to be the priest to give you bread, you know,**
14 **like the priest would do.**

15 CHAIRMAN: This was a rehearsal, was it?

16 **A. Yes. The communion was the next day or something. She**
17 **was doing a run what you should do. I always remember**
18 **sort of when it came to me, she just gave me a slap**
19 **right across the face that landed me down the aisle and**
20 **said, "Open your mouth wider", and which I didn't put in**
21 **this but I put with the police was the slap was that**
22 **hard that I even wet myself in the aisle, and over the**
23 **years I just couldn't understand, because the chapel was**
24 **supposed to be a sacred place for nun, and for that to**
25 **happen, something like that, that's why it's always**

1 **stuck in my mind sort of.**

2 Q. The reference for the -- I was asking you earlier and
3 you said to me it was the embarrassment about talking
4 about the fact of what happened.

5 **A. Yes. That's why --**

6 Q. It is in the police statement at 60862. We will not
7 bring that up.

8 You say that if you did anything wrong, you were
9 given a time to be punished.

10 "If you did anything wrong, no matter how trivial"
11 -- this is in paragraph 4, the last few lines -- "she
12 would give you a time to be in the dining room. You
13 were lined up and had to wait your turn to be hit. She
14 would hit us with a strap."

15 I was drawing attention, HIA152, earlier, in your
16 police statement at 60862 you say -- talk about straps
17 but you also mention keys, a cane, and a particular
18 thing I am going to ask you to explain to the Panel
19 shortly about grabbing by the ears and swinging you
20 round, but before we talk about the ways of punishment,
21 this giving you a time to turn up in the dining room,
22 can you just explain how that operated?

23 **A. Well, if it happened during the day that you done**
24 **something, and it was usually something trivial, and she**
25 **was busy or she was at school or something, she would**

1 **say, "I want you in the dining room such and such**
2 **a time", which -- she would gather so many boys up for**
3 **that time when she could send out punishments.**

4 Q. And the strap -- am I right -- was the main thing that
5 was used --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- to hit you when you were lined up?

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. But you remember keys and a cane --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- on other occasions. Is that ...?

12 **A. Her main type of punishment was because she was a big**
13 **woman -- like she was very big -- and we were 10 or 9,**
14 **she would grab you by the ears, swing you round and land**
15 **you in the corner, and then while you were still on the**
16 **ground she would get the strap out of her sort of.**

17 Q. So it was by the ears for you?

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. That is something you remember. You describe in
20 paragraph 4 that she called you -- called boys
21 derogatory names.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. You have set out the name that she used towards you.

24 **A. Yes. I was**

25 Q. You said to me earlier you found that a degrading way of

1 --

2 **A. I think that was her intention, to degrade you in front**
3 **of other boys, type of thing, when I look back on it.**

4 Q. You felt that compared to SR47, for instance, and the
5 other nuns you dealt with SR34 was a bully towards you.

6 **A. It was like chalk and cheese compared to her, you know.**
7 **SR47 was brilliant, you know, but again you couldn't say**
8 **to her about it, you know.**

9 Q. Why did you feel unable to say to her about it?

10 **A. I'm not too sure. I think it was just the situation at**
11 **the time you were in, and you didn't want to start**
12 **complaining about another nun, because you were only**
13 **a kid and you probably would have got the worst of it in**
14 **the end. Basically you would have probably got punished**
15 **more for it.**

16 Q. You say in paragraph 6, if we just scroll down, that
17 your younger brother -- so that's HIA19 that you are
18 talking about --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- and his name won't be used in conjunction with you --
21 you say you used to see him getting beaten for things
22 that weren't his fault and it would tear you apart.
23 Sometimes it was things that were your fault.

24 "Nuns hit him in front of me. You'd have to watch,
25 which was worse than being hit myself."

1 Is this the turning up in the dining room --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- to be punished?

4 **A. Because I was very protective of him, and if we did turn**
5 **up in the dining room, I would try to say it was my**
6 **fault. I think she knew it would hurt me even more.**
7 **That's why it happened, you know.**

8 Q. When you say "she", you mentioned the nuns here, but is
9 this really SR34 is doing this?

10 **A. It's basically SR34, yes. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. In your police statement then, HIA152, you mention --
12 you talk about it in your Inquiry statement, but more
13 graphically in your police statement -- if we look at
14 60862, emotional abuse. and that's how you characterise
15 it in your police statement. If we just scroll down,
16 please, you say just where the cursor is at the moment:

17 "I was always made to feel worthless, unloved,
18 a burden",

19 and we will come back to talk about your being made
20 to feel embarrassed about your grandparents, but that
21 sense of not being wanted --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- is something that stuck with you.

24 **A. Oh, yes, definitely over the years, yes.**

25 Q. Yet the point you were making to me earlier, you are in

1 a position now as an adult to recognise you were not
2 coming from a good place.

3 **A. Yes. To a certain extent if the church hadn't been**
4 **there, I don't know how things would have worked out.**
5 **I mean, they did give us some sort of security and, you**
6 **know, as I say, they weren't all bad, but if they hadn't**
7 **been there, I don't know how things would have actually**
8 **worked out. I think that's what I was trying to ...**

9 Q. So you are trying to explain the contrast between
10 recognising that --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- that facility was provided --

13 **A. Oh, yes.**

14 Q. -- and then some of the bad things that some people in
15 it did.

16 **A. Yes. I was actually coming from a bad place obviously,**
17 **the home life, to that, and if that hadn't been there,**
18 **I~don't know how things would have ... So I am not**
19 **actually running the whole thing down because of it, but**
20 **just the basic things that made me unhappy in it and**
21 **things I think were wrong against me in it, you know.**

22 Q. So you are recognising that there were good people --

23 **A. Oh, yes.**

24 Q. -- trying to do a good thing --

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- but spoiled by some bad people doing ...?

2 **A. Very much so.**

3 Q. Rather simplistic, but that's how it sits with you?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. It was they then as opposed to the good nuns and so on
6 that you remember -- it was those individuals who made
7 you feel -- the civilian staff you had difficulty with,
8 the particular nun made you feel worthless --

9 **A. Oh, yes, very much so.**

10 Q. -- as opposed to SR47, whom you had a good relationship
11 with?

12 **A. Uh-huh. Yes, very much so, you know.**

13 Q. Then I want to address a particular issue with you which
14 we were discussing earlier. If we go back to
15 paragraph 2 of your statement, please, at 514, one of
16 the matters that you raise in your statement is your
17 Sister NHB 12 and she -- as you guys went to Nazareth
18 Lodge, she went to Nazareth House.

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. You say that you never really knew your sister. She was
21 in Nazareth House and you never got to see her. I was
22 reading to you earlier what the present day Sisters have
23 to say about fostering relations between family members.
24 If we look at paragraph 2 of the statement, 2017,
25 please, and as you appreciate, this is somebody trying

1 to look back at how the home was run.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. They apologise for the separation in your family as the
4 facilities in Nazareth Lodge catered only for boys until
5 the '70s. Then the congregation says it endeavoured to
6 maintain sibling relationships and it was a common
7 occurrence for children to visit their siblings whenever
8 possible.

9 "Boys were all placed together in a large play area
10 behind Nazareth Lodge and the girls in Nazareth House
11 would visit and also use the play areas."

12 Now I know when I explained that to you you wanted
13 to explain that wasn't your experience.

14 **A. Yes. That's the first time I actually heard of that**
15 **actually sort of. We never ever met them. You know,**
16 **they never did come down to play with us or -- that's**
17 **why that was strange to me.**

18 Q. So if this arrangement was organised and operated, it
19 wasn't in your time?

20 **A. It definitely wasn't my time, no.**

21 Q. I was asking you when you did get to see your sister and
22 really that was only --

23 **A. It was in the later stage, sort of just before I left**
24 **the Nazareth Lodge.**

25 Q. And that was on an occasion you went to stay with your

1 grandparents --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- and she happened to be there as well.

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. I was asking you whenever you went -- we have heard
6 others talking about going on holiday from Nazareth
7 Lodge to Ballyhornan.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. Were the girls there alongside you then?

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. So this is an issue that you felt wasn't dealt with
12 properly.

13 **A. Yes. I found it strange. That's the first time I heard**
14 **of that sort of actually happening where we actually met**
15 **them, because we never did meet them, you know.**

16 Q. You then talk

17 --

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q.

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21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. As you know, the congregation have apologised for it.
23 If that's what happened, that shouldn't have happened to

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1 summer you did get the opportunity to live with
2 a family.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. If we just scroll down a little further, you can see you
5 went out to this family and that was a positive
6 experience in terms of living with the family --

7 **A. It was, yes.**

8 Q. -- and they were very good to you --

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. -- but you felt there was a downside to that.

11 **A. Yes. The downside was it was on holidays or whatever,
12 weekends, but it meant then I wasn't with my brothers**

13 **I was actually cut away from them and
14 I went out to these people. Then whenever I went back
15 into Nazareth Lodge, I was just back to the usual school
16 and so forth. So I wasn't getting any connection with
17 the family really.**

18 Q. So while there was a positive experience for you --

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. -- in terms of that family you got to stay with, the
21 downside was for you not seeing your siblings --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- and being with them.

24 **A. Very much so, yes.**

25 Q. But you can recall one occasion towards the end of your

1 time by getting to go out and stay with your
2 grandparents --

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. -- then you did get to see your sister.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. HIA152, as you know, towards the end of an individual's
7 evidence we tend to ask two questions. The first
8 question is we ask about recommendations and, as you
9 know, the Inquiry Panel consider what recommendations at
10 the end of their work they might make to the Northern
11 Ireland Government.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. We ask each individual whether there's anything they
14 want to say about that. There is something you want to
15 say about that.

16 **A. Yes. I have given it a lot of thought over the last**
17 **while. A lot of people say to me, "What would you like?**
18 **This, that or the other? Would you like an apology or**
19 **something like that?" I kept thinking an apology is**
20 **fine, but if I was brought up in court for child**
21 **molesting or even a traffic thing, would I be getting**
22 **off with just an apology, you know, and then say,**
23 **"That's okay". That's why I don't think it should be**
24 **just an apology. They really do need to do a bit more.**
25 **It is up to the courts probably, but whatever it would**

1 be I don't know, but I don't think an apology would
2 really be enough, because if it was me, an apology
3 wouldn't be enough, if I done something wrong and said,
4 "I am sorry", you know. That's my thought on that one
5 sort of.

6 Q. The last question we ask each individual when they are
7 giving evidence is whether there is a anything else they
8 want to say about their time in this case about Nazareth
9 Lodge. It might be something that I have not covered
10 properly, or not covered in enough detail, or maybe
11 something I didn't touch on at all that you want to
12 share your experience in Nazareth Lodge. Now is your
13 opportunity to do that. Is there anything else, HIA152,
14 that you want to say?

15 A. No. I think you've basically covered most of it and, as
16 I say, I don't look at all the nuns in Nazareth Lodge as
17 being bad, because they certainly weren't, you know, but
18 it was rough and it was an institution I suppose, and it
19 was the sort of thing you have to live with basically.
20 You know, I don't think there is anything else I need to
21 cover on that, you know.

22 Q. If you just stay where you are a short time, the Panel
23 Members may want to ask you something. Just bear with
24 us.

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1 Questions from THE PANEL

2 MS DOHERTY: Thank you very much, HIA152. Can I just go
3 back? I can understand why you didn't say to SR47 about
4 SR34, but do you think SR47 or other nuns knew what was
5 going on? Were they aware of the punishments?

6 **A. I have thought about it many a time and surely they must**
7 **have. Whether they were even scared of SR34 I am not**
8 **too sure, but they never done anything about it, you**
9 **know, and it just went on and on the whole time I was**
10 **there sort of.**

11 Q. It would have been generally known about?

12 **A. Yes, it was known among the boys. Everybody was**
13 **actually scared of her really. So if the boys knew,**
14 **then surely somebody else must have knew.**

15 Q. The other thing was just about relationships between the
16 boys. Were there any issues about bullying or ...?

17 **A. There was but, I mean, you would have -- to me you would**
18 **have got that anywhere, in any, you know, institution or**
19 **school, boarding school, whatever. You would have had**
20 **all that type of thing.**

21 Q. Behaviour. You did not have any particular problems
22 with it?

23 **A. No, not really, no.**

24 Q. Okay. Thanks very much.

25 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA152, I am sure you will be very relieved

1 to hear we don't have any more questions for you.

2 **A. Thanks.**

3 Q. I am aware obviously that you have been here before to
4 speak to us about your time in Rubane. As I hope we
5 explained then and I will explain again today, it is
6 very difficult for to us cope with people talking about
7 two different places at the same time and that's why we
8 have asked you to come back. Thank you very much for
9 coming back. We are very grateful to you for taking
10 that time to come and speak to us again. Thank you very
11 much.

12 (Witness withdrew)

13 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, Ms Smith is
14 taking the next witness. Perhaps we could take a short
15 break to allow that to be set up.

16 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well. We will just rise for
17 a few minutes and hopefully we'll be ready to start
18 shortly.

19 (11.00 am)

20 (Short break)

21 (11.15 am)

22 WITNESS HIA19 (called)

23 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

24 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members. The next
25 witness is HIA19. He is "HIA19". Before proceeding any

1 further there is an appearance to be announced this
2 morning.

3 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

4 MR FOX: Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel, I appear on
5 behalf of DL280 and I am instructed by Robert Murtagh &
6 Company.

7 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Fox.

8 MS SMITH: Chairman, HIA19 has already given evidence on the
9 last occasion. So he doesn't need to be sworn.

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MS SMITH: Thank you, Chairman. Before going on to take HIA19 through his evidence I can just advise you where certain materials are in the bundle.

HIA19's statement can be found at SNB-405 to 415.

The congregation's response at SNB-1938 to 1940.

There is a response statement from the Health & Social Care Board, which is SNB-5535 to 5536, and they have indicated that certainly until 1970 they have no records relating to HIA19 and they believe that his placement in Nazareth Lodge was a private placement.

Now, having spoken to Mr Aiken, who represents one of HIA19's family members, it would appear there was some Social Service involvement with the family, and

1 HIA19 certainly was aware of his grandmother, as you
2 will hear, speaking to the social worker. So it may
3 well be that there was involvement with the family
4 before HIA19 was born, because, as you are about to
5 hear, he was placed in care from he was a baby.

6 CHAIRMAN: Well, that's a matter that the Panel is
7 interested in, because there is a reference in the
8 statement, which no doubt you will be coming to --

9 MS SMITH: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN: -- about his experiences in telling his
11 grandmother and his grandmother speaking to the social
12 worker.

13 MS SMITH: That's right.

14 CHAIRMAN: It may, therefore, be the case that even if he
15 did not have a social worker in that sense, that the
16 grandparents may have had in the past or may still have
17 had and in one way or another may have contacted
18 a social worker, and, Ms Smyth, we would like the Health
19 & Social Care Board to look at this from that point of
20 view, because it may be at one remove, so to speak,
21 there may have been a social worker involved with the
22 wider family and if that could be looked at again, we
23 would be grateful.

24 MS SMYTH: We will, of course. It would be helpful if the
25 name and dates of birth are known and where the family

1 and grandparents (inaudible) in the system.

2 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, I suspect such documents as we have
3 that allow us to draw that conclusion have come from
4 your clients, but you will take the point I am making.

5 MS SMYTH: I do.

6 CHAIRMAN: It may allow us in a rather roundabout way to
7 identify someone who we might then wish to speak to to
8 see was there any comment.

9 MS SMYTH: I understand that and we'll bring that forward as
10 far as --

11 CHAIRMAN: Yes. I'll just leave it at that point today, and
12 perhaps you would be kind enough to come back to us in
13 due course.

14 MS SMITH: In ease of Ms Smith, there are materials in the
15 bundle -- I don't have the page references here -- that
16 clearly show in 1953 the Welfare Authority were involved
17 with the family, certainly with HIA19's older brothers.

18 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will pass that information back to you,
19 Ms Smyth --

20 MS SMYTH: I am grateful.

21 CHAIRMAN: -- and see where it takes us.

22 MS SMITH: Just with regard to other material there are
23 civil claim papers which can be seen at SNB-70224 to
24 234.

25 There are police material at SNB-60801 through to

1 60842 and 60927 to 60998 and also at 61058 to 6105... --
2 sorry -- ...77, and HIA19's statement to the police of
3 April 2010 can be found at 60833 to 60837.

4 Now after all that, HIA19, coming back to you and to
5 your account of your time in Nazareth Lodge, now we know
6 from paragraphs -- first of all, can I -- I know you
7 have proved this statement on the last occasion, but
8 you -- when you gave evidence in respect of Rubane,
9 HIA19, but can I just ask you to confirm that the
10 document on the screen is the statement that you have
11 provided to the Inquiry about your entire time in care?

12 **A. The document in front of me, yes.**

13 Q. You will see that we have -- instead of your name there
14 it says "The Witness Statement of HIA19".

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19 **A. Right.**

20 Q. Now your personal details are set out there and it is
21 clear that when you were born, you were placed in
22 St. Joseph's Baby Home. You said that you think
23 children stayed there until about 2 or 3 and then you
24 were transferred. You were transferred to Nazareth
25 Lodge where your brothers were, and your sister was in

1 Nazareth House.

2 You describe Nazareth Lodge here in paragraph 3 as
3 being four groups in the Lodge: the Sacred Heart's,
4 Marion's, St. Joseph's and Our Lady's.

5 "I was in Our Lady's."

6 We know you were there from 1958, when you were
7 3 years of age, until August of '66. That was about
8 a week after you had turned 11, when you moved to
9 Rubane.

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8 Your two brothers were in Nazareth Lodge but certainly
9 one of them was a good deal older than you. Isn't that
10 correct?

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

12 Q. You say you don't remember -- in paragraph 6 here:

13 "I don't remember a lot about them. When you got to
14 a certain age, you transferred to Rubane. They were
15 older than me",

16 and so your older brother would have been leaving
17 the home when you were only 5. You do have certain
18 memories --

19 **A. Excuse me. "Rubane" did you say?**

20 Q. Would have been leaving Nazareth Lodge to go to Rubane
21 when you were 5.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You say you do have certain memories of them but not
24 an awful lot.

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. Were you even in the same group as them?

2 **A. Yes, we were all in the same group in Nazareth Lodge.**

3 Q. So they were all in Our Lady's group then?

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. I am just going to ask you to cover some of the general
6 points you make about the home in your statement before
7 coming on to specific complaints, HIA19.

8 At paragraph 19 you talk about the food in the home.
9 You say there -- and please -- if there's anything else
10 you want to add to what I'm saying, please do interrupt
11 me -- you say -- you talk a little bit about the
12 routine.

13 "On school mornings I would get up, go down to the
14 dining room. There were four groups partitioned off and
15 we had breakfast."

16 Some others have told us they had coloured crockery
17 according to which groups they were in.

18 **A. I remember the porridge most mornings, yes.**

19 Q. Sorry. Coloured crockery. Do you remember?

20 **A. Oh, sorry. Yes. Coloured crockery. Yes. I know what
21 you are saying.**

22 Q. Do you remember each group had its own?

23 **A. Colourwise, yes. Different colours.**

24 Q. Excuse me. You say you used to get a boiled egg and
25 toast.

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

2 Q. "We went off to school, but I don't remember a lot about
3 school. I can't remember the lunches or dinners very
4 well. I just remember being hungry most of the time."

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. Then paragraph 20 there you talk about:

7 "On a Sunday we all wore a brown corduroy suit to
8 mass."

9 I think we have seen some photographs. A little
10 short suit. Would that be right?

11 **A. Yes, a little short suit.**

12 Q. "They made us work hard on weekends. They cut cloths
13 from blankets, put them on our feet and on Saturdays we
14 cleaned the big passageway from one end of the hallway.
15 We used to polish that with our feet for at least
16 a couple of hours",

17 and you think you were 7 or 8 when you were doing
18 that chore.

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. Paragraph 23 you talk about:

21 "I remember years ago at Nazareth Lodge being taken
22 out once or twice by people who kept us in their homes
23 over Christmas. They kept me for a few weeks and gave
24 me a lot of clothes. I remember they were called ...",
25 and you give their first names here but you don't

1 remember their surname.

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. "I remember getting a big box of toys and clothes and
4 they were confiscated straightaway on my return as we
5 weren't allowed to keep them."

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. "I don't know what they did with them and I do not know
8 why we were not allowed to keep them."

9 So these people who you were going out to at
10 Christmas were giving you things to bring back with you
11 to the home --

12 **A. That's right.**

13 Q. -- and you never saw them again.

14 **A. Never saw them again. no.**

15 Q. Now coming on to the some of the specific complaints you
16 make about your time there, HIA19, if we could go back
17 up to paragraph 8, you say here there were two
18 dormitories in your group and about 12 in each
19 dormitory, and you say that each group --

20 "Our group had two charge boys",

21 whom you name there, and I am just going to give
22 their first names. They were brothers, DL280 and DL 209

23 You say:

24 "They were about 17, 18 and they were working boys.

25 I don't know why they didn't let them go to Rubane

1 House. They kept certain boys to be in charge of us
2 when the nuns were down for prayer. They grew up in the
3 Lodge."

4 Now you go on then at paragraph 9 to say:

5 "Night-time was scary, because when the nuns went
6 off for prayer in the evening, we were put to bed early
7 when we were younger. We were told by the charge boys
8 immediately to cover our heads with the blankets, and if
9 we were peeping out of the blankets, they would thump us
10 on top of the blankets and punch us and hit us really
11 hard."

12 Now are these -- the people who were doing this, the
13 charge boys who were doing this, were they just these
14 two boys that you have named or were there other boys
15 who did this also?

16 **A. Just -- sorry -- just them two boys.**

17 Q. Sorry, HIA19. Are you all right?

18 **A. Aye.**

19 Q. If you need a break at any time, please just say. We
20 appreciate this is difficult, but there is water there
21 if you want. You can take a sip of water.

22 So these were the only two who did that to you?

23 **A. (Nods.)**

24 Q. You go on to talk at paragraph 10 about remembering one
25 Saturday you were allowed in (sic) until 9 o'clock,

1 which happened on occasion:

2 "... and one of the charge boys was in a bed next to
3 mine. He called me over to his bed. It was DL280" --
4 and I am just going use the first name, which was DL280
5 -- "and he was about 17 at the time. I was scared of
6 him. So I went over to his single bed. He put me on
7 top of him and sexually assaulted me. He had his hands
8 on my privates trying to arouse me. He had my pyjama
9 bottoms down."

10 You say then that:

11 "A member of staff came into the dormitory to call
12 us and he saw her and he immediately felt guilty and
13 threw me to the other side of the bed and I started
14 crawling up into my bed. I was about 7 or 8 then."

15 You say you remember he talked to you about your
16 grandmother in an attempt to calm you as he was sexually
17 interfering with you.

18 I am going to go on in a moment, but when we were
19 talking earlier, you have named one of the two brothers
20 as having carried out this sexual assault on you, HIA19.
21 You said something to me when we were speaking earlier
22 that you had been thinking about it and you thought that
23 both these brothers had acted in this way towards you.

24 Is that correct?

25 **A. Some different matters, yes.**

1 Q. Sorry. Different?

2 **A. Beg your pardon?**

3 Q. Sorry. You said something there.

4 **A. Yes. In different ways they did.**

5 Q. In different ways. Sorry. Maybe if you could just pull
6 the microphone towards you, HIA19 --

7 **A. Right you are.**

8 Q. -- because sometimes it is a little bit hard to pick up
9 what you are saying. Thank you.

10 Now you told -- you go on to say there:

11 "I reported this incident to SR47", who is SR47, and
12 I am using the name, but again it is not to be used
13 outside, "but she brushed it off and did not believe
14 me."

15 Can you actually remember what you said to her?

16 **A. I remember saying -- I didn't put sex to her but
17 I remember saying that they were doing dirty things with
18 us. They were not being nice, and she says, "You're
19 talking nonsense", and just told me to get back -- go to
20 the dormitory again. She thought I was just disliking
21 the boys and just trying to stop them being charge boys.**

22 Q. Then I think you mention this again in paragraph 24. If
23 we could just go to that, please. This was a nun who
24 you felt you could approach and talk to her about these
25 things.

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. Is that right?

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

4 Q. You say there:

5 "She used to sleep in one of the small cells in the
6 corner of the dormitory and then there was another dorm
7 next door and a door walking right across."

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

9 Q. "I remember when I was about 7 or 8 telling her about
10 the people who had been doing bad things to us and she
11 used to shout at me. She never hit me but she just
12 said, 'Go away and stop telling tales. They're not like
13 that'. She didn't listen because we were very young and
14 she knew we didn't like the charge boys and so she
15 thought we were just making up stories."

16 **A. Telling tales, yes.**

17 Q. Now you talk there about "we". Was that --

18 **A. Well, when I say "we", meaning it happened to me. I am
19 not too sure if it happened to the boys in the dormitory
20 or not, but meaning we as kids being in a dormitory.
21 I-am not -- that's what I mean by "we". I wasn't in the
22 dormitory on my own. There was other kids.**

23 Q. I am just wondering do you know whether anybody else
24 talked to her and told her about what happened?

25 **A. Not specifically talking to SR47. No, I don't know of**

1 **anybody else speaking to SR47 -- I don't know -- the way**
2 **I did.**

3 Q. Paragraph 25 there you talk about something else that
4 happened. You say:

5 "I have been told about these brothers and what they
6 used to do to us in later years. I can't remember this,
7 but I have been told that they used to line us up as
8 children and mess with our private parts to get
9 an erection. They put flannels on top of our penis to
10 see if our penis was hard. I can't remember that
11 incident at all. I might have blocked it out but
12 a friend of mine", and you name him, "has told me that."

13 Whenever we were talking earlier again, you now do
14 have a memory of that, HIA19.

15 **A. I'm getting flashbacks, yes. I remember now when**
16 **I start thinking away back on that one.**

17 Q. But what you also said to me was, you know, this was not
18 something at the time that you put down as being
19 a sexual act.

20 **A. Well, I didn't know. We were too young to understand**
21 **what they were doing. So we didn't look at it as**
22 **a sexual act. We didn't understand what they were doing**
23 **and why. We had no shame, you know, as kids like that.**
24 **We didn't know -- we thought that was meant -- a meant**
25 **thing.**

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DL280, has
5 given a statement to the Inquiry. It is at SNB-5... --
6 sorry -- 80055. He says that he confirms that he went
7 to Nazareth Lodge and was there from '56 to '62 he
8 thought. He has read your statement and the statement
9 of someone else who complained about him but does:

10 "... not accept the allegations they make against me
11 in any way. I do not have any specific memory of either
12 of these two persons. I do not recall ever being
13 a charge boy or a working boy as they refer to it in
14 their statements."

15 He said:

16 "I left Nazareth Lodge in '62 and went to Rubane",
17 contrary to your belief that he wasn't allowed to
18 go on to Rubane and that he actually stayed in the home.

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. He then goes on to say that:

21 "The allegations they make against me all suggest at
22 the material time I was around 16 or 17. However, on
23 the basis of the dates they provided I would have been
24 11 at the oldest when these alleged incidents happened
25 and they have their facts totally wrong. This only

1 shows how incorrect in suggesting I was so much older."

2 Why did you think he would have been this age?

3 **A. Probably to us they looked that age. That's the**
4 **impression -- I thought they were older. They did do as**
5 **I said they did in my statement. That's a fact, but age**
6 **group, me being 7, they looked a lot older. They looked**
7 **that age. That's the reason why I gave that age.**

8 Q. He says he didn't sexually assault anyone, nor was he
9 ever present when that happened.

10 **A. I would expect him to say that anyway, but I am telling**
11 **the truth of what happened. It never left me, and it is**
12 **definitely the two boys that I mentioned had messed us**
13 **about.**

14 Q. Well, just to continue with what else he has told the
15 Inquiry --

16 **A. Sure.**

17 Q. -- he said he accepts he was involved in a number of
18 fights during his time in Nazareth Lodge. That was
19 a common occurrence and it was not the result of
20 bullying others. He doesn't recall any specific fights
21 with you or the other person who complained about him.
22 He remembers his time at Nazareth House, as he calls it,
23 as being a hard and difficult one.

24 "However, at no point did I take part in any sexual
25 or other abuse against anyone here -- there. I cannot

1 speak for my brother, but again I never
2 saw anything whilst I was there involving my brother in
3 these types of matters. I am appalled at these
4 allegations and can only reiterate that I did not carry
5 out the assaults as alleged in their statements."

6 So that's what he has told us in response to what
7 you have said about him.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. Is there anything else you want to say other than what
10 you have said?

11 **A. Just basically what I said. Definitely it was the two**
12 **[name redacted] brothers that were in charge of us in**
13 **the dormitories, and what I said about covering the head**
14 **and what happened to me personally, it was definitely**
15 **the [name redacted] brother done that.**

16 Q. Well, at paragraph 12 of your statement, if we could go
17 back up to that, you talk about one of the members of
18 staff there at paragraph ...

19 "NL5" -- and I am just going to use her first name,
20 NL5 -- "was one of the civilian staff. She wasn't
21 a nun."

22 You say:

23 "She is now elderly", and you give her age, "but she
24 was wicked herself and was not nice to children. She
25 used to hit us with the edge of wooden rulers and stuff

1 like that on the knuckles and back of the hands for no
2 reason. I think she lived in the building and was in
3 St. Joseph's group."

4 You go on to describe:

5 "I remember an incident on Saturday again when the
6 boys had a pillow fight. NL5 came in and told certain
7 boys, including me, to go to the dining room. I told
8 her I had not been involved in the fight, but she beat
9 me badly with six here and six there with the wooden
10 ruler just because I was awake when this was taking
11 place. I was 8 or 9 at this time."

12 In paragraph 14 you say that you met her at
13 a funeral about a year and a half ago.

14 "She told me she was in her mid-80s then. She did
15 not want to talk to me about the home. She just wanted
16 to be left to pray alone."

17 You say:

18 "The police told me that they had spoken to her but
19 I don't think they are pressing charges, as she is in
20 her 80s now."

21 Now she was interviewed by police. You reported her
22 to the police when you made a statement in 2010. Isn't
23 that right, HIA19?

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

25 Q. We will look at that shortly, but in her police

1 interview she said that she never assaulted any children
2 in her time there. You weren't in her group.

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

4 Q.

7 Paragraph 21 of your statement, if we can just go to
8 that, you make another allegation about her. You say
9 that:

10 "There was a massive copper machine in the laundry
11 in Nazareth Lodge, and if you wet the bed, they would
12 scare you by saying that if you wet the bed again, you
13 would be thrown in with the sheets. Two lay members of
14 staff, NL5, and another, NL4, were employed to look
15 after the children. They used to take us into the
16 laundry and they would lift us and put us into the
17 machine and close the lids for a few minutes and say
18 they were going turn it on. They obviously never did,
19 but it left you in fear and squealing, yelling and
20 crying. It gave us nightmares. I think they did this
21 as a deterrent to those boys who wet the bed so that
22 they could -- they would not have to clean their wet
23 sheets."

24 Now just continuing on to paragraph 22 and then
25 I will come back to ask you a few more things about

1 that.

2 "If you wet the bed, it would not be changed until
3 the next morning and we got hit and smacked as well
4 because we wet the bed. I remember this from I was
5 about 7 but I would say it happened at an earlier age.
6 I can only remember from 6 or 7."

7 Now, HIA19, can I just ask -- it is not clear from
8 this, but it seems -- you seem to be suggesting that
9 these two women did this together, that they both took
10 you into the laundry at the same time.

11 **A. Misunderstanding. It was separate times. They wasn't**
12 **together in the laundry. It was separate occasions. So**
13 **it is just a misunderstanding.**

14 Q. So this was something that each of them did --

15 **A. Separately.**

16 Q. -- separately?

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

18 Q. Each of them did it to you?

19 **A. Uh-huh. It was done to me, yes.**

20 Q. NL5 again in her police interview denied -- at 60826
21 denied doing this. She said it never happened. She
22 only went to the laundry to deliver or collect clothes.
23 She said someone called NL 178 did the laundry. Do
24 you remember anybody by that name?

25 **A. I don't remember that name, no.**

1 Q. She describes it as a big industrial machine. Would
2 that be right?

3 **A. It was a big -- definitely a big machine, a big copper**
4 **machine.**

5 Q. She said if you were put in it, you would be dead. You
6 are not suggesting that they actually turned it on --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- while you were in it.

9 **A. No. It wasn't switched on. It was just closed and then**
10 **lifted up again. So obviously you weren't suffocated.**
11 **If you were put in it, you wouldn't be dead at all. Of**
12 **course, that's why I am here.**

13 Q. She goes on at SNB-60829 to say that NL4 -- sorry --
14 again the name not to be used outside -- was in another
15 group. They only worked together in the dining room.
16 She was never on her own with her without other staff
17 being present.

18 In her Inquiry statement at SNB-80042 she deals with
19 your allegations at paragraphs 92 to 98 there and she
20 says:

21 "I repeat that HIA19 and his brother were not in my
22 group and my contact with them would have been limited
23 to meal times and if I saw them in the playing fields.
24 I was very often busy with either", two boys whom she
25 names, "NL28 or ..."

1 You do remember NL28 in the home. Isn't that
2 correct?

3 **A. NL28, yes.**

4 Q. But you don't remember any boy called ?

5 **A. I don't remember , no.**

6 Q. "... and also -- and had my own group of boys to care
7 for."

8 She says:

9 "I deny the allegations made by HIA19. I don't
10 believe he could have been abused by an older boy as he
11 alleges, as the eldest in the dormitory would have been
12 11, not 17. At age 11 all our boys went to Kircubbin."

13 We have already addressed that.

14 "I remember no pillow fight as alleged that led to
15 a beating of a number of boys and I deny that I ever
16 participated in punishing children with a ruler or
17 a stick."

18 **A. That's not true.**

19 Q. She says that some of the boys have said they didn't
20 even have pillows. The truth is they all had pillows
21 and she doesn't recall any pillow fight. She says:

22 "I have read the allegations made by HIA19 about the
23 laundry and I do not ever recall even being in the
24 laundry at the same time as NL4 ..."

25 But you would accept they were not there at the same

1 time?

2 **A. At the same time. That's correct.**

3 Q. "... never mind conducting the kind of cruelty suggested
4 by him in trying to scare the children."

5 So she is basically saying she was not in the
6 laundry with NL4 and she did not do what you have said
7 she did.

8 **A. Uh-huh, and she has been alone in our group manys a time
9 coming in and out, because her group was right beside
10 ours. So she has come in if there was noise or anything
11 like that on her own. So she's not telling the truth
12 there.**

13 Q. She says she does remember meeting you at a funeral.

14 **A. She does or doesn't? Sorry.**

15 Q. She does but she doesn't -- she remembers meeting one of
16 your family, one of you or your brothers, but she didn't
17 know it was you, but now you have said it was you, she
18 accepts that.

19 **A. Uh-huh. Right.**

20 Q. "But I deny that he tried to talk to me about Nazareth
21 and I brushed him off. He just told me he was at mass
22 for the mother of a friend. He asked me where he would
23 get a leaflet. I directed him to the side of the church
24 and that was the last I saw of him. He did not talk
25 about the home or try to."

1 **A.** Well, I went over to speak to her and she said, "The
2 sacrament light is on. I haven't got time to talk to
3 you". Now there was no -- everybody was leaving the
4 chapel at that time. That's what she said to me and
5 I turned and walked away again, but I did go over to
6 speak to her, not specifically about the home, just to
7 a "Hello" actually, and she just says, "I haven't got
8 time. The sacrament light is on here". That's what she
9 said to me.

10 **Q.** Well, she said -- she also goes on to say in her
11 statement to the Inquiry:

12 "I don't believe that my age was the reason police
13 declined to prosecute me, if this is what HIA19 is
14 intimating. I believe they realised that in over forty
15 years of caring for hundreds of boys a few have
16 suggested I was rough or have made more serious
17 allegations, but I have told the truth and none of these
18 matters are true. I am aware that NL4 concedes that she
19 may have slapped a child or used a ruler, but I have
20 always and continue to deny that I ever did, and if she
21 did this, then she didn't do it in my presence."

22 So she is saying that she --

23 **A.** Saying NL4 did it, but she didn't.

24 **Q.** You are saying that --

25 **A.** Yes.

1 Q. -- they both did.

2 **A. She did do it, did smack me with a ruler.**

3 Q. Again NL4 was interviewed by police in 2012, and she at
4 SNB-60958, which we don't really need to pull up, but
5 the Panel can look at it, said she didn't remember you.
6 She denied putting you in the washing machine. She also
7 said that someone called NL 178 did the laundry and
8 she said it wasn't true.

9 In her statement to the Inquiry at paragraphs 29 to
10 31 she deals with the allegations at SNB-80011. She
11 says she has read your statement and she is aware that
12 you made a statement to the police and she was
13 interviewed about that in October 2012 by police. She
14 says in your statement you:

15 "... claim both NL5 and I would take boys into the
16 laundry and we would lift them, put them into the
17 machine and close the lid for a few minutes and threaten
18 to turn it on. He said he thought we did this as a
19 deterrent to those who wet the bed. I note he refers to
20 the boys as 'us' but doesn't specifically refer to
21 himself when he describes this, and he doesn't mention
22 the names of any of the other children he alleges were
23 put into the washing machine. However, in his police
24 statement he is more specific."

25 I will come on to that shortly.

1 "He states both myself and NL5 used to take care of
2 the laundry. He said on two occasions" -- this is in
3 your police statement, HIA19 -- "he recalled the two of
4 us placing him inside the machine and closing the door
5 for thirty seconds."

6 Again you weren't suggesting that both of them did
7 it together.

8 **A. I'm not suggesting that at all. It was just one person
9 brought us in -- brought me in anyway and done that to
10 me. I remember that incident.**

11 Q. She goes on to say:

12 "This did not happen. The laundry room was outside
13 the main house. There was a lady who was in charge of
14 the laundry room. I recall her name was NL 178
15 The door to the laundry room would be locked when she
16 was not there. I did not have a key. I would have gone
17 to the laundry room a few times every week mainly to
18 wash woollens, which were done by hand. NL 178 would be
19 there. On other occasions I would have left in some
20 clothes to be washed or occasionally I would have picked
21 up some clothes after they had been washed and ironed.
22 I do not recall any occasion on which I would have gone
23 to the laundry room specifically with NL5. It is
24 possible she would have been there when I came into the
25 laundry on occasion, but we worked with separate groups

1 of children and I would only come across her
2 occasionally, most commonly during the supervision of
3 children at meal times.

4 I do not recall HIA19. I cannot say whether he was
5 even in my group of children that I had to supervise.
6 I did work with different groups and I note he states he
7 was placed in Our Lady's group. While it is possible
8 I was looking after this group for a period of time,
9 I believe the reason I don't recall him is because
10 I only had limited contact with him."

11 You would accept NL4 wasn't in charge of your group.
12 Isn't that right?

13 **A. Not in charge of ours, but again NL4 came into our group**
14 **from time to time, you know. I have seen her there.**

15 Q. That's what she has said about the incident in the
16 laundry.

17 **A. I can't remember what group NL4 was in, to be honest**
18 **with you. NL4 -- I don't remember the group.**

19 Q. Do you remember who was in charge of your group, HIA19?

20 **A. I'm trying to think now. It's a long time ago. No,**
21 **I can't remember the lady's name.**

22 Q. Well, coming back to your own statement, at paragraph 16
23 you speak about a particular nun, and you say that SR34
24 -- you describe her as very wicked. You say:

25 "She is dead now, but I used to be so scared of her.

1 She used to lift us up by the cheeks and ears from the
2 floor and throw us up against the wall or on the floor
3 in the classroom. She would get angry for no reason at
4 all. She was a really wicked woman. She was in charge
5 of St. Joseph's."

6 You talk about an incident where you remember
a hard-backed mass book and you
8 were reading:

9 "... and all of a sudden I was pulled from the bench
10 and she trailed me down the passage in the chapel and
11 started kicking me in the face. She thought ..."

12 **A. This is out in the hallway.**

13 Q. This was outside the chapel?

14 **A. Out in the passageway. Took me out and then hit me
15 outside in the passageway. Didn't hit me in the chapel.
16 Trailed me out during the mass.**

17 Q. You say:

18 "She thought I was reading a comic book. She
19 battered my face black and blue. She took the book from
20 me and I was crying,

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23 and you:

24 "... remember SR34 coming over to me

25 ' She said, 'You

1 think you had it worse. Well, you see the next time?
2 It will be worse again'. I was living in fear again.
3 It was just basically fear all the time growing up.
4 After that she never beat me as bad as she did in the
5 chapel, but she did smack me on the ears an awful lot."

6 Now you don't remember ever being visited yourself
7 by a social worker when you were in Nazareth Lodge.

8 **A. I never remember being visited by one, no.**

9 Q.

22 Q. Somebody certainly told her.

1 **visit my sister, no.**

2 Q. A clear part --

3 **A.**

5 Q. You talk --

6 **A. I can't remember at all.**

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16 **A.**

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but at least I was happy that I had a sister."

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

5 Q. The congregation also say that they didn't accept
6 bullying. That wasn't accepted or tolerated by the
7 Sisters. Were the Sisters aware that these charge boys
8 were behaving in the way they were towards you, do you
9 think?

10 **A. I don't know. It happened -- basically happened when**
11 **they went down for prayer. I think it was 6 o'clock at**
12 **night, and at this stage these boys were in charge of us**
13 **and this is where the bullying started. I tried to tell**
14 **SR47 one time but she shrugged it off, didn't believe**
15 **me.**

16 Q. They do say if you did suffer bullying or peer abuse of
17 any sort, they believe that to be wholly unacceptable,
18 and with regard to the sexual abuse, they say they are
19 horrified, shocked and devastated that this abuse took
20 place, and they offer sincere and profound apology to
21 any child who suffered this horrendous act.

22 Obviously SR47 is no longer alive, so she can't
23 comment --

24 **A. Of course.**

25 Q. -- about whether you did speak to her or what was said

1 between you.

2 About lay staff, they say that:

3 "The staff at Nazareth Lodge were employed with
4 trust in their ability to ensure the needs of the
5 children were met and unfortunately this was not always
6 upheld. It is accepted that the numbers of staff and
7 level of training was not what would be desired at all
8 times in the life of the home."

9 So they are accepting that there were difficulties
10 with the number of staff that they employed and the
11 level of training that they gave them.

12 They do say that they had a policy of no physical
13 punishment, but they accept that that was not always
14 stuck to.

15 About food, they say that the Sisters ate the same
16 food as the children.

17 **A. Well, they never ate with us. So we wouldn't know if
18 they ate the same food as us or not. The Sisters didn't
19 eat with us. We ate with different groups of boys.**

20 **Q.** They said they sought to provide nutritious and
21 wholesome food to the children and they regret that any
22 child went hungry under their care.

23 They are sorry that they didn't assist you in
24 a satisfactory manner with bedwetting.

25 They conclude by offering you an unreserved and

1 sincere apology for any treatment you received from any
2 Sister which fell below the acceptable standard.

3 Now, HIA19, you spoke to the police, as we know, in
4 April 2010. I am not going to call up the statement,
5 because there's quite -- there is four pages of more
6 detail about what you said to police about both the
7 [name redacted] brothers, about the assault by SR34 and
8 about being put into the washing machine twice, and that
9 can be found at SNB-60833 to 60837.

10 But at paragraph 27 of your statement you talk about
11 being moved to Rubane at the age of -- you thought you
12 were 10 but it was just about a week after your 11th
13 birthday.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. So it wasn't -- just go to paragraph 27 there, please.
16 It's on ... You say that you thought you stayed there
17 until you were nearly 11, but you were just over 11.

18 You thought Nazareth Lodge was scary and rough:

19 "... but I remember being told by a nun -- I can't
20 remember her name, but she said, 'You thought we were
21 bad here. Just wait till you get to Rubane House'.

22 I remember that fear of having it hard then but them
23 telling us it was going to get worse. I couldn't sleep
24 and I didn't want to go. I can't remember who went with
25 me at that time, but there would have been a group of us

1 who were moved at that stage, and BR2 picked us up in
2 a minibus and brought us to Rubane House in Kircubbin."

3 Now you have already spoken to us about what
4 happened during your time in Rubane, HIA19.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 **Q.** I am not going to go over any of that again.

7 Then in your Inquiry statement at paragraphs 42
8 through to 54 you talk about your life after you left
9 Rubane and the difficulties that you had there. Again
10 I am not going to go into that in any detail, but just
11 to let you know that the Inquiry Panel are well aware of
12 the difficulties that you experienced as a result of
13 what occurred during your childhood.

14 You did speak to us on the last occasion about what
15 recommendations you think the Inquiry should make, but
16 I wonder if there's anything you want to add to that
17 today about what you think should happen.

18 **A. Well, to be quite honest with you, I don't know if**
19 **I mentioned the last time about compensation, but at the**
20 **end of the day we are damaged in many ways. We have**
21 **been hurt. From my statement it is true and I feel we**
22 **should be compensated as well for what happened to us.**
23 **I don't know if I mentioned that the last time, but**
24 **I feel we should be.**

25 **Q.** You want to emphasise that again today, HIA19.

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. HIA19, that's all the questions that I have for you. If
3 there's anything you feel we haven't covered about your
4 time in Nazareth Lodge or anything else that you want to
5 say, now is your opportunity to do that before I hand
6 you over to the Panel.

7 **A. Sure.**

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

9 **A. Not to my knowledge, no, but basically it is true, what**
10 **I have said here. Yes, I have got the age wrong. If**
11 **they went to Rubane House at 11, so it be, but what**
12 **happened had happened. To me they looked a lot older**
13 **and I thought they were working men, because they were**
14 **always in charge of us at night, and what happened there**
15 **in my statement is very true. I wouldn't be making up**
16 **stories and what happened in the laundry is true as**
17 **well. So obviously they are contradicting what**
18 **happened, but it did happen.**

19 Q. Thank you, HIA19.

20 Questions from THE PANEL

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16 was no visits when your sister came down from Nazareth
17 House to join you or when you went up to join her at
18 Nazareth House?

19 **A. No, we never did that. We never went to Nazareth House**
20 **to see my sister and she never came to Nazareth Lodge to**
21 **visit us.**

22 Q.

1 **A.**

2 Q. Thank you very much.

3 MR LANE: You've mentioned the charge boys. Were they
4 actually called charge boys at the time? Is that how
5 you referred to them?

6 **A. Well, I don't know if the nuns called them charge boys**
7 **but we called them charge boys, because they were in**
8 **charge. Every time the nun -- a certain nun went down**
9 **to prayer they automatically took over and were in**
10 **charge of us anyway.**

11 Q. You mentioned the two brothers, but were all the older
12 boys in charge or was it just particular ones?

13 **A. Just them two particular ones. I can't remember any**
14 **older ones than them, to be quite honest with you. The**
15 **others were my age group, around 7 and 8 at the time.**

16 Q. People like NL5 and so on, what job title did you give
17 them? Were they ever known as charge girls or anything
18 like that?

19 **A. Well, they were staff.**

20 Q. They were staff?

21 **A. Charge boys weren't staff --**

22 Q. No.

23 **A. -- but NL5 was staff. She said she never came into**
24 **another group on her own. I'm sorry. She's not telling**
25 **the truth there. Definitely not.**

1 Q. So if you were talking among yourselves, would you call
2 her just by her name or did you call her a staff member
3 or what?

4 **A. No, I always called her by her name, NL5. Aye.**
5 **(Inaudible.)**

6 Q. Thank you very much.

7 **A. You're welcome.**

8 CHAIRMAN: HIA19, I am sure you will be pleased to hear we
9 don't have any more questions for you. Of course, you
10 came before to speak to us about Rubane. I am sorry
11 that we had to bring you back a second time, but it is
12 very complicated for us to try and deal with two places
13 on the same day, but thank you again for taking the time
14 to come to speak to us --

15 **A. Thank you for listening.**

16 Q. -- and we are very grateful to you for doing that.

17 **A. Thank you.**

18 **(Witness withdrew)**

19 MS SMITH: Chairman, there are two witnesses scheduled to
20 give evidence this afternoon, but it may be that we
21 could start one of them before lunch. If we took
22 a short break now, I will check with Mr Aiken.

23 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will rise now and we will see what the
24 position is, ladies and gentlemen, and you will be told
25 by Ms Smith within a few minutes what we are going to

1 do. If possible, we will try and take another witness
2 before lunch.

3 (12.05 pm)

4 (Short break)

5 (12.15 pm)

6 WITNESS HIA64 (called)

7 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

8 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the next witness
9 today is HIA64. He is "HIA64". HIA64 gave evidence to
10 the Inquiry on Day 59 of the Inquiry's public hearings,
11 which was 21st October 2014. On that occasion HIA64
12 took the oath and he is aware he remains under oath
13 today. He confirmed to the Inquiry then, as he does
14 today, that he wishes to keep his anonymity.

15 If we can bring up, please, SNB-478, and coming up
16 on the screen, HIA64, will be the front page of your
17 witness statement. If you just -- you adopted it on the
18 last occasion, but if you just check and make sure it is
19 the same one save for the black marks.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. If we can move to the last page, please, 485, and can
22 you just check that's the last page as well, HIA64?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. On the last occasion you confirmed you'd signed it and
25 you adopt it as your evidence.

1 Then the Sisters of Nazareth response statement can
2 be found at 1947 to 1948.

3 The Health & Social Care Board's response statement
4 is at 5531 to 5532, and essentially that records as far
5 as the Health & Social Care Board are concerned that it
6 was a private arrangement that resulted in HIA64 and his
7 brothers going to live in Nazareth Lodge.

8 Then HIA64 spoke to the police on 21st November 2011
9 and that police statement can be found at 61624 through
10 to 61626. I will come back to that as we go.

11 HIA64, you were born on 1st November 1950.

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

13 Q. You are now aged 64. You pointed out to me you will be
14 65 this year.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You are the eldest of four siblings, one of whom, your
17 sister, has passed away.

18 **A. That's right.**

19 Q. You have been married to for over forty years.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. I think you said 44 years.

22 **A. This year.**

23 Q. This year, and you have two children, a grandchild,
24 godchildren, nieces and nephews, and the point you were
25 making to me is lots of family to be engaged with --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- and keep you running around.

3 We were discussing then, HIA64, the date that you
4 entered Nazareth Lodge and I was explaining to you that
5 the register entry has you entering on 26th
6 February 1958, at which point you would have been aged
7 8, and that was the same date as your brother HIA152,
8 but your belief from what your grandmother told you was
9 that you were 6 --

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

11 Q. -- when you went in. Now am I right in saying that
12 that's still a belief that you and HIA152 went in at the
13 same time?

14 **A. Yes, we did and HIA19, he went into St. Joseph's.**

15 Q. Which was the baby --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- home. Whatever it be, 8 or 6, it is 1958 or possibly
18 1956, if your grandmother's recollection is correct, but
19 the -- as I was discussing with you earlier, the Inquiry
20 has been able to find material from 1953 that shows some
21 Welfare Authority and NSPCC involvement with the family
22 at that point in time, but that it seems at the time you
23 go into Nazareth Lodge it appears to have had the
24 private placement involving the priest from the area, as
25 we were discussing, from

1 **A. I understand now.**

2 Q. You don't remember that yourself?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. But having gone -- however it came about and whatever
5 the precise date is, you were in Nazareth Lodge then
6 until 15th August 1963, when, aged 12, you moved to
7 Rubane as part of the annual transfer of boys down to
8 Kircubbin from the Lodge.

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

10 Q. Your brothers followed a similar path at the intervals.
11 HIA152 was I think three years.

12 **A. He is three years and HIA19 is five years younger.**

13 Q. He is five years. So you would have been at Rubane for
14 three years before HIA152 came along and five years
15 before HIA19 came along.

16 **A. HIA19 came along.**

17 Q. While in the Lodge you explain -- if we go back, please,
18 to 478, you explain that you were in Our Lady's group
19 and that was headed by -- if we just scroll down to
20 paragraph 4, headed by SR47. You went into that group
21 along with your brother HIA152.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. I was asking you about the group, what floor of the
24 house it was on. Can you remember that floor it was on?

25 **A. It was on the top floor.**

1 Q. Was there any other groups on the same floor?

2 **A. Yes, St. Joseph's.**

3 Q. So SR47 --

4 **A. And SR34.**

5 Q. -- and SR34 ran St. Joseph's, and SR47 had NL4 working
6 alongside her.

7 **A. Yes. That was in Our Lady's group.**

8 Q. But you had no difficulty with NL4 that you recall?

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. You had no major difficulty -- we will come to one
11 particular incident you remember with SR47, but she was
12 kinder to you than SR34 was.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. But SR34 had NL5 working alongside her.

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

16 Q. You had some difficulty with NL5 that we will come to
17 deal with.

18 You say in paragraph 5 that SR34, who was in charge
19 of the St. Joseph's group, was the worst nun. You say
20 she was a large lady and she -- if you did something
21 wrong, she would take you by your sideburns, lift you up
22 off the floor, drop you and then kick you. She was, you
23 say, a big hefty woman and you were 6 or 7, 8-year-old
24 boy.

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

1 Q. I was asking you what you -- what the circumstances
2 were, if you could remember the type of things that
3 caused you to be punished by her.

4 **A. Well, if you didn't do what the charge hand told you, he**
5 **would put you out to wait for SR34 coming and she**
6 **punished you right away.**

7 Q. So you were put out into the corridor.

8 **A. You waited for her coming.**

9 Q. And she -- when she came along, then you were punished.

10 **A. That's right.**

11 Q. The charge hand -- you describe this -- we will come to
12 look at it slightly later, but if we look at paragraph 8
13 just now, you mention charge hands being involved in
14 paragraph 7. Just stop, please:

15 "We slept in dormitories with about 20 to 25 boys in
16 each dorm. An older boy called a charge hand was in
17 charge of each dorm."

18 So was that a sort of hierarchy of you had the nun,
19 then you had the civilian member of staff and then you
20 had a charge boy who was involved?

21 **A. You could put it that way, yes.**

22 Q. Were they all there at the one time, or were there times
23 whenever the nun wasn't there or the lay member of staff
24 wasn't there but just the charge hand was there?

25 **A. Oh, there was plenty of times when it was just the**

1 **charge hand looking after the place, you know, looking**
2 **after the dormitory.**

3 Q. But if you then stepped out of line, he put you into the
4 corridor to be dealt with by --

5 **A. SR34.**

6 Q. -- SR34?

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. You describe that in -- if we look, please, at your
9 police statement at 61625, which you made in
10 November 2011, halfway down 61625 you describe it in
11 this way, HIA64. I am just going to -- you say:

12 "We normally went to bed around 7.00 pm and you
13 could be waiting in the corridor by 9.00 pm. SR34 was
14 in charge of St. Joseph's group and would take turns
15 with SR47 to give out the punishment at night. SR34 was
16 the worst when it came to punishment. She was a
17 heavy-set woman, would have been in her early 40s, long
18 black habit with her rosary beads wrapped around her
19 waist, silver crucifix attached at the end. At
20 punishment time SR34 would often grab me by my locks or
21 my cheeks and use such force that it actually lifted me
22 off both feet. The pain was excruciating and I vividly
23 recall being very frightened by this. It's hard to
24 quantify how often this would have happened, but it was
25 frequent. On average I would have been put out for

1 punishment at least two or three times a month and over
2 the years SR34 would have abused me in this manner many,
3 many times. Whenever SR34 lifted me off my feet in this
4 manner I would often fall to the ground and curl into
5 a ball, because she would always then kick me with her
6 feet and punch me with her fists. She would continue
7 punching and kicking me until she thought I had had
8 enough."

9 Scroll down:

10 "The other boys put out into the corridor with me
11 for punishment would have witnessed this abuse and
12 I witnessed theirs if they dealt with them ahead of me."

13 Now I was asking you about that and you were saying
14 she didn't -- it wasn't always the case that there was
15 someone else there to see the punishment.

16 **A. That's true, yes.**

17 Q. But just on those occasions that there was more than one
18 of you in the hall then you got to see each other being
19 punished.

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

21 Q. You describe slightly further down:

22 "SR34 would swing the crucifix, and if it connected
23 with you, it hurt. Whenever SR47 took punishment in the
24 evening, she was never as severe on me as SR34 was,
25 often only telling me off or at worst just slapping me

1 on the back of my head with her palm."

2 By that you mean -- is that just a clip round the
3 ear? It wasn't something that left you in a lot of
4 pain?

5 **A. Oh, no, no.**

6 Q. So the one thing you do say about SR47 in paragraph 15,
7 if we just leave the police statement for a moment and
8 go back to 480, please, you describe having to kneel on
9 a hard floor while SR47 taught you Latin.

10 **A. That's right.**

11 Q. That was to get you ready to be an altar boy.

12 **A. Person, yes.**

13 Q. One of the positive consequences of being an altar boy
14 for you was then you went to Nazareth House more often
15 and you got to see your sister --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- who was in Nazareth House. I will come back on that
18 with you shortly, but you also mention in your police
19 statement, though not in your Inquiry statement, SR47
20 having a particular type of stick. If we look at 61626,
21 please, you describe here, HIA64:

22 "SR47 kept a 2 foot stick in her habit pocket and
23 I recall it being as thick as my thumb. I don't recall
24 ever being hit with this stick at evening punishment but
25 I do recall being hit with it whenever I misbehaved

1 during the day."

2 I am just wondering was this something that might
3 have been used in the school?

4 **A. No, it was used specially in the canteen.**

5 Q. In the canteen?

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. Was it only SR47 had this type of stick?

8 **A. Some of the nuns carried certain items with them, you
9 know.**

10 Q. You say it wouldn't have been frequent, because you only
11 got it if you misbehaved.

12 **A. That's right.**

13 Q. "It would have hit the fists a couple of times a year.
14 Usually a rap on the hands, with the odd smack on the
15 back of the legs or bottom over my trousers."

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. So it was a bit like a ruler type?

18 **A. No, it would be as thick as the stem on this microphone.**

19 Q. And was it flexible or just a --

20 **A. No, just a solid piece of wood.**

21 Q. And that was used on occasions?

22 **A. On occasions, yes.**

23 Q. We had touched on the arranged punishments that you --
24 the charge boy put you out and then it depended which
25 nun was doing the punishment as to how severe that was.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. So you were keener to see SR47 coming along than you
3 were to see SR34 coming along.

4 **A. It was a lot easier on you. Put it that way.**

5 Q. In paragraph 6 of your Inquiry statement, if we turn to
6 NL5, if we go back to 479, please, you say that:

7 "NL5 was a civilian staff member who worked
8 alongside SR34 in St. Joseph's group."

9 So this is again a different group from your Our
10 Lady's that you were in:

11 "At times she was all right, but other times she was
12 a terror. She thought nothing of thumping you."

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. Now I was asking you when did you come across -- because
15 obviously NL5 is in a different group. When did your
16 paths cross that you would be involved with her thumping
17 you?

18 **A. Well, it all depended who was on duty. Whichever Sister
19 was on duty, that's the Sister that punished you. If it
20 was one of the staff, she was on duty, she punished you.**

21 Q. And where would you have come across her? Was it in the
22 dorm, or was it outside, or was it in the refectory?

23 **A. Again it could have been anywhere. It could have been
24 in the dorm. It could have been in the corridor. It
25 could have been out when you were playing. So these**

1 **here was always going on anyway, you know.**

2 Q. What she has said to the Inquiry, HIA64, was, you know,
3 she looked after her group and there was no reason for
4 her to be looking after other groups.

5 **A. When they were on duty, they looked after the two**
6 **groups.**

7 Q. How close were the two -- you mentioned St. Joseph's and
8 Our Lady's were on the same floor.

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. Were they near --

11 **A. Right beside each other.**

12 Q. They were beside each other?

13 **A. The only thing that divided them was a wall.**

14 Q. Now she has said to the Inquiry, as I was explaining to
15 you earlier, that she did not hit, smack or assault any
16 child at any stage during her time working in Nazareth
17 Lodge.

18 **A. I don't believe that.**

19 Q. Well, that wasn't your experience of --

20 **A. No. She's hit a few people.**

21 Q. You mention in paragraph 7, HIA64, of your statement
22 a particular form of bullying. You have talked about
23 the charge boys and them being involved in the
24 dormitories, and you say you sort of had -- you were
25 bullied until you learned to stand up for yourself.

1 **A. As always, when you are the youngest, you always get**
2 **thumped about until you learn to stand and fight for**
3 **yourself.**

4 Q. And did -- and the reason I have asked you about
5 civilian staff and then the charge boys, did the nuns
6 ever see NL5 doing that type of hitting you were talking
7 about or --

8 **A. A lot of it they wouldn't have seen.**

9 Q. And the same with the charge boys?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Would they have seen what the charge boys were doing?

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. Why was that?

14 **A. Well, if the nun was down at her prayers or something**
15 **like that, there was just the charge hand in charge of**
16 **the group.**

17 Q. So because of the number of people who were --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. If they weren't there, they didn't see it?

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

21 Q. You describe a particular issue in paragraph 8, HIA64.
22 You say the charge boys would have got you to fight for
23 their amusement.

24 **A. Many times.**

25 Q. Now the congregation, the Sisters of Nazareth, have said

1 about that that they don't think that went on. Boys
2 fought, yes, but at paragraph 4 of the replying
3 statement at 1947 they say they don't accept that these
4 type of organised fights by charge boys would have gone
5 on.

6 **A. Well, they did.**

7 Q. Were there ever nuns to see this happening?

8 **A. If the nun wasn't there, she wouldn't have seen it.**

9 **It's as simple as that. This went on behind the nun's**
10 **back.**

11 Q. In paragraph 10 of your statement, HIA64, at 479 just at
12 the bottom, and then we move on -- if we can get both on
13 the screen -- that's excellent -- 480 as well, you
14 describe a particular form of punishment in the school
15 --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- where you -- in the winter the teacher would have you
18 put your hand out the window-ledge until they were blue
19 with the cold.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Then you would be hit across the knuckles with a ruler
22 until your knuckles were swollen and you couldn't then
23 hold anything. You say that happened to you a number of
24 times.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. What type of thing produced that type of punishment?

2 **A. If you got -- if you done something wrong in school, or**
3 **you got your sums wrong or something like that, again**
4 **capital punishment (sic). Hands out the window and**
5 **wallop.**

6 Q. I presume that maximised how sore it was going to be.

7 **A. It's sore.**

8 Q. You make a point in paragraph 12 of your statement, if
9 we just scroll down, you don't remember anyone from the
10 Welfare Authority being in the home. You do remember
11 the children who were under the Welfare getting presents
12 and things at their birthdays --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- and throughout the year that you as someone who
15 wasn't under the Welfare didn't get. Was your birthday
16 marked in any way in the home that you recall?

17 **A. If it was, it wasn't really that -- didn't seem to be**
18 **that important, you know. They just more or less, "It's**
19 **your birthday". That was it. End of story.**

20 Q. But you remember that those who were Welfare children
21 placed in the home --

22 **A. Oh, yes.**

23 Q. -- did get some items?

24 **A. They would get items and all the rest, yes.**

25 Q. In paragraph 15, HIA64, you talk about your sister.

1 What I wanted to ask you about that was that by becoming
2 an altar boy you got the opportunity to see her more
3 often --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- but leaving aside the issue of when you became
6 an altar boy, were arrangements ever put in place for
7 you to see your sister?

8 **A. Not that many. Maybe once or twice in a year, if you
9 were lucky.**

10 Q. And can you remember how that was done?

11 **A. No, I can't. Can't remember, no. A lot of it I have
12 tried -- tried my best to forget about, because we have
13 been under that much. You just can't -- you just can't
14 take it.**

15 Q. But definitely after you became an altar boy that let
16 you see her much more often?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Okay. I was asked by Ms Smith, as I was saying to you
19 -- your brother HIA19 wondered whether you would
20 remember an occasion when he believes he told his
21 about getting hit with a book or getting
22 a book taken off him and getting beaten by SR34 and him
23 telling and talking to
24 what he described as a social worker. Members of the
25 Panel, that's at paragraph 17 of HIA19's statement at

1 SNB-408. I was asking you whether he is right that you
2 do have any memory of that --

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. -- and you were saying you don't have any memory of
5 that.

6 **A. No. If I had had memory of it, I would have been saying
7 something.**

8 Q. But you don't --

9 **A. He's my brother. I have to look after him.**

10 Q. Yes, but you don't have any -- any memory of that?

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. HIA64, as you know, at the end of anyone's evidence we
13 ask them generally two things.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. The first is about recommendations. The Panel at the
16 end of its work has to consider what recommendations it
17 might make to the Northern Ireland Government in three
18 areas: apology, memorial or some other means of redress.
19 We ask each witness whether there is anything they want
20 to say to the Panel to assist them with thinking about
21 those issues.

22 **A. Well, I would like the Panel to give us as victims --**

23 Q. Just take your time. Take your time. Do you want to
24 take a moment, HIA64?

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. You want to ... Just take a time. Do you want to take
2 some water there?

3 A. It is like us as victims, we need to have our time and
4 have our say, and we need to get something in return for
5 it. That's all I've got to say, because we have had --
6 we have had so much. We have went through so much.
7 When we left the institutions, we didn't get anything
8 then. We were left on our own, and then all this here
9 brings everything back again, and most of us that are
10 here, we have just had enough, and we want some sort
11 of -- I think compensation would help a bit. It
12 wouldn't solve anything, but it would help a bit.

13 Q. The last question, HIA64, that we ask each witness is
14 whether there's anything else they want to say about --
15 we are looking at Nazareth Lodge today -- whether there
16 is anything else they want to say. It might be
17 something I didn't cover in enough detail, something
18 maybe I didn't cover at all, or maybe it was just
19 something else you want to say about your time in
20 Nazareth Lodge. Now is the time to do that. Is there
21 anything else you would like to add to what we have
22 discussed this morning?

23 A. Well, the only thing I would like to add is I am glad my
24 time there is over, but I wish it didn't happen in the
25 first place, because, as I say, we are scarred now until

1 **we are no more on this planet. We have had enough. We**
2 **need something. That's all I've got to say.**

3 Q. Well, HIA64, I am not going to ask you any more
4 questions. If you stay where you are for a moment, the
5 Panel Members might want to ask you something.

6 Questions from THE PANEL

7 MR LANE: Just a couple of small points. One is were you
8 ever a charge boy yourself?

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. So how were the charge boys picked then?

11 **A. It would all depend on the Sister in charge.**

12 Q. They would actually decide certain particular boys were
13 going to be charge boys?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Right. Okay. The other thing is about the Latin, was
16 it just a matter of getting to know the words or were
17 you actually taught what the words meant and, you know,
18 how Latin worked?

19 **A. No, it was just -- it was like pigeon English. The nun,**
20 **she read it. You repeated it until you were able to**
21 **repeat the whole lot.**

22 Q. Okay.

23 **A. It took me a week to learn it and I tell you it was**
24 **hard.**

25 Q. Thank you very much.

1 **A. Okay.**

2 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA64, you will be glad to hear that we
3 have no more questions for you.

4 **A. Thank you.**

5 Q. Thank you for coming to speak to us again. I know we
6 asked you to come to speak to us and you did speak to us
7 about your time in Rubane, but, as I explained then
8 I hope and I will explain again today, it is very
9 difficult for us to try and cope with two separate
10 institutions on the same day and keep everything clear
11 in our heads. That's why we've asked you and others to
12 come back a second time, but thank you very much for
13 doing it.

14 **A. You're welcome.**

15 Q. Thank you.

16 (Witness withdrew)

17 CHAIRMAN: There is only one more witness scheduled for
18 today.

19 MR AIKEN: There is.

20 CHAIRMAN: We will try and start at 1.45, ladies and
21 gentlemen.

22 (12.45 pm)

23 (Lunch break)

24 (1.45 pm)

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1 WITNESS HIA259 (called)

2 CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

3 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

4 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and gentlemen,
5 this afternoon's witness is HIA259. He is "HIA259".

6 HIA259 has given evidence before. So there is no need
7 for him to be sworn.

8 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

9 MS SMITH: He wishes to maintain the anonymity that has been
10 afforded to him by the Inquiry.

11 There are a number of documents in the bundles in
12 relation to HIA259.

13 His statement can be found at SNB-541 to 546.

14 The congregation's response is at SNB-1941 to 1942.

15 The Health & Social Care Board have a response in at
16 SNB-5507 to 5587 including exhibits, and they previously
17 responded in the last module and that response is at
18 SNB-5482 to 5502.

19 There are social work papers which can be found at
20 SNB-42470 to 42497 and at 44348 to 44374.

21 There is also material in the Module 3 bundle which
22 can be found -- material from PRONI which is at RUB90230
23 to 90247, and there are civil claim papers in that
24 bundle at RUB50337 to 50353 and 50391 to 50401.

25 There is also a transcript of part of his evidence

1 on the last day, which is at SNB-90143 to 90148.

2 Now if we could just pull up HIA259's statement,
3 please, at SNB-541. Now, HIA259, you recall that your
4 statement was pulled up on the last occasion and you
5 confirmed that you had signed and dated it on the day in
6 question. Can I just ask you to confirm that this is
7 the statement that you gave to the Inquiry?

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

9 Q. Now, HIA259, you are now 51.

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

11 Q. Your personal details are set out in paragraphs 1 and 2
12 of your statement, and the position is that you
13 originally lived with your grandmother until she became
14 ill, and you were at that stage taken into Nazareth
15 Lodge, and she sadly then died and you stayed there.

17 Q. Now I am not going to go into the details of that, but
18 those can be found in your admission to care form, which
19 is at SNB-42496 to 97 and the report at SNB-42484 to
20 42485. We looked at those on the last occasion that you
21 gave evidence.

22 Just to be clear, there is a document from the
23 congregation at SNB-4494 which also indicates that your
24 grandmother died there was no-one to look after you.
25 Father McFerran asked to have you admitted and you were

1 maintained by Belfast Welfare. That's an entry in the
2 Sisters of Nazareth register about your entry.

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

4 Q. We looked at that earlier, and it said you left in March
5 '74, when you went to Kircubbin.

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

7 Q. Now you were in Nazareth Lodge between 1972 and 1974.
8 You came when you were almost 9 and you stayed there
9 until you were 11 and you had had experience of life
10 outside the home --

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

12 Q. -- living with your grandmother.

13 Paragraph 3 here you say you recall when you
14 arrived, they stripped you down and threw whatever
15 clothing that they considered to be no good out. You
16 said it felt like being stripped in a prison.

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

18 Q. You remember for the first few weeks wishing your
19 grandmother would recover so you could go home, but one
20 of the nuns told you she had passed away, so you knew
21 you had to stay in the Lodge, and you were then one your
22 own in the world, and you say you never got to attend
23 her funeral.

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. Paragraph 4 you describe the home. You say:

1 "There was a lovely living room and bedroom in the
2 Lodge, but we were never allowed to use them. You lived
3 in an old oratory during the day which had a wooden
4 floor and massive windows. The schoolboys had their
5 dinner there during the day. The kitchen was also there
6 and it was a very large, cold place to live. You slept
7 in a dormitory at night that was located close to the
8 oratory and we were locked in until morning."

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

10 Q. You say:

11 "There were nine or ten beds in our dormitory, and
12 we were then lined up before breakfast in the morning in
13 a corridor in our underpants, and we got dressed in the
14 oratory where our clothes would be put out in front of
15 us, folded up and set out by us from the night before.
16 We dressed in our uniforms and hung around until school
17 started."

18 You say that NL5 was in charge of your group. Now
19 NL5, I am just going to give her first name and that's
20 NL5.

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

22 Q. The name is not to be used outside. You say:

23 "She would leave to go and do another job before
24 school started and then we went down to school
25 ourselves. The school was on the premises",

1 and before you came into Nazareth Lodge you had
2 been at St. Patrick's Primary School.

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

4 Q. You recall being taught by the nuns and by ordinary
5 civilian --

6 **A. Teachers.**

7 Q. -- teachers. Now one of the things that the
8 congregation have said is that a routine was common in
9 the home, that they had to have this kind of routine
10 essentially set around the school day, and over the
11 week-end you would have been given more freedom and you
12 would have been allowed to play for longer at the
13 weekends, visit family and friends, go on day trips and
14 out to families and so on. Would that be your
15 recollection?

16 **A. No, it wasn't. Our group was treated differently. The**
17 **lady that looked after us didn't treat us the same way.**
18 **All the other groups had their living rooms, their**
19 **bedrooms, their kitchen and all their ways of living,**
20 **and they could come and go as they pleased basically,**
21 **come and go out of the home as they pleased -- or not**
22 **the home actually -- in the grounds of the home, and**
23 **come back in. They could go into their bedrooms when**
24 **they wanted. They could go and sit around the living**
25 **room when they wanted. We could not do that. They had**

1 their own kitchen. If they wanted food, they could go
2 and get food out, just like a regular home, but our
3 group wasn't treated like that. We lived, as I said, in
4 this oratory, and our lives were spent in this oratory,
5 which was the school canteen for the home at the time,
6 and that's where we lived our life. We had a lovely
7 living room, lovely bedrooms and good facilities, but we
8 never got to use them unless VIP people came or certain
9 dignitaries came to look into the home, you know.

10 Q. You do talk about this. You say at paragraph 6:

11 "There was an awful routine in the home. We just
12 did the same thing ever day. Went to mass on Sundays
13 and sometimes went to mass in the evenings. We went to
14 school, came in from school, got changed, played a bit
15 until teatime. Then there was the usual fight for food
16 every night, as we didn't get much."

17 You say:

18 "NL5 would sometimes let us watch a little bit of
19 television, but we were put to bed very early."

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

21 Q. I will come back to the going to bed early when we look
22 at a later part of your statement.

23 In paragraph 7 there you say:

24 "When anyone important or a visiting dignitary came
25 to the home, we were all shoved into the nice room and

1 allowed to play with the new toys until they left. As
2 soon as they'd gone, we would be moved back to the old
3 room again."

4 **A. Yes. We were dressed up, put in our best clothes and**
5 **moved into this living room, sat round the television.**
6 **They came along. They would ask a few questions of**
7 **certain boys, and then whenever they left, we were taken**
8 **back out, put into our old clothes again and moved back**
9 **into the oratory. We never got to use the living room.**
10 **The living room was a beautiful living room and a lovely**
11 **dining area. The table was just full of new toys and**
12 **stuff, any kid's dream, but we never got to use them.**
13 **It was all show.**

14 **Q. You say:**

15 "You only got to play with toys at the week-end and
16 even then you wouldn't be given brand new toys but the
17 old, half-broken toys."

18 **A. Yes. There was an old room off the actual main corridor**
19 **of the building and most of our stuff that we used**
20 **generally all the time was kept in it, our old toys or**
21 **whatever. She would come down with a box on the**
22 **Saturday at the weekends and put the box down. We just**
23 **took out of it what we could play with and then that was**
24 **it. Most of the stuff was broke anyway or whatever.**
25 **Then it was taken away before teatime.**

1 Then we got our tea, as I said. We would sit down
2 to our tea. She would bring two plates of bread and
3 there was two tables. There wasn't enough bread. So
4 the boys would actually fight between the bread. The
5 bread would actually be divided between the four at the
6 table. Whoever was the best fighter or whoever was the
7 strongest at the table got the most amount of bread.
8 Then the rest of the food -- normally the bread
9 sometimes would even be eaten before the food came in.
10 Normally it was an oul' greasy cooked sausage and
11 an egg, something threw in a deep fat fryer and threw in
12 front of us, and then that was it.

13 Q. You describe in paragraph 13 that you felt the food was
14 poor there, just terrible.

15 "The food was terrible in the home and everything
16 was dripping in fat. I recall always being hungry
17 during my time in the home."

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

19 Q. Going back -- can I just ask, HIA259, do you ever
20 remember -- I mean, we have Social Services
21 documentation in relation to you and some of it covers
22 your time in Nazareth Lodge. Do you ever remember
23 a social worker visiting you when you were in the home?

24 **A. The only time I remember is when my granny died and she**
25 **asked me did I want to see my other family outside the**

1 home, but I -- that was the only time that they actually
2 turned up. I can't really remember any other occasion.

3 Q. That would have been -- when you say your other family,
4 that would have been your own mother --

5 A. Yes, that's right.

6 Q. -- and her family.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You didn't actually see your mother. Isn't that right?

9 A. I didn't see her, no. I was pretty angry and confused
10 at the time. I sort of blamed her for the state that
11 she was when she died, for her putting her into that
12 state, and I didn't want to see them.

13 Q. In paragraph 9, going back to your statement, you talk
14 about you remember bathtime was a chore, because you
15 didn't get privacy and you weren't allowed to bathe
16 alone.

17 "There was always at least two of us in the bath and
18 we always had to share the bath water."

19 You say:

20 "We even had to share a toothbrush between seven or
21 eight of us. It was disgusting, but that's the way it
22 was."

23 A. That's the way it was, and the other two -- yes, she
24 would -- we actually got to brush our teeth about once
25 a week every Saturday. She would have come down with

1 the toothpaste and toothbrushes and put them down in
2 front -- a couple of toothbrushes between the rest of us
3 and that's the way it was. We had to clean our teeth
4 and rinse it out and then we had to share them with the
5 rest of them.

6 Q. Well, paragraph 14 you say that the person who was in
7 charge of you --

8 "We were always dressed the same, which was -- which
9 always made me feel ridiculous."

10 A. We were all dressed the same. We had us dressed up in
11 the same clothes all the time. As I recall, a nickname
12 for us at the time by the other groups was called "The
13 whippets", because we all looked exactly the same. We
14 were like twelve twins walking down the place at the
15 same time, you know. All the clothes were the same. We
16 never got to wear what we wanted anyway. We were just
17 basically given what we were told to wear and that was
18 it.

19 Q. Did you go out -- you -- whenever you went to Rubane,
20 you ended up with a foster family who took you out
21 during holidays in Rubane, but that actually started
22 when you were in Nazareth Lodge. Isn't that correct?

23 A. It did, yes. That's right, yes.

24 Q. Can you remember how that came about?

25 A. Yes. It was a Saturday. I remember it was -- summer

1 holidays had started. We were sitting -- I was sitting
2 with a friend -- a couple of friends in the field. We
3 were just talking, and NL5 came down, lifted me by the
4 hand, says, "You are going out with a family". I was
5 taken into the home. My suitcase was packed and then
6 just taken to these people and basically put into a car
7 with them. "These are going to take you out. Remember
8 to behave yourself and be good." Hadn't a clue who
9 these people were and that was it.

10 Q. You subsequently learned that these were people, though,
11 that you had a connection with in the sense that you had
12 been with their mother -- the mother -- the wife's
13 mother before. Isn't that right?

14 A. That's right. Their family -- their grandmother
15 actually took me out at the start. They lived on
16 a farm. To tell you the truth, I didn't really like it
17 that much. I wasn't used to farm life. I lived --
18 I was a city guy, lived in a city. Farms just wasn't my
19 thing. As I remember, I was coming -- I was out with
20 them. They made me work a lot with them, which I didn't
21 really want to do. Then eventually after a period of
22 time then the mother took ill and then their daughters
23 took me on. Then their family took me
24 on then after that.

25 Q. You did talk about -- you actually went out to stay with

1 somebody else, but I will come on to talk about that
2 shortly.

3 You have a number of specific complaints about the
4 person who was in charge of your group and you have
5 given her name and I am using it, although it is not to
6 be used outside, and that's NL5.

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

8 Q. Now since I spoke to you it has been suggested that you
9 may be mistaken about that particular person and, in
10 fact, her group was called "The Dainties". Does that
11 ring a bell with you at all?

12 **A. No. Always -- as I remember, "The Whippets". That's**
13 **all I remember. Maybe it could have been used. I don't**
14 **know. She did make us all stand out. We all looked**
15 **like idiots as far as everybody else was concerned, you**
16 **know.**

17 Q. Do you remember -- sorry, HIA259. Do you remember there
18 was another lay staff member about whom the Inquiry has
19 heard and her name -- and again I am using it, but it is
20 not to be used outside -- is NL4. Do you remember that
21 person being in the home when you were there?

22 **A. I can't remember. The name doesn't ring a bell. She**
23 **could have been there. You know, there was a lot of**
24 **staff came and went in that place, you know.**

25 Q. But the name that sticks in your memory is --

1 **A. NL5.**

2 Q. -- NL5. As far as you are concerned that was the person
3 who was in charge of your group and who looked after
4 you?

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

6 Q. Coming on to the specific complaints that you make about
7 her, you say at paragraph 4 that she was in charge of
8 your group and that you say that your group was more
9 regimented than others at paragraph 8.

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

11 Q. She didn't allow the other boys to go where they
12 want.... -- come and go as they wanted, but you weren't
13 allowed to do that.

14 **A. Yes, not within the space of our actual living room and
15 stuff. We weren't allowed -- we couldn't just walk into
16 our bedrooms. In fact, we had lovely furniture in our
17 bedrooms, dressing -- wardrobe and stuff, and there was
18 not a thing in them. They were never used. She kept
19 all our clothes in this old room I said that was
20 actually off the place. She controlled all our clothes,
21 everything that was to do with us. We had no control
22 over anything whatsoever. She fed us. She controlled
23 our clothes, how we dressed.**

24 **Even when it came to wash time, as I said, we used
25 to come in from school on a Friday and she would make us**

1 strip down to our underpants and that. She would take
2 our school uniforms away. We would sit in the oratory
3 in our underwear waiting for clothes to come back. She
4 would sometimes be two or three hours, maybe four hours
5 away before she would come back. Then she would come
6 back with clothes then to change into, maybe our pyjamas
7 or something and that was it. Sometimes as well, which
8 happened quite often as well, was that when we needed to
9 change our underwear, she would take that stuff away as
10 well and leave us completely naked in the oratory with
11 nothing at all. This oratory was a big room with very
12 large windows, wooden floor, very, very cold, drafts
13 everywhere. It had old shutters and everything in it.
14 That's how we lived. That's how we spent our time.

15 Q. At paragraph 10 you go on to describe her and you say
16 that no-one in the home ever showed you any affection or
17 took any interest in you. You describe her as vicious
18 and brutal with the children.

19 "When it was coming into spring but still extremely
20 cold outside, she would put us in shorts and tee-shirts
21 and sent us out in the frost."

22 A. Oh, yes. She said that was good for us, good hardy
23 weather. Good weather coming in. The summer is coming
24 in. We would be going out in our shorts and our things
25 in the freezing cold weather. You would see the boys,

1 the outside boys going to school maybe with a couple of
2 coats on them and whatever. Sometimes they would
3 actually give us one of the coats to keep us warm until
4 the school opened. It was bloody freezing.

5 Q. You say you were freezing cold hanging around outside
6 the school.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You say:

9 "In summer time she would put us to bed at 6 o'clock
10 every night, even if the sun was blazing in the sky."

11 A. Exactly. We used to hear the other boys out playing and
12 we'd be stuck in bed. There was no curtains and the
13 windows were that big. There was no curtains. The
14 sunlight was coming in there. We were expected to
15 sleep.

16 Once that room door was closed, it was locked at
17 night and it was never opened till the next day. So you
18 couldn't get to go to the toilet. You might as well --
19 if you had to bang the doors, she wouldn't have answered
20 it anyway. We were left in that room all night till the
21 next morning.

22 Q. You say you used to have really bad chest infections.

23 If you coughed all night:

24 "... she would be raging the next day or she would
25 hit me a smack on the head because my coughing had kept

1 her awake."

2 **A.** Oh, yes, she'd beat -- she'd actually beat you, because
3 I kept her awake all night. She would be tired the next
4 day before she went to her job and she'd be very angry
5 about that. Now I remember one night -- I used to try
6 and stop coughing, which was pretty hard to do, but
7 a couple of nights I didn't cough. She would drag me
8 out then and say, "Right. Go and stand out there in the
9 hallway where it's warmer beside that radiator and get
10 dressed". She says, "Maybe you will not cough the night
11 again". That's --

12 Q. That was a type of reward for not coughing?

13 **A.** Exactly, yes.

14 Q. Now you describe again there in paragraph 12 now -- you
15 say:

16 "On one occasion she wanted us to set the table",
17 but when we were speaking about this earlier, this
18 is not NL5 that you're talking about.

19 **A.** No. NL5, she actually left. I don't know what
20 happened, but she -- something happened and she left,
21 something to do with her family as far as I recall. It
22 mightn't have been that at all, but she left then and
23 this other lady then came to look after us, but she was
24 just as brutal as well.

25 We didn't know how to set -- basically when we set

1 round the area. She started taking me out of the home.
2 Now she was very good to me. She knew I wasn't very
3 good at school at the time. I was a bit backward
4 probably you could say. She actually tried to help me
5 too as well with my education.

6 One thing she did notice about, I'd awful bad teeth,
7 really, really terribly bad teeth. She took me to the
8 local dentist and they started a course of treatment to
9 sort my teeth out, you know. They pulled a load of
10 teeth and braced the rest, you know. I used to wear
11 a brace then for a good few months then after that, you
12 know.

13 Q. Excuse me, HIA259. You were fond of this lady and there
14 was some talk of her adopting you at one point.

15 A. Ah, yes. There was talk of her maybe taking me out of
16 the home for good.

17 Q. What happened?

18 A. There was an incident then in the canteen one day. We
19 got -- what was it? The stew we used to get was
20 horrible and I couldn't eat it. The nun was trying to
21 force me to eat it and I wouldn't take it. She said
22 something. I passed a remark. Now the remark I was
23 supposed to have said is I called her a b****, but
24 I didn't call her a b****, because you just didn't do
25 that. I would have been crucified if I had of, but she

1 went on then to tell the lady who took me out
2 and she stopped taking me out of the home then after
3 that. She didn't want nothing more to do with me. She
4 was a very religious lady.

5 Q. When you say "she", the person who told --

6 A. The nun told the lady --

7 Q. The nun told the lady.

8 A. -- what I apparently said about her and she refused then
9 to take me out of the home after. The only time I seen
10 her after that was she came back because I had to go
11 back to the dentist and she stuck by that obligation by
12 finishing off the work that needed done to my teeth, but
13 every time she took me I used to ask her, "When am
14 I coming home again?" and she never answered and I never
15 seen her again. She started taking one of the other
16 boys in my group out then after that.

17 Q. Now paragraph 14, if we can scroll down there, you say
18 that you were called "The Whippets", as you've
19 described, you say:

20 "... because we whipped around all the time and did
21 everything that NL5 told us to do. There was no such
22 thing as love shown by her. She was just brutal all the
23 time."

24 You say:

25 "She left on one occasion. Another friend of hers

1 took over and she was even more brutal. I can no longer
2 recall her name. She was also wicked and had no
3 patience. If you could not do something or if you did
4 not do it to her satisfaction, she would fly into a rage
5 and punch you with her fists. NL5 would also have
6 struck you with her hand or anything she had in her hand
7 at the time."

8 Now the -- NL5, NL5, has given a statement to the
9 Inquiry and she addresses what you say about her. She
10 says that -- this is paragraph 61 of SNB-80038. She
11 says:

12 "This boy indicates that he was in my group. I just
13 wish to state that I simply do not remember this boy at
14 all."

15 Now, to be fair to her, HIA259, she has indicated
16 that she remembers all the other boys who have spoken
17 about her. You are the one she doesn't remember. It
18 has been suggested that you may have mixed her up with
19 another member of staff.

20 **A. I didn't mix her up with anybody. Sure, I knew all the**
21 **boys that was in the group that I lived with as well:**
22 **HIA368, HIA 104 , DL 45 , DL144, myself.**
23 **There was a couple of other young fellas I can't**
24 **remember, the younger boys that was there as well. We**
25 **were all in her group. I remember too well. It wasn't**

1 **too hard.**

2 Q. Well, you say that -- the reason she says --

3 "He describes me as leaving at one time and a friend
4 of mine coming in. This did not happen."

5 **A. It did happen. She left.**

6 Q. "I think he is confusing me with someone else or making
7 this up."

8 **A. No, I'm not. No, she left.**

9 Q. Can you remember what were the circumstances of her
10 leaving or --

11 **A. I don't know. I know she was upset anyway. She was
12 told something and she left. We thought -- we heard
13 then that somebody had died belonging to her and she
14 left. This other lady then came in. That's basically
15 all we were told. We weren't told much by why the staff
16 left and whatever.**

17 Q. Do you remember how long she was away for?

18 **A. Well, she was away for a good while, because this other
19 lady came in and then she left then after a period of
20 time as well. She left, and then this other nun, Sister
21 -- I think it was SR47 -- I am not sure -- you called
22 her or whatever, then she looked after us then for
23 a while. She sort of brought a bit of normality back
24 into the group. She let us actually use our rooms and
25 stuff. She even gave us pocket --**

1 Q. That's SR47 did that?

2 **A. SR47, yes. She gave us our -- she actually let us use**
3 **our bedrooms and our living room. We could come and go**
4 **as we pleased. It was like a breath of fresh air. She**
5 **used to give us pocket money and actually said, "You can**
6 **go down and spend it outside if you wanted", which was**
7 **a miracle for us, like, you know.**

8 Q. Well, coming back to what NL5 has said in her statement,
9 she said she loved all the children in her care.

10 "I was strict about manners and morals, but I deny
11 that I never showed affection to the children in my
12 care. I was affectionate with the children. No
13 children were allowed to come and go freely. We were
14 responsible for their care. My group were no different.
15 I have already commented that all of the children went
16 to bed early, as we all had an early start. This was in
17 the winter months, but again in the summer months we
18 were not at Nazareth but in Ballyhornan."

19 You did go to Ballyhornan?

20 **A. Oh, yes, we did, yes.**

21 Q. That was for the entire summer. Is that right?

22 **A. It is, yes.**

23 Q. Can you -- when we were talking earlier, you mentioned
24 to me about something that happened in Ballyhornan.

25 **A. Oh, yes. We used to get really badly sunburnt. She**

1 would never give us anything to cover our arms. We used
2 to ask her and she wouldn't give us. She says, "If you
3 want to get out of the sunshine, sit in the shade". She
4 never gave us any cream. My arms were so badly sunburnt
5 that there was blisters and blood running out of them.
6 In fact, some of the other boys were like that as well
7 in our group. She wouldn't give us anything, and you
8 basically either sat in the shade, in the freezing cold
9 in the shade or you went out in the sun.

10 Q. She says that she -- she denies that she ever dressed a
11 child inappropriately for the weather or intentionally
12 had them play outside in the frost without proper warm
13 clothes.

14 A. Rubbish.

15 Q. She says she was strict about preventing chest
16 infections:

17 "... and would have made sure my boys were warm and
18 not out if it was too cold or too damp."

19 A. It never happened. She didn't really care. We never
20 seen a doctor if we were sick. She was angry when we
21 were sick, because it took too much of her time up. As
22 I said, she had an outside job and family of her own
23 that she wanted to spend time with. The quicker she got
24 us to bed or the quickest out of the way we were, the
25 happier she was. We took too much of her time. That

1 **made her angry.**

2 Q. She said:

3 "I wanted the children to look well and not be
4 different at school from the outside children and not
5 all the staff were as particular as I was. I like my
6 boys to wear a shirt and tie to school."

7 **A. We never wore shirt and ties to school. The only time
8 we wore a shirt and tie was on Sunday or some special
9 occasion. It was never school days.**

10 Q. She also says that her group were not called "The
11 Whippets".

12 "The story about 'The Whippets' arose in this way.
13 There was a boy called ..."

14 and I'm going to give the name again, but it's not
15 to be used.

16 **A. DL40.**

17 Q. DL40.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. She says:

20 "... a lovely boy and an Irish dancer. He made up a
21 rhyme about my group:

22 'Seven little whippets, great and small,

23 NL5 owned them all,'"

24 and he was --

25 **A. It probably did happen, but we were called "The**

1 Whippets". Put it like that. We were all called "The
2 Whippets" by everybody. We were mocked. You know what
3 I mean? If it was -- she wanted to see us all well
4 dressed, she didn't spend much time doing it. She
5 dressed us all the same. It was so handy to dress us
6 all the same than individually dress us. You know what
7 I mean? That was very handy.

8 Q. She should -- she goes on to say:

9 "I should say that none of these allegations against
10 me by this boy have been raised before with me and
11 I again deny that I ever struck this or any boy", in her
12 care.

13 A. You couldn't raise anything with her. That's the point.
14 You didn't say anything against her. You didn't say it
15 against any of them, especially her. You did what you
16 were told and that was it.

17 Q. Well --

18 A. You hoped to keep on the good side of her, if you could.

19 Q. Do you remember did she have the care of any particular
20 boy in the home?

21 A. There was a young fellow there. He was very young and
22 he was sort of very well outspoken. He used to actually
23 sing and dance. She took a bit of a shine to him. She
24 sort of spoilt him more than -- she used to take him
25 away to see her family sometimes out for the day. She

1 made a real fuss of him all the time, you know. If
2 there was -- sometimes there used to be bands used to
3 come in at Christmas time there and play and there would
4 be wee dances for all the boys in the place. He would
5 get up and sing. She was sort of very proud of him for
6 doing this. She sort of spoilt him more than the rest
7 of us. We never got shown the same affection. She
8 would actually let him stay up longer to watch
9 television. She would take him places, give him stuff,
10 give him money. We never got treated like that.

11 Q. Okay. Moving on back to your statement here at
12 paragraph 15, you say:

13 "There was always a nun in overall charge of a group
14 and SR34", who is SR34, "was in charge of our group.
15 She told everyone what to do and kept an eye on
16 everyone. I recall on one occasion when I had rolled up
17 newspaper and was kicking it around and broke a statue
18 of St. Patrick, she whipped the hands off me with
19 rulers."

20 You demonstrated that earlier when you were talking
21 about this. Essentially, if I can describe it, she got
22 your hand -- this was in school. Isn't that right?

23 A. **This was in school, yes.**

24 Q. But the statue had, in fact, been broken in the home
25 before you went to school.

1 **A. That's right, but she heard about it and summoned me up**
2 **from the classroom.**

3 Q. You said she was the principal of the school.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. She said she held your arm under her arm --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- so that you couldn't pull it away or move it, and
8 then struck you with the other hand on your hand.

9 **A. Yes. Just kept constantly, repeatedly striking me.**

10 **Then she did it with the other arm as well. So both my**
11 **hands were that badly swollen and cut -- I went down to**
12 **the classroom. Like I was bawling I was in that much**
13 **pain. The teacher ended up -- he left and went up then**
14 **to see what happened. She turned round and explained to**
15 **him that one of the boys in Belfast was killed. He was**
16 **shot or something or something happened to him. It was**
17 **one of her favourites. She was annoyed about it.**
18 **I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong**
19 **time and she took it out on me.**

20 Q. You do say that, that --

21 **A. He apologised to her but -- he (sic) apologised to him**
22 **but never apologised to me.**

23 Q. The teacher went to speak to her after you returned to
24 the classroom?

25 **A. Yes. He was sort of shocked by it as well, the state**

1 I came back, because for three or four days after
2 I could not do anything in the classroom. My hands were
3 just like that there they were that badly swollen.

4 Q. Well, you describe the nuns as brutal and you say:

5 "They would turn round and smack you for no reason.
6 They had their moments as well."

7 A. Oh, yes.

8 Q. But I think you would accept that -- you were talking
9 about SR47 there -- they were not all bad. Would that
10 be correct?

11 A. SR47 treated us fairly decently, like. She was still
12 strict, but she gave us -- she treated us like the rest
13 of the groups. She gave us more freedom in the chalet
14 or in our particular group to use. She actually gave us
15 pocket money, which never happened before, and for the
16 first time ever she actually let us go out and spend it
17 outside the home.

18 Q. Well, the congregation in their statement to the Inquiry
19 would accept that -- they had a policy of no physical
20 punishment. They would accept that that wasn't always
21 stuck to. They say they employed staff in good faith
22 and they have said that they -- it is a matter of regret
23 that any child under the care of the Sisters of Nazareth
24 did not be loved, valued or cared for. They want to
25 express the hurt and sadness at the allegations you have

1 brought forward and offer you an unreserved and most
2 sincere apology for any treatment you received by any
3 Sister which fell below the acceptable standard. Is
4 there anything you want to say about that, HIA259?

5 **A. It is too late now. They are coming out with that now**
6 **now that the Inquiry -- now it is all out in the open.**
7 **They wouldn't have apologised before. They would have**
8 **denied it. Now this is out now in the open and now they**
9 **know what has actually happened, now they are**
10 **apologising for it. It is the same with the Christian**
11 **Brothers and anything else that's happened as well. Now**
12 **they are all apologising for what has happened. It is**
13 **too late now. It is done. A lot of people came out of**
14 **this -- went into that place and came out of it even**
15 **worse and their lives were messed up afterwards and they**
16 **will never be the same.**

17 **Q. Well, HIA259, you did move to Rubane when you were 11 to**
18 **Kircubbin, and we have talked about that on the last**
19 **occasion, but the documents that we have received from**
20 **Social Service suggest that before you moved they were**
21 **trying to find you a suitable foster home, long-term**
22 **foster home. Do you ever remember the Social Services**
23 **talking to you about the fact they were trying to do**
24 **this for you?**

25 **A. No, no.**

1 Q. I am just going to read you a couple of extracts from
2 some of the social work papers that show that. I mean,
3 for example, in June 1974 there is an entry at
4 SNB-42482, which reads:

5 "HIA259 is looking forward to going to Ballyhornan
6 in July with Nazareth Lodge. HIA259 would very much
7 like to be included in family life. An advertisement to
8 be put in the press has been drafted."

9 There is also an entry which said:

10 "HIA259 has been classed as ESN and would benefit
11 from foster care. He has no relatives and would adjust
12 well to family life. SR47 of Nazareth Lodge was also of
13 the opinion -- of this opinion and anxious to see HIA259
14 settled in a long-term foster home."

15 You weren't aware that this was going on behind the
16 scenes in respect of your life.

17 A. No. A couple of families used to take me out at the
18 weekends sometimes, but, like, it never -- it wasn't
19 a long-term thing, like. They sort of took you out for
20 a week-end or two, like, and I always enjoyed it. They
21 were good, decent families. I did settle in well with
22 them. I was confident with them. I wasn't like that in
23 the home, you know. I was very sort of withdrawn, if
24 you know what I mean. That's the way I was. I was like
25 that for a long time.

1 Q. At SNB-42471 the district social services worker advises
2 by letter of 10th June '74 that there were no replies
3 about a suitable foster placement and asked for guidance
4 as to the type of advertisement required.

5 Then it is clear that there was an advertisement
6 went out and there were no suitable people. Well, it
7 had been hoped to foster you out, but one of the three
8 people who replied to the advertisement was in the
9 process of being assessed but were unlikely to be
10 suitable and the other two are unsuitable. That's at
11 SNB-42494.

12 So I am using those documents just to show that they
13 had hoped not to send you to Kircubbin. They had hoped
14 to find you a long-term foster care.

15 **A. I really think they didn't care. That's the truth of**
16 **it. You are just another number going through the**
17 **works, you know.**

18 Q. Well, HIA259, you have spoken about what happened to you
19 in Rubane and we don't need to go over that again. In
20 your statement to the Inquiry you described about your
21 life after you left care and the difficulties that you
22 have, and we know that you spoke to the police and you
23 brought a civil claim against the De La Salle Order, but
24 the last time when I asked you about what
25 recommendations this Inquiry should make, you said that

1 you thoughts the boys who were abused should get money
2 from the Brothers.

3 **A. They should. They should get compensation, because they**
4 **went into that place hoping to come out -- they went in**
5 **there hoping to maybe come out better people, but they**
6 **didn't. They came out wrecks. They came out destroyed**
7 **and not fit for society. They came out trying to**
8 **function in society, and society -- they weren't able to**
9 **do that, and they're like that -- a lot of them are like**
10 **that today. I know some of the boys that were in the**
11 **homes, friends of mine, that are totally messed up now**
12 **and their lives are a mess, and they could have done**
13 **with the help, but nobody was able to give it to them.**

14 Not being able to function in society means they
15 were not able to work or do -- have proper jobs or to
16 fit in and they will not ever be able to do that
17 probably now. Do you know what I mean? I think like
18 the home has done that to them and they should be
19 compensated, like have some kind of a life, what's left
20 for them now. They should deserve -- deserve a better
21 life or at least something back to continue on whatever
22 part of -- whatever lives they have left now to try and
23 make it better.

24 **Q. Well, HIA259, thank you. I have no further questions to**
25 ask you, but is there anything else that you want to

1 tell us about your time in Nazareth Lodge that you feel
2 we have not covered, or that you have forgotten, or that
3 I have forgotten to ask you about that you want to say?
4 Now is your opportunity to do that.

5 **A. I can't think of anything just offhand here at
6 the minute. No, not really.**

7 **Q.** Well, thank you. As I say, I have nothing further
8 I want to ask, but I am going to hand you over to the
9 Panel, who may have some questions for you.

10 **A. No problem. Thank you.**

11 **Questions from THE PANEL**

12 **CHAIRMAN:** HIA259, can I ask you just to go back to what you
13 were telling us about when you would get dressed in the
14 morning and you were taken down in your underwear to
15 what you have described as the oratory?

16 **A. Well, what she would do was she would get us up in the
17 morning. She would make us take our pyjamas off and
18 fold them and put them under the bed. Then she'd march
19 us down then into the oratory where our clothes were
20 laid out from the previous night before on one of the
21 tables and then she'd make us get dressed.**

22 **Q.** So you had to walk some distance?

23 **A. Well, through the main hall -- the main hall of the
24 place. So if anybody was coming along there, there we
25 were half naked, you know.**

1 Q. So instead of, for example --

2 **A. Getting dressed in the room.**

3 Q. -- leaving the clothes out at the bottom of your bed or
4 something like that, you had to go down to this other
5 room?

6 **A. Yes. We lived in that. She didn't want us to dirty**
7 **that place. She didn't want to have any cleaning to do**
8 **in it. She wanted us just to stay in the one room and**
9 **live our lives there where it was contained, where she**
10 **didn't have to bother with cleaning or doing any of that**
11 **kind of work.**

12 Q. Yes, I understand what you are saying about that.

13 Can I ask you then to turn, HIA259, to the clothing?
14 You said that you all had to wear the same. Now you
15 were in Nazareth Lodge between 1972 and 1974. Were you
16 still wearing a uniform of some sort at that stage?

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. No. So what exactly do you mean by making you all wear
19 the same clothes?

20 **A. She used to give us same clothes. Everything was the**
21 **same: the same shirts, the same trousers, the same**
22 **jumpers. It was all regimented exactly the same, only**
23 **the sizes were different.**

24 Q. Yes.

25 **A. That's basically the way we lived. We had just -- when**

1 the whole time they were there. When the came
2 back to take me back, the clothes were not there. They
3 had done a vanishing act. They asked NL5 where these
4 clothes went to. She says, "Oh, I don't know. Haven't
5 a clue where they went". They demanded an explanation
6 where these -- where this property went to and she
7 couldn't give them one.

8 Q. I see.

9 A. The clothes had vanished.

10 An odd time as well -- one other Christmas they
11 actually brought me a secondhand bicycle and it was my
12 first bike ever. I loved it. They let me take it back
13 to the home, but I never got to ride it. It sat in
14 a cupboard. It was locked away. The whole time it was
15 there I never got to ride it. The same thing again.
16 When summer came round again, the next holiday came
17 round, take the bike with me. They pulled the bike out.
18 There was the wheels all flat and the tyres all bald.
19 "What happened to the bike? What did you do to the
20 bike?" I said, "I never got to ride the bike. I never
21 seen the bike", you know, and from then on nothing that
22 the ever got me, they kept them in their own
23 home till I went back the following time, because things
24 -- she used to -- I think she either gave them to her
25 own family or kept them herself.

1 On another occasion too they bought me a pair of
2 football boots. There was a young fellow in the home
3 called HIA 104 . HIA 104 was a very good
4 footballer. When I took the football boots back, she
5 turned round and took them off me and says, "What do you
6 want football boots for? Sure, you don't play football.
7 Here, HIA 104 , you take them. You use them instead".
8 She took them off me and gave them to him.

9 Q. I see. Can I ask you to turn to another matter you have
10 referred to and that is this occasion when not the
11 prongs but the other end of the fork was brought down
12 sharply -- you said stabbed -- and --

13 A. Well, she was holding me tight and she just kept doing
14 that and says, "Set them plates right. Set them plates
15 right".

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. I didn't know how to use -- I didn't know how to set
18 them.

19 Q. It left a bruise?

20 A. It did, yes.

21 Q. Now I was not quite clear, HIA259, whether you are
22 saying that the lady who did that was the lady who came
23 after NL5.

24 A. No, it was -- it was the lady that came after.

25 Q. It was the lady?

1 A. Was the lady, yes.

2 Q. So it wasn't -- this particular thing --

3 A. It wasn't NL5. No. I don't know. That was wrong. It
4 wasn't NL5 that done that. It was the other lady that
5 came along then after that. Now funny enough NL5 knew
6 her personally. They were friends at some point because
7 they always used to talk together. In fact, she
8 actually came to visit a couple of times, NL5. They
9 either must have worked together or something maybe
10 outside the home -- I don't know -- but they did know
11 each other, but they thought the same way and they
12 behaved the same way. You know, there wasn't really
13 much of a difference in them except she was more
14 wickeder. You know what I mean?

15 Q. Now you have described how when SR47 took over things
16 improved. You said something I wanted to ask you about
17 specifically. First of all, you were given pocket money
18 I think you said for the first time.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you were allowed to spend it outside the home.

21 A. Yes. She actually says -- I said, "What are we going to
22 do with this?" She says, "Well, go outside and spend
23 it". I says, "What do you mean? Go out where?" She
24 said, "Go on down to the shop at the corner".

25 Q. So she was saying that you could go out of the grounds

1 to --

2 **A. Yes. At certain times she would allow us to go out.**

3 I used to save a bit of money up and buy plastic models
4 with it. I used to build models. That's all I cared
5 about really, you know.

6 Q. Was this just a shop nearby on the Ormeau Road or
7 something?

8 **A. It was, yes, locally, yes, locally, yes.**

9 Q. Were you allowed just to go whenever you liked or --

10 **A. Well, we had to ask permission and somebody would have
11 came along with us maybe. You know what I mean?**

12 Q. Exactly. So you weren't let out on your own?

13 **A. We weren't let out on our own, no, but, you know, there
14 was other staff there and some of the girls maybe that
15 were heading home or going out to the shops for other
16 reasons and we would tag along with them, you know.**

17 Q. Thanks very much, HIA259.

18 **A. No problem.**

19 MS DOHERTY: Thanks, HIA259. Can I just check did you have
20 any issues with other boys when you were in the Nazareth
21 Lodge, any issues with bullying or ...?

22 **A. The only time really there was bullying was at the
23 table to eat. Fights would break out over the bread,
24 you know. Basically she would only put a certain amount
25 of bread on the plate. It was never enough and at that**

1 particular -- as soon as the bread -- as soon as she --
2 her back was turned and was out the door, the boys were
3 fighting over it basically.

4 Q. Uh-huh.

5 A. I mean like fighting -- physically fighting over it.

6 You had to fight for the slices of bread. Some of the
7 times it was gone. Then she came back and she used to
8 say, "Where the hell is all the bread?", you know. We
9 had it all ate we were that hungry. We would probably
10 get a sausage or a fried egg. They used to use -- there
11 was like a deep fat fryer in the canteen actually in
12 behind the oratory. There was like a serving area and
13 then after that then there was like a kitchen behind
14 that. Everything was dipped in fat. See the fried
15 bread, it was just covered in fat. Everything was done
16 like that there. It was just threw out on a plate. It
17 came in on a big tray and just threw out.

18 Q. At night when you had to go to bed early at night, was
19 it NL5 that actually made sure you were in bed, stayed
20 in bed?

21 A. Oh, yes.

22 Q. Nobody else was involved in that?

23 A. No. She put to us bed every night. I will give you
24 an example. This actually happened to me. It was very
25 embarrassing for me at the time, but this actually

1 happened. I was only there a couple of nights. I woke
2 up in the middle of the night looking to go to the
3 toilet and I couldn't get out of the room. So I ended
4 up having to go on the floor. The next day she found
5 out and she went berserk, and I says, "I couldn't get
6 out of the room". She says, "Could you not have held it
7 till the morning?" She gave me a hell of a whipping for
8 that. She bathed me. She dragged me down to the
9 bathroom and bathed me. Because I was taking up her
10 time, I was pulled by the arm, dragged down to the
11 bathroom and washed. She washed me and then pushed me
12 back up again and says, "Bloody ridiculous". She kept
13 moaning the whole time she was doing it, but I couldn't
14 get out of the room. I just couldn't get out. I'd no
15 -- what do you do? You know what I mean? You have to
16 go to the toilet. You have to go, and I was only
17 a child really like, you know.

18 Q. Thanks very much.

19 A. No problem.

20 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA259, I am sure you will be relieved to
21 hear after coming not just once but twice those are all
22 the questions we need to ask you. Again, as I think
23 I may have explained the last time, I am sorry we had to
24 ask you to come back a second time --

25 A. That's okay. No. I don't mind.

1 Q. -- but it is very difficult for us to cope with hearing
2 about one place at the same time as another place. So
3 that's why we ask you to come back. So thank you very
4 much for taking the trouble to come back to us the
5 second time.

6 **A. Thank you.**

7 Q. Thank you very much.

8 **A. I appreciate it.**

9 **(Witness withdrew)**

10 MS SMITH: Chairman, that concludes today's evidence.

11 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

12 Well, ladies and gentlemen, as you know, this was
13 an extra sitting today, and we will therefore resume in
14 the normal way next Monday as scheduled.

15 (2.35 pm)

16 (Hearing adjourned until 10.00 am
17 on Monday, 26th January 2015)

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