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HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Wednesday, 28th January 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 90)

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

1 Wednesday, 28th January 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 WITNESS HIA370 (called)

4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning. Well, can I just remind everyone
5 that the mobile phone must be switched off or placed on
6 "Silent"/"Vibrate" and that there must be no recording
7 or photography either in the Inquiry chamber or indeed
8 anywhere on the premises.

9 Good morning, Ms Smith.

10 MS SMITH: Good Smith, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and
11 gentlemen. The first witness today is HIA370. She is
12 "HIA370". HIA370 wishes to take the religious oath and
13 she also wishes to maintain the anonymity which has been
14 afforded by the Inquiry.

15 WITNESS HIA370 (sworn)

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA370. Please sit down.

17 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

18 MS SMITH: HIA370's statement can be seen at SNB-379 to 383,
19 and the congregation have provided a response at
20 SNB-2082 to 2083. That response suggested that they had
21 no record of HIA370's time in any of their homes, but,
22 in fact, they have since provided us with material at
23 SNB-4537 to 4539 which shows that she was there with her
24 sisters. I will come to discuss that in due course.

25 The Health & Social Care Board response is at 5889

1 to 5890. They have no records in respect of HIA370 and
2 believe she was placed in the home privately, which
3 would accord with the documentation that we have
4 received.

5 Now I see that HIA370's statement has been put up
6 unredacted. That will have to be rectified and
7 certainly before it is published on our website it will
8 be properly redacted so that the details are not
9 visible. So I would just remind everyone that any
10 details and names that are seen in this chamber or are
11 said by me or HIA370 are not to be repeated outside.

12 HIA370, can I just ask you to confirm this is the
13 statement that you gave to the Inquiry and that you
14 signed it on the last page at 383 on the -- it was 8th
15 July -- sorry -- 9th July 2014?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Can I also ask you then, HIA370, you would confirm that
18 this is the evidence that you want the Inquiry to
19 consider together with anything else that is said this
20 morning?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Now I know -- your personal details are set out in the
23 first paragraph. You were one of five children and you
24 were born in [REDACTED]. So that makes you now --

25 **A. [REDACTED].**

1 Q. -- ■■■, just turned ■■■ recently. You set out there about
2 how you came -- how you believe that you came to be in
3 one of the Nazareth Houses, and you felt it was in
4 Nazareth House, and you thought you had been there for
5 quite a long period of time, for maybe about three or
6 four years --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- but I am just going to show the Inquiry some
9 documents about your admission to Nazareth, and that's
10 at SNB-4537. This is an extract from the register which
11 I showed you earlier this morning.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. If that can be just -- 4537.

14 CHAIRMAN: Just while we are waiting for that to come up,
15 what are the dates on the register?

16 MS SMITH: Yes. The dates, HIA370, show that you were
17 admitted to Nazareth Lodge on 23rd September 1969, when
18 you wouldn't have been quite 4 at that stage, given that
19 you were born -- sorry -- you would have been 4. You
20 wouldn't have been 5. You were born in ■■■. You were
21 there actually for two weeks, because you were then
22 discharged on 6th October 1969. I am not sure if there
23 is a difficulty with those pages in the bundle. I hope
24 -- I know they were only added this morning. So it may
25 be that the bundle hasn't been updated.

1 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, HIA370 has seen them anyway.

2 MS SMITH: HIA370 has seen them. Just for completeness

3 there is -- at 4538 it reads that:

4 " [REDACTED] ",

5 and it gives your surname, your maiden name, and it

6 says:

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] asked to have the children admitted. The

9 mother had to leave the district she was leaving in

10 because of intimidation."

11 This was in September 1969.

12 Then there is a discharge dated 6th October 1969,

13 which is signed by HIA370's mother and witnessed by

14 an employee of the congregation, NL5. That's at 4539.

15 It is an extract from the discharge book for Nazareth

16 Lodge, Bethlehem Nursery.

17 I have discussed with HIA370 and her sister, who has

18 accompanied her here today, and her sister was a little

19 bit older than her, and it would appear that it is most

20 likely that her older sister was in Nazareth House,

21 HIA370, being aged 4, would have been in Bethlehem

22 Nursery, and it is possible her younger sister would

23 have gone to the babies' home. That's piecing together

24 from the knowledge that the Inquiry has -- has acquired.

25 HIA370 certainly thought that she was there for much

1 longer and has strong memories of your time there.

2 Isn't that correct, HIA370?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. But just going back to your statement, if I may, at
5 paragraph 6, which is at SNB-380, these are just some of
6 the general things that you remember about your time
7 there. You say you were often hungry and food was not
8 very good. You remember porridge and eggs and you say
9 you often went four or five days without eating and you:

10 "... have struggled with food for my whole life."

11 One of the things that the congregation have done is
12 given us a response statement to that, and the
13 congregation have said, as they said on many occasions,
14 that the food that they provided was the best that they
15 could afford, and that they don't accept that you would
16 have gone hungry for as long as four or five days
17 without eating.

18 You also describe in paragraph 5 there, if we can
19 just scroll back up, that you had to scrub the floors,
20 even though you were only 4 or 5 years of age.

21 The congregation have said:

22 "While children did have chores to do, they weren't
23 excessive and they were age-appropriate chores."

24 You describe in paragraph 2 that:

25 "Life in Nazareth House with the nuns was terrible.

1 I hated life in the home. I was treated so bad. I got
2 punched, slapped about and bullied by other children.
3 The nuns beat me. It wasn't one in particular. They
4 all did it. I only remember the names of two nuns."

5 You name them there, and I am just going to give the
6 names: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] SR 194 Now we have
7 discussed this, HIA370, and you are aware that the
8 Inquiry has tried to find out if there were two nuns
9 with that name in any of the Nazareth Houses at the time
10 that you were there in September and October 1969.

11 We have received a statement from one nun who can --
12 is the nearest in name to [REDACTED] SR 194 Her statement is
13 at SNB-2152. She says that she came to Nazareth Lodge
14 Children's Home in 1980, but during the period between
15 1966 to 1971 she was actually in London. So it can't
16 have been her. As I have explained to you, that was the
17 nearest to a [REDACTED] that we could find.

18 Equally [REDACTED] we have identified two Sister
19 [REDACTED], but neither would appear to have been in
20 Nazareth Lodge at the time, although I am aware that
21 there was a [REDACTED] SR 121 who was in the Babies' Home
22 I think. I can double check that, but just as I stand
23 here, I do remember that we had some communication that
24 there may have been a [REDACTED] SR 121 in the Babies' Home.
25 That may be the person that you actually remember. I am

1 not sure whether that person is still alive or not,
2 though.

3 **A. But I was only 4.**

4 Q. Yes. So it may be that you were mistaken about the
5 names --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- but these are names that have stuck with you over the
8 years. Isn't that right?

9 **A. That's the names that's in there.**

10 Q. Well, you say that these nuns slapped you with a belt
11 that was hanging on their habit. You were hit on the
12 shins of your legs and you would have to wear long socks
13 to cover the bruises they caused. You say if you
14 questioned why you were beaten, you would be hit even
15 more:

16 "... and we weren't allowed to speak or to cry. I
17 would cry out for my mum and my sisters. The older
18 children hit the younger ones as well. I remember being
19 beaten by one nun with a big long belt that she wore on
20 her habit."

21 You say she left you bleeding on your bum and legs
22 and you say you have scars from this on your legs to
23 this day. You were describing to me that they are
24 actually on the back at the top of your thighs. Is that
25 right?

1 **A. Yes, thin lines, you know, like welts, (inaudible) welt.**

2 Q. You say if you yelled when you were hit, you were hit
3 more. You recall -- just to be clear that the
4 congregation have said that they consider that such
5 treatment, bullying or peer abuse of any sort by other
6 children while in your care, they consider that to have
7 been unacceptable and wouldn't have been tolerated by
8 the nuns, and they -- they say and have said before that
9 while corporal punishment was a feature of life in those
10 days, they also had a policy of no physical punishment
11 for children, but they do accept that on occasions
12 certain nuns did not stick to that policy.

13 You just -- sorry. You were saying here in
14 paragraph 3 -- you say:

15 "The clothes that I was wearing when I went into the
16 home were put on somebody else and I remember saying
17 'They're mine' and being beaten for saying it.
18 I remember I had a wee cardigan, a dress and ankle socks
19 with frills round the top. They were given to girls who
20 were going out of the home visiting. It was horrendous.
21 I was given guttys to wear, but one shoe was too small
22 and the other was too big. The small one cut my foot."

23 Now in response to that the congregation have said
24 that this could have happened, that your clothes might
25 have been taken and given to another child, but they

1 don't explain why that might have happened in their
2 response statement. No doubt we will maybe get some
3 further explanation when someone from the congregation
4 comes to tell us as to how that might have happened.

5 You said that you wet the bed and you were punished
6 by being left to sleep in the wet, because the bed
7 wasn't dried. You say you tried to find a dry part of
8 the bed and you slept across the top where the pillow
9 was. You were also punished by having to wash the wet
10 sheets in a tiny wee sink.

11 "Sometimes I soiled the bed and I was stripped naked
12 by the nuns for this."

13 You also remember that you were made to sleep with
14 your arms crossed over your chest and you say that you
15 still waken up --

16 **A. Yes, on my back.**

17 Q. You were demonstrating just how --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- your arms would be crossed over --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- when you wake up even as an adult.

22 You also at paragraph 8, if I can just deal with
23 this issue of the bedwetting and soiling, if we can just
24 scroll down, please, lightly, paragraph 8 on 381, you
25 say here that one night you were trailed out of bed and

1 taken to a room like a kitchen, where you were stripped
2 naked and hosed down. You think that that might have
3 been because you soiled yourself. You were made to keep
4 your eyes looking forward, so you don't know who it was
5 that took you from your bed, but you are sure there was
6 a nun there, because you do remember seeing a habit.
7 She grabbed you and started thumping your back. You
8 remember a man being there as well. The nun was
9 shouting, "You're dirty. You're dirty", and you went to
10 bed soaking wet. You were panicking and you couldn't
11 breathe because you have asthma, and you have had that
12 from --

13 **A. All my life.**

14 Q. -- all your life.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Now paragraph 7, if we could go back to that -- first of
17 all, the congregation, I should say, HIA370, don't
18 accept that you were left in a wet bed on purpose or
19 that you were made to clean the sheets as you describe.
20 They say they had a laundry and that the beds were clean
21 and dry every night, and they don't accept your account
22 of being trailed from the bed and hosed down.

23 Is there anything you want to say about that,
24 HIA370?

25 **A. I got into a wet bed. I lay on a wet bed.**

1 Q. Paragraph --

2 **A. And they also told me that my mother was dead.**

3 Q. Yes. I think we are going come to that shortly, but
4 just dealing with --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- I know I am jumping a bit back and forward here, but
7 in paragraph 7 here you say you slept in a room with
8 a number of other children, and you remember a man
9 coming round the beds.

10 "I could hear him coming, because his breathing was
11 heavy. I was scared of him. The wee girl in the next
12 bed to me would shout out, 'Here he comes' and she would
13 scream. She was trying to tell me he was coming and she
14 was scared of him too. He carried a walking stick and
15 he used to whack our legs with the stick. I'd hear the
16 walking stick hitting the floor as he walked up to the
17 bedroom door and he trailed his leg as well. He would
18 come to me and put his hands in my pants and touch my
19 lady garden and my genitals."

20 You say:

21 "I tried to get into bed with some of the other
22 children, but they told me to go away and that I was
23 going to get them hit."

24 You remember getting into bed with another wee girl.

25 "She was sleeping, and I remember this man leaning

1 over me to touch the wee girl. I am sure he touched her
2 sexually. We were around 4 or 5 years old at the time.
3 I don't know who this man is and I don't remember seeing
4 him during the day, but it happened nearly every night
5 of the week that he would come in."

6 When we were talking earlier, HIA370, you said that
7 you thought it was your sister's bed you were getting
8 into. You thought your sister was there.

9 **A. Yes, because the girl was older than me, you know, and**
10 **bigger than me. and I thought it was her, that I was**
11 **climbing into bed with my sister, but it wasn't. It was**
12 **another lady.**

13 Q. It was just another child.

14 The congregation have said that they are shocked and
15 horrified and they wouldn't have tolerated anyone in the
16 home at night, but they offer you a sincere and profound
17 apology for this type of abuse.

18 You have said that he only ever came into the home
19 at night-time. He wasn't about during the day.

20 **A. Well, you weren't allowed -- I know, as I say, you**
21 **weren't allowed to turn round through the day, and that**
22 **would have been in the kitchen as well where they took**
23 **me to clean me.**

24 Q. If there was a man there, you weren't allowed to look at
25 him. Is that right?

1 **A. You weren't allowed to turn round, yes.**

2 Q. Well, paragraph 9 here you say you don't remember going
3 to school when you were in the home. You only remember
4 being in the chapel, praying on your knees, and your
5 first memory of school was when you returned to live
6 with your mother. Now we know now from the records that
7 you were very young at the time you were in Nazareth
8 Lodge and you were only there for two weeks. So it is
9 entirely possible that during that period you didn't go
10 to school --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- in that time.

13 **A. No, I didn't go to school.**

14 Q. Now you also say that you used to ask for your mum and
15 your sister a lot, and when you mentioned them, you got
16 beat. Then you were told that your mother was dead.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. I asked you: who told you that?

19 **A. A nun told me that and told me not to ask for her again
20 and I didn't.**

21 Q. You say you screamed and screamed with shock and loss
22 and you went through a grieving stage at that point.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. But then your mum turned up in a taxi one day.

25 **A. Yes, and I was all happy and I wanted to tell her.**

1 Q. You say --

2 **A. She told me to be quiet.**

3 Q. You describe here it was a far from happy reunion. She
4 wouldn't tell you why --

5 **A. She wouldn't hug me.**

6 Q. She wouldn't hug you and she wouldn't tell you why you'd
7 been in the home.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. You say you have been trying to build a relationship
10 with her for years, but she hasn't acknowledged the fact
11 that you were in Nazareth and had an unhappy time there.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. As a result you and she haven't bonded over the years
14 and she didn't even attend your wedding.

15 **A. With three of us.**

16 Q. Now just to conclude, the congregation have in their
17 response statement to you, HIA370, offered you a sincere
18 and profound apology for any treatment that you received
19 that did not reach an acceptable standard.

20 Now in paragraph 11 to 16 you talk about your life
21 afterwards, going back to live with your mother, and
22 when you did try to speak to her, she wouldn't let you
23 speak about the nuns and told your older sister to
24 actually hit you if you tried to speak about them.

25 You go on -- I am not going to go into the details

1 -- we have discussed this -- about your life after care

2 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- but the Inquiry have noted it and note the effect
5 that -- difficulties you have had in your life since
6 that time.

7 Is there anything that you feel that we haven't
8 covered about -- I know I have done most of the talking
9 and reading out from your statement, but is there
10 anything you want to say about your time in Nazareth
11 Lodge? Now is the opportunity for you to do so, HIA370.

12 **A. Well, that's what happened to me when I was in there.**

13 Q. When we were speaking earlier, you were saying they are
14 very strong memories. You were surprised to learn you
15 were only there for such a short period of time.

16 **A. I thought was a lifetime and it wasn't. It was only two
17 weeks, but I didn't know that.**

18 Q. Well, one final question is that this Inquiry has to
19 make recommendations ultimately when it concludes its
20 work as to what should happen next, whether by way of
21 an apology, or redress, compensation or a memorial.

22 Have you any thoughts on that, HIA370, as to what
23 those recommendations should be?

24 **A. Well, obviously they will be a lot older or maybe
25 deceased -- I don't know -- but, I mean, whatever comes,**

1 I'm still standing.

2 Q. I know you said that you had come to the Inquiry because
3 you wanted to tell your story?

4 A. I wanted to tell my story, because that's what happened
5 to me and nobody would listen. My mother wouldn't
6 listen. So I couldn't -- we were silenced. I didn't
7 get to talk about it to anybody else. Probably some
8 social workers over the last lot of years probably
9 listened to me, you know, but not like here, not like --
10 it wasn't like here. It was just, you know ... So
11 thank you for inviting me here.

12 Q. Well, thank you, HIA370. I have no further questions
13 for you, but the Panel Members may have some things they
14 want to ask you about.

15 Questions from THE PANEL

16 MR LANE: Obviously the information we got suggested you
17 hadn't been in the home at all to start with and now it
18 is suggested that it may be a fortnight. Do you think
19 that is accurate or do you think you went back there
20 afterwards?

21 A. Well, you see, two weeks -- I thought it was longer than
22 that, because there is a couple of years missing off my
23 life, and there is one and maybe possible two
24 photographs, one when I was 4 and one when I was a baby.
25 The one that a baby is definitely a photograph of me,

1 but the one at 4 we don't know yet whether that's me.
2 That part of my life is missing, because I didn't go to
3 school till I was 6. My mum came and got us out of the
4 place, but it could have been longer. It could not.
5 Maybe two weeks. Maybe -- I thought it was a couple of
6 years missing of my life, and I really would like to
7 know, you know --

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. -- but it's puzzling, you know --

10 Q. Because what you describe by way of --

11 A. -- because it seemed longer --

12 Q. Yes, yes.

13 A. -- and it seemed -- it just -- getting into a pattern.

14 I mean, a child of 4 -- they always said I had a good
15 memory, because I have spoke about it my whole life for
16 45 years, 46 years, but it does seem longer. It still
17 feels longer. I am shocked that it was only two weeks,
18 if it was two weeks. I don't know where the missing
19 years has went till I was 6 or 7. I don't know.

20 Q. Because, I mean, the detailed evidence you have given
21 sounded as though it was difficult to cram all that into
22 a fortnight.

23 A. Yes, because you got into a pattern in the -- in the
24 home.

25 Q. Uh-huh.

1 MS SMITH: That should, yes. It should, yes.

2 CHAIRMAN: As I say, we hope that by rearranging the witness
3 who couldn't come today for domestic reasons, we will be
4 able to fit him in tomorrow.

5 (10.40 am)

6 (Short break)

7 (12 noon)

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9 WITNESS HIA50 (called)

10 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

11 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and gentlemen,
12 the next witness today is HIA50. He is "HIA50". HIA50
13 has already given evidence in Module 3 about his time in
14 Kircubbin, and he was sworn on the last occasion, and
15 HIA50 wants to maintain his anonymity.

16 His statement can be found at SNB-569 to 583.

17 There are two response statements from the
18 congregation, which can be found at SNB-1979 to 1980 and
19 2173.

20 There is also a Health & Social Care Board response
21 at SNB-6005 to 6037, which includes exhibits.

22 There is a substantial number of social work papers
23 both in the Rubane bundle and in the Sisters of Nazareth
24 bundle. I will refer to some pages as I go through
25 HIA50's evidence.

1 Now, HIA50, if we just -- you can see the statement
2 here that's on the screen. This is the statement that
3 you prepared for the Inquiry and you confirmed on the
4 last day that you had signed it. Can I just ask you,
5 HIA50, if you are happy that this is the statement that
6 you prepared for the Inquiry and you signed it on 10th
7 March of 2014 -- that's last year -- and you want the
8 Inquiry to consider what's this here as well as anything
9 else you say today?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Now we know from documentation, **HIA 50**, that we have
12 seen that Social Services were involved with your family
13 from a very early stage. It seems to go back to 1971,
14 but you were taken into -- away from your family home
15 and placed into care for the first time in December 1983
16 on a Place of Safety Order.

17 **A. Well, it was social workers got involved with me in**
18 **19... --**

19 Q. ...82 you say.

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

21 Q. But certainly the first time that you actually left the
22 family home was in 1983.

23 **A. That's correct.**

24 Q. You were 13 at that time.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Paragraphs 1 and 2 here says that you went, first of
2 all, to Palmerston --

3 **A. Assessment Centre, yes.**

4 Q. -- Assessment Centre. You were there, according to the
5 records, from December 1983 to January 1985, a period of
6 about five weeks (sic). Now we have discussed this
7 before, HIA50, and we discussed it on the last day, but
8 just to be clear, the records that we have show that you
9 went straight to Rubane from Palmerston. Now you
10 know -- you dispute that, because you think you went
11 from Palmerston to Nazareth Lodge and then on to Rubane.
12 Isn't that correct?

13 **A. That's correct. I remember going from Palmerston.**
14 **I remember Palmerston very, very clearly, because that's**
15 **where I was learned how to use a knife and fork --**

16 Q. Okay.

17 **A. -- by Mr Smyth.**

18 Q. Right, and then from Palmerston, as I say, you think you
19 went to Nazareth Lodge, but our records show that you
20 actually went to Rubane, and from Rubane you went to
21 Nazareth Lodge for a month between March --
22 7th March 1985 to 6th April 1985. Now I know you
23 dispute that, HIA50, and you think you were there for
24 longer, and you think you went there before you went to
25 Kircubbin, but you know that I am going to show some

1 documentation to the Inquiry now from the Social
2 Services' records.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You are happy enough for me to do that?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. I didn't show them to you earlier, because you said you
7 just wanted to see them in here. Isn't that right?

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

9 Q. Okay. Now one of the things you said the last day was
10 that you were definitely in Nazareth Lodge before
11 Rubane, because you got a taxi to school on the
12 Glen Road from Nazareth Lodge, but if we could just look
13 at -- and I am going to refer to some of the Rubane
14 material, the Rubane reference numbers. The first is
15 RUB31719. Now this, if we can scroll down it here, just
16 said --

17 **A. [REDACTED] at the CBS School and the Glen Road.**

18 Q. That was the principal of the school you were at. Isn't
19 that right?

20 **A. That was taxied by Able Taxis --**

21 Q. Yes.

22 **A. -- in King Street, West Belfast.**

23 Q. You will see here that this is:

24 "On reflection I accepted the wisdom of this and
25 informed the principal of the school that HIA50 would be

1 travelling by taxi to school in future."

2 **A. To and from Palmerston.**

3 Q. That was 9th December 1983. So in 1983 you were
4 travelling from Palmerston to school on the Glen Road by
5 taxi.

6 **A. That's correct. Signed documents was there to prove**
7 **that.**

8 Q. Yes. Now you thought that you travelled from Nazareth
9 Lodge to school by taxi --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- but what these documents are suggesting, that that
12 memory might actually have been of travelling from
13 Palmerston to school by taxi. Right? If we just --

14 **A. They're --**

15 Q. Sorry.

16 **A. To answer your question, Ms Smith, I would say I could**
17 **be wrong in that. I -- I don't -- I can't even recall**
18 **when I was in Nazareth Lodge that I even went to CBS**
19 **School.**

20 Q. Okay. Well, coming back to some other documents,
21 RUB31736. I am going to show a number of documents here
22 which show you were unhappy at home and you wanted to go
23 back to Kircubbin. You see here on I think it is
24 14th February -- it might be 19th February 1985:

25 "HIA50 came to the office."

1 Now these, I should say, are notes that were made by
2 your social worker at the time:

3 "He wanted to go to Kircubbin again and also to
4 a disco in Portaferry and told him that he could not go
5 to Kircubbin until the staff met and in any case it was
6 likely to be a negative decision. He also wanted to go
7 to a disco in Portaferry but was not allowed because
8 there were no buses returning late at night."

9 **A. Sorry. What was that?**

10 Q. This is -- you were -- you came into the Social
11 Services' office, HIA50, in February of 1985. You were
12 back living at home --

13 **A. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. -- and you -- even before that, if we can just scroll up
15 to the entry before that, please, just --

16 **A. Is this -- is it my -- this obviously is not -- is not
17 my writing, is it?**

18 Q. No, no, not at all. This is writing from your social
19 worker. These are notes that are kept by your social
20 worker about contact with you, record sheets that they
21 kept, and from these record sheets they would then
22 provide a case report at periodical periods during your
23 time in care.

24 **A. Yes. Okay. Yes.**

25 Q. Okay? Now you have these documents yourself. I know

1 that you have obtained them, and they may not actually
2 be in the bundle you brought with you today, but I know
3 you have two other bundles of material at home, and they
4 may well be in those.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You see here:

7 "We agreed that he would stay at home until staff at
8 Kircubbin met and considered the matter."

9 That's another entry above that where you wanted to
10 go back to Kircubbin. You were complaining about your
11 father's treatment of you.

12 Then if we could scroll on down to the next page,
13 please, there's an entry -- again you are coming in,
14 finding it very difficult at home. You are being blamed
15 for anything that goes wrong at home at present,
16 including such things as the washing machine breaking
17 down, food disappearing from the fridge. So you are
18 complaining to the Social Services that you are not
19 happy at home.

20 Just if you would look at the one above that just,
21 it says:

22 "HIA50 came into the office wondering if he could go
23 back to Kircubbin. I told him this was not possible.
24 He would have to go to another unit."

25 The social worker then rings Sharonmore, which we

1 know is Barnardo's.

2 "They said that they would consider taking him if
3 I sent on some information. We should -- we would then
4 have a meeting with the staff if he was considered."

5 If we can scroll on down, the social worker then
6 tells you that it might be -- it might be --

7 "He wondered how soon it might be before he might
8 get a place. I told him that I was investigating the
9 possibility of Sharonmore, but that as yet we had not
10 received any reply. I told him that we would have to
11 remain -- he would have to remain at home until we got
12 a place. He is still very interested in going to The
13 Curragh."

14 **A. County Kildare to be a jockey.**

15 Q. Yes.

16 **A. I was told I was too -- at that stage you had to be so
17 many feet, and at that particular time as a child I was
18 still growing. So I would have been too big to become
19 a jockey, but, however, they said they would consider me
20 to walk the horses round the paddock.**

21 Q. Right.

22 **A. I was very interested in horses and animals.**

23 Q. Okay. So then 1st February '85:

24 "HIA50 came to the office. He is still unhappy at
25 home. He says that he is still getting blamed for

1 eating all the food in the house and doing things when
2 he didn't. I explained to him that we are -- we're
3 trying to get him at place in Sharonmore and that the
4 meeting was next Monday, when we would discuss the
5 possibility of him getting a place. I promised to
6 contact him after that."

7 Then 5th February there is a meeting at Sharonmore
8 to discuss the possibility of HIA50's acceptance and the
9 details are recorded there.

10 If we can scroll on down, 5th March:

11 "HIA50 came to the office. He was wondering about
12 the outcome of the meeting. He also told me that his
13 father had lost his temper with him" -- sorry -- "with
14 HIA 50", I think that was, "because he didn't do something
15 that he was supposed to. HIA50 said that he hit him on
16 several occasions, but then the former, when he saw his
17 father in such a bad temper, left the house and came to
18 the office."

19 Then here on 11th March:

20 "It was reported to me ..."

21 So somebody else in the social worker's office has
22 told your social worker:

23 "It was reported to me that on 7th March '85 HIA50
24 came to the office saying that he could tolerate the
25 situation at home no longer and wanted into care. I was

1 off on leave. So [REDACTED] obtained a place for him
2 in Nazareth Lodge Children's Home. There had been
3 an incident at home about a cap which Mr [name redacted]
4 claimed HIA50 tried to pull away with another boy."

5 **A. Sorry. A cap?**

6 Q. Cap. Car. Sorry. Car. Apologies. I couldn't read
7 the handwriting. A car.

8 **A. Could you just repeat ...?**

9 Q. Yes. I will read that again. There had been some
10 incident at home about a car, which your father claimed
11 that you had tried to pull away with another boy I think
12 that is -- push away with another boy.

13 **A. (Inaudible).**

14 Q. Your father:

15 "... told HIA50 he didn't wish to see him until he
16 is 18 years. He is due to go into hospital today to
17 have an operation on his teeth."

18 That's 11th March.

19 **A. The School of Dentistry, RVH.**

20 Q. Yes. It goes on:

21 "Picked HIA50 up from Nazareth and brought him to
22 Ward 21 in the RVH. Informed mother about the
23 situation. She told me when I was speaking to her that
24 her husband was giving her a very bad time."

25 Then --

1 A. My mother said -- sorry. My mother said what?

2 Q. Your father was giving her a hard time.

3 A. My mother said this at the time, that my father --

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. -- was giving my mother a hard time?

6 Q. Yes. Just if we look at then 26th March, it says:

7 "Took HIA50 for introductory visit to Sharonmore.

8 Met [REDACTED] ...", I think that is --

9 A. [REDACTED]

10 Q. -- "... a member of staff."

11 A. [REDACTED]

12 Q. "He took us around the unit and introduced HIA50 to

13 [REDACTED], a boy he knows there already."

14 Goes on about the meeting there, being shown around,
15 and telling you that the boys and girls have outside
16 interests, going to discos and specialist pursuits.

17 "HIA50 is interested in going to Ballyclare to do
18 some horseriding",

19 which would be consistent with you wanting to work
20 in The Curragh. Then it goes on down:

21 "He will go down around midday on Saturday and
22 return on Sunday evening to Nazareth Lodge. He will
23 then visit two days next week and hopefully go full-time
24 the following Saturday."

25 Then:

1 "Rang Sharonmore. Spoke to HIA50. He told me that
2 the week-end had gone very well and that they were
3 leav... -- taking HIA50 down Monday and Tuesday and then
4 would be arranging that he goes full-time Saturday,
5 6th April."

6 So that's what the social workers were recording
7 around that time, which show that you were in Nazareth
8 Lodge. You were taken from Nazareth Lodge to the Royal
9 Victoria Hospital to have an operation on your teeth,
10 and you remember that happening. Isn't that right?

11 **A. Absolutely. Yes, I do remember that, yes.**

12 Q. You went from Nazareth Lodge up to Sharonmore, stayed
13 there for a night and the next week-end, and there's
14 a case conference note of 28th March after you had
15 moved -- sorry -- just before you moved to Sharonmore.
16 We can see that at RUB31306.

17 If we can scroll down through this document, please.
18 It is dated 28th March 1985 and --

19 **A. I mean, this is --**

20 Q. This is -- this is --

21 **A. Sorry to disturb you, Ms Smith. I mean, this here --**

22 Q. This is a case conference report of 28th March '85, when
23 you were still in Nazareth Lodge at this time. If we
24 can scroll on down, please, to the next page. Scroll on
25 down. Just the second paragraph there:

1 "HIA50 is currently presenting no problems in
2 Nazareth Lodge, but it was felt that the presence of
3 younger children in the unit would prove a risk factor
4 and that Sharonmore could better provide HIA50 with the
5 individual help and attention he needs."

6 So you were 13 at this time, HIA50, and most of the
7 children in Nazareth Lodge would have been younger than
8 you, and that's why they felt that Sharonmore, where
9 there were older children, would have been the better
10 place for you to be.

11 **A. Oh, yes.**

12 Q. That's what's recorded here.

13 **A. Well, if that -- it's certainly not recorded by me.**

14 **It's recorded --**

15 Q. No, no.

16 **A. -- obviously by Social Services.**

17 Q. Yes, absolutely.

18 **A. Yes. Well, I can't confirm or deny if this --**

19 Q. No. I fully appreciate that, HIA50. It is just --
20 these are what the documents are showing about your
21 movements in and around that time.

22 **A. Well, that was, as I say --**

23 Q. Are you all right?

24 **A. The problems -- no, I'm okay. I'm just trying to put
25 this in the context. The way I want to put it in the**

1 context is I must have been through, top of my head, 20
2 social workers in a period of -- a kid, 12 years of age,
3 Palmerston Assessment Centre, Nazareth Lodge, Kircubbin,
4 Barnardo's, Millisle, St. Pat's.

5 Q. And that's the order you remember being in those homes.
6 Isn't that right?

7 A. Well, I just don't understand why they say at 12 years
8 of age would go into care and come out [REDACTED]

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. -- and I do remember on one occasion when I was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 Q. I think you --

14 A. I had mentioned to the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] because this man raped me.

16 Q. I am going to come back to your statement now and what
17 you say about him, HIA50, if we may. If we could go
18 back to your statement, please, at SNB-569, now
19 paragraph 3 here you say that you went in in
20 January 1984, and you know that the only records that we
21 can show show that it was actually later than that you
22 were there, but you say you were 14 at the time that you
23 went in.

24 You recall that:

25 "If you used curse words at Nazareth Lodge, the nuns

1 would wash your mouth out with hard soap or give you
2 Jeyes Fluid to gargle with. You were also frequently
3 punished for minor incidents. For example, if you threw
4 down a cigarette end, you would be picked out for
5 a punishment such as slapping."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. "The nuns would slap you on the head with their hands
8 frequently. This happened often to me and I also saw it
9 happen to other residents in the home."

10 **A. That's correct.**

11 Q. Now you go on then at paragraph 4, HIA50, to say that:

12 "The first place that anything of a sexual nature
13 happened to me was Nazareth Lodge by Father Brendan
14 Smyth. I was under the care of SR2",

15 who is -- I am going to use the name, but it is not
16 to be used outside this room, and that is SR2.

17 **A. I was in her group. That's correct:**

18 Q. Yes.

19 "She brought me into a room to see Father Smyth for
20 no reason. The room was to the right as you walk
21 through the front door. He subjected me to anal rape."

22 You say that:

23 "SR2 walked in on us when Brendan Smyth was abusing
24 me. She saw what Brendan Smyth did to me in Nazareth
25 Lodge. She walked out of the room again and closed the

1 door of the front foyer of the Lodge. I have been told
2 by police that she cannot recall this incident, but she
3 would have seen it happen at the time."

4 Now I have explained to you that this particular nun
5 has -- is too ill to respond personally to the
6 allegation that she witnessed what Brendan Smyth did to
7 you.

8 The congregation on her behalf have said that if she
9 had witnessed such abuse, she would have acted and
10 reported it to police or Social Services, but you have
11 told me that in all of the documents that you have
12 received under your Freedom of Information Act, you have
13 a document somewhere -- we were unable to find it
14 today -- but you have a document which shows you say SR2
15 recalling this incident --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- involving you and Brendan Smyth. Isn't that right?

18 **A. Absolutely.**

19 Q. You specifically ask that we check with another person
20 who is an applicant to the Inquiry.

21 **A. I don't want that man's name mentioned.**

22 Q. No, I am not going to mention his name, but I can tell
23 the Inquiry Panel that he has a reference HIA41.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. He said that, yes, he did see such a document in your

1 papers.

2 **A. That's correct.**

3 Q. The papers that you've brought to us today I have gone
4 through, and you watched me go through each and every
5 one of them, and that isn't in any of that bundle of
6 papers, but what you are going to do is when you return
7 home, you are going to go through your other papers,
8 find that piece of paper and gave it to us. Isn't that
9 right?

10 **A. Absolutely, 100%, but can you also confirm -- you read
11 some bits there about the social worker, SR2 and stuff.
12 You allege something of an apology. Could you --**

13 Q. I am going to come to that. Don't worry. I am going to
14 come to that.

15 **A. Then I can answer that.**

16 Q. Then you can respond to that, but bear with me. I just
17 wanted to clarify that issue, HIA50. This -- I am
18 coming to that now, where the response statement from
19 the congregation -- as I say, there is a response
20 statement at SNB-1979, where, as I said to you, the
21 Sisters do not believe that SR2 would have witnessed
22 such an assault and taken no action, and they have said
23 that, first of all, that they were shocked -- horrified,
24 shocked and devastated, that they trusted Father Brendan
25 Smyth, and they offer sincere and profound apology to

1 any child that suffers at the hands of Father Brendan
2 Smyth, but they also go on to say at 2176 that they
3 believe that he was a visitor to Nazareth Lodge for
4 a period of around two years from '75 to 1977 or
5 possibly into 1978, but they don't believe that he
6 continued to visit after this time.

7 Now if the records are correct, HIA50, and you were
8 only in Nazareth for that month that we have indicated
9 in 1985, then what the congregation are saying is that
10 they don't believe Father Brendan Smyth was still
11 visiting the Lodge at that time, but you're -- sorry.
12 Just bear with me.

13 **A. Okay.**

14 **Q.** You don't believe that the records are right about the
15 time that you spent in Nazareth Lodge, first of all.
16 Isn't that so?

17 **A. There's discrepancies left, right and centre on my**
18 **file -- on my files from Social Services. Father**
19 **Brendan Smyth was everywhere: Kircubbin, Nazareth Lodge,**
20 **Nazareth House. He was everywhere, and for the nuns to**
21 **reply in such the way that they have come back in**
22 **writing, and, as you said, SR2 can't come today because**
23 **of ill health, all I can confirm I know what happened**
24 **that day.**

25 She recalled to me -- I was approached by SR2 and

1 she says to me, "Are you here to meet Father Smyth,
2 Father Brendan Smyth?", and I -- "What does that mean?"
3 She said, "The priest", and when she said a priest,
4 I knew what that meant. Then we went into the corridor.
5 I remember this brown door and it was a huge door, and
6 as you go down the hallways, you go into the right-hand
7 side and -- for some unknown reason -- I don't know why
8 -- it still sticks in my mind today -- she left me with
9 Father Smyth, but as she was closing the door, she
10 locked it, and I quote locked it, with a key from the
11 outside. I don't know why she did this, but that has
12 played on my mind.

13 I never thought any more about it, and we were
14 chatting away, and --

15 Q. Take your time, HIA50.

16 A. -- Father Brendan Smyth asked me to come closer. I was
17 about from here to maybe this lady. He --

18 Q. HIA50, I can see that this is upsetting you, but you
19 have recorded in your statement what you said that he
20 did to you in that room.

21 A. He pulled my -- I know I had my hand somewhere. He had
22 asked me to put my hand somewhere on his knee or on his
23 private parts, and then my button -- my zip that holds
24 my trousers up were taken down.

25 Q. HIA50 --

1 A. Then he -- he --

2 Q. HIA50, you don't need to go into the details.

3 A. I want to go into the detail. I want to -- I have
4 waited 32 years on this and I want to go into the
5 detail.

6 And I was then on a table something similar to the
7 table here maybe front of us, maybe darker, and Father
8 Brendan Smyth was standing and I was -- my two hands
9 were on the table, and I felt his privates going up my
10 rectum, my bum, or whatever you want to call it.

11 As this was happening SR2 -- the door went. He
12 never even stopped. It was like this was a normal
13 procedure and anybody could open the door. This might
14 have happened -- I am not saying it did or it didn't
15 happen to other victims in the way I am describing it,
16 but anybody else would have maybe pulled back, or
17 panicked, or pulled their trousers up or whatever. She
18 came in. "Oh, I apologise." She opened the door with
19 the lock, looked in and shut the door quickly. "Oh,
20 I apologise", and --

21 Q. And, HIA50, you believe that she saw what was happening
22 to you.

23 A. Absolutely, 100, may God strike me paralysed, yes, and
24 this was a man supposed to be a man of God. I don't
25 know what on earth was -- why he did this to me. It was

1 horrendous. It was a bad place. I will never forget
2 it, can't forget that place, and most of all the
3 cigarette butts after this man had done what he done --
4 before this man had done what he done, because after
5 this particular day that this happened I was taken away
6 that night, and I quote the day Father Brendan Smyth
7 raped me from behind I was taken from Nazareth Lodge by
8 the social worker to Kircubbin. That doesn't happen.

9 Kids asked the next morning, "Where's HIA50?" "Shut
10 your mouth. None of your business." SR2 -- I was going
11 out with a girl, [REDACTED] HIA 10 and [REDACTED] HIA 10 has said --
12 as I say, reference to court; it's not to go beyond this
13 court, that name. Me and [REDACTED] HIA 10 would have -- we didn't
14 even know, if you like, what a number was. So we were
15 -- we had a relationship, but it was a kiss. So she
16 asked where I was and SR2 replied to her and said to
17 her, "You have not to contact HIA50 in any shape or form
18 by mail, by text, by phone or any other means". She
19 asked, "Where is he?" "He's away to his granny's in
20 [REDACTED]." I never had a granny in [REDACTED] in my
21 life.

22 Q. HIA50, this is something that someone has said to you
23 that they were told after you'd left Nazareth Lodge when
24 they asked --

25 A. This was [REDACTED] HIA 10 This was [REDACTED] HIA 10 [REDACTED] HIA 10 told me this.

1 I was still (inaudible) that this was -- I didn't know
2 this, but prior to Brendan Smyth doing what he did to
3 me, the nuns also had a -- had a big part to play in
4 this, physical, verbal.

5 Q. You've describe this in your statement and I've read
6 those paragraphs out.

7 A. Well, it was horrendous, you know, and I don't -- but
8 what annoys me is when -- any institute you go into, you
9 are seen by a doctor. It doesn't matter. I was seen by
10 a doctor in Kircubbin. I was seen the doctor in
11 Barnardo's. I think I was seen by a doctor in
12 Palmerston, but at no time do I recall -- now I would
13 ask Sir Anthony maybe during the course of this Inquiry
14 would ask our doctor, who was [REDACTED] NL 123, who is
15 now the [REDACTED]. He was, in fact, our doctor.
16 There's no medical file. Any child will tell you, any
17 child who was in Nazareth Lodge, we never got to see
18 a doctor. There's no medical files. Sisters went and
19 took us down -- it was a bluff -- on a Monday morning.
20 They'd run in in front and the next thing they came out,
21 "Oh, he can't see you today. He'll see you another
22 day". The reason for this as I can only confirm is
23 because of bruising or markings that myself and other
24 victims were subjected to, and he would have seen this
25 and probably would have raised concerns. So we don't

1 even know if she was at the door or if she was -- it was
2 a bluff. "He can't see you. He is too busy today."
3 Back into the minibus or the car -- I can't recall --
4 and straight back up to Nazareth Lodge.

5 Q. You do say this in paragraph 6. You say you can recall
6 one visit from the doctor during your time in Nazareth
7 Lodge.

8 A. Uh-huh. Yes.

9 Q. Do you remember what that was in connection with? Was
10 he visiting you or was he visiting the Lodge to see
11 someone else?

12 A. I visited him, was it not? I visited him. He didn't --
13 no, I visited him. No, no, no, no, no, no, no.

14 [REDACTED] NL 123, I went -- as far as I'm aware,
15 and only I can --

16 Q. As far as you remember --

17 A. As far as I am now aware, I can only say to you today
18 that any -- if it was any relationship or any took
19 place, verbal, me and [REDACTED] NL 123, it would
20 be down in his doctor's premises --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- and I don't recall even nothing. We were always told
23 -- brought down a few times. I think it was a car.
24 Sometimes used I think was a red minibus, but she was
25 just -- it was always a Monday morning. I don't know

1 why she picked a Monday morning, and, as I call them
2 now, the penguins, because you were met with so many
3 penguins -- what I am referring to are nuns -- and, you
4 know, it was the cigarette butts, Jesus, Mary and
5 Joseph, these cracks, these -- if you like, my head is
6 shaven today. If it was right into the skin and it was
7 like a wet towel, it was that sore. It was worse than
8 a dig. You could just -- and you didn't -- this -- you
9 didn't know this was coming, and then if you said, you
10 know, a bad word, you know, then they'd take this bar of
11 soap, which I can describe as like brown -- it is like
12 jelly, not soft, but it was soap.

13 Q. Uh-huh.

14 A. This soap would only be used to clean clothes, and there
15 was always three nuns, always two that held you down and
16 the other one was pushing the soap into my mouth.
17 "Don't swallow it. Chew it" for my -- because I used
18 a swear word.

19 Q. For using bad language.

20 A. I didn't swallow it. I was -- I was -- they were
21 holding me here, gripping me down. I don't know who the
22 other two. It was a horrendous place. It was -- it was
23 hell. It was --

24 Q. Well, HIA50 --

25 A. It was hell, and then the next thing --

1 Q. You say you were moved and you believe that you went to
2 Kircubbin then.

3 A. **No, no, no. Ms Smith, please let me continue reference.**

4 Q. Sorry. Apologies, HIA50.

5 A. **No. You're okay.**

6 Q. I didn't mean to interrupt you. I thought --

7 A. **No. That's okay.**

8 Q. -- we had covered that with your evidence.

9 A. **No. I also want to state also at Nazareth Lodge they
10 also used Jeyes Fluid, liquid form.**

11 Q. Uh-huh.

12 A. **We had to gargle, not to swallow, but to gargle, and
13 I have many problems here today. In 1976 I had kidney
14 problems. So I -- it wasn't the fact of being lazy by
15 wetting the bed. It was a disease I had and it is well
16 documented.**

17 Q. Yes. We did look at that the last time when you were
18 talking about Kircubbin.

19 A. **And I got -- I got beat, slapped and was even told that
20 bed -- that wet bed would be there when I came back from
21 school.**

22 Q. Uh-huh.

23 A. **It wouldn't have been changed, and you were just -- you
24 were just -- you were just thrown around, like. It
25 was -- it was horrible and you -- there was other times**

1 you could hear -- I don't know what it's -- at one time
2 I thought it was a dog howling and it was actually
3 people. I can't tell you who they were, because I would
4 have been in my room, but I remember hearing the
5 southern accent and the beating and the nuns warning us,
6 "Never ever do that again". It was horrendous and I --
7 my God, I wanted -- I wanted out of there, and I didn't
8 know how to go about it. I don't know if I absconded or
9 what I did, but it was --I can't honestly say. It
10 was -- it was worse -- that place was worse in my
11 opinion and only in my opinion than what I went through
12 in Kircubbin. They took no crap. Respect, disrespect,
13 but they were women of God who were there. Social
14 Services put me there.

15 You know, I smoke outside. I always did that, me
16 and **HIA 10** They knew there was a connection. They
17 tried to separate us on numerous occasions, but
18 I definitely quote here today there is no way
19 definitely, definitely no way in this world was I in
20 Nazareth Lodge for four weeks. That's a manifest lie.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And I was -- so many social workers. This -- I can
23 honestly say that I met a senior social worker named
24 in the old -- I don't know if anybody in
25 the room can remember the old ABC picture house, but

1 there's still -- still there to this day there's cobbles
2 and you go -- it's a dead end, but Social -- head of
3 Social Services is there, and I asked for all my
4 information under the Information of Freedom Act. I had
5 made three requests, and then I was put in contact with
6 a social worker called -- by the name of [REDACTED]
7 He said he would get all the stuff done and sent out and
8 he says to me, "You have to understand, you know, in the
9 days in the '80s there was no typewriters". Yet when
10 I was given file 1, file 2, file 3, he said to me,
11 "HIA50, have somebody sitting beside you before you open
12 and look at any of this material, as you will become
13 very emotional".

14 I got his mobile number to issue a civil case
15 against him. He -- I didn't even bring the civil matter
16 up. He says, "Before we go any further", he says,
17 "I think this is a case that will go to court and your
18 solicitors and our solicitors can resolve in some way or
19 whatever". [REDACTED] gave me his mobile number, and
20 I was astonished, absolutely gobsmacked while reading
21 the files of them that [REDACTED], in fact, was one of
22 the social workers involved with me whilst I was in
23 care.

24 Q. Uh-huh.

25 A. I have his mobile number to this day. It doesn't --

1 it's -- it's -- it's --

2 Q. It rings out, does it? It doesn't connect you to --

3 A. It doesn't ring. It doesn't exist no more. It did
4 exist.

5 Q. Yes, but not now.

6 A. Yes. When I rang -- he is based in [REDACTED] on
7 the Antrim Road. He is still -- he is one of the highest
8 social workers, and then when I rang on two occasions,
9 I have been told, "There is no such person works there".

10 I actually met him in there, sat down with him in
11 there, and he turned round and told me, "Before we go
12 any further", he says -- and this was well after I got
13 the documentation off him. This was after that --

14 Q. Uh-huh.

15 A. --and he said, "I think your -- you need to get your
16 solicitor to get in contact with our solicitors and we
17 will go from there".

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. He gave me his mobile number and that mobile number is
20 no longer recognised. [REDACTED] has not even made
21 an attempt to contact me. I was absolutely gobsmacked
22 into him. He was actually in --

23 Q. In on the papers -- his name was in the papers as being
24 one of your social workers.

25 A. He played a -- he played a part in my life, my

1 upbringing.

2 Q. You hadn't been aware of that.

3 A. I didn't aware -- he didn't even make me aware of that,
4 and he was high at that stage, maybe not as high as he
5 is today, but I am sure it's -- the system today is
6 completely different to what it was then.

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 A. It was horrible. We were taken away from whatever
9 breakdown, family breakdowns, hoping to another place
10 where we weren't going to be subjected to verbal abuse
11 or whatever.

12 My father -- God rest him -- he was brought up in
13 a terrible, terrible ... He would have walked the
14 streets with a hole in his shoes, you know, and I -- he
15 died in [REDACTED] and I still to this day
16 can't -- I don't know how to grieve over him and I only
17 wish he was still here, but he wasn't -- he is not -- he
18 is not a monster. He is not a monster. Social workers
19 did make him out to be a monster, but he wasn't
20 a monster. He was my father --

21 Q. I appreciate that.

22 A. -- and I believe at the end of the day when the social
23 workers went out and informed my mother and father that
24 [REDACTED] BR 33 took up and raped me, my father turned
25 round and told the social worker, "My son is going to no

1 police station, because he will be down as a tout".
2 This was in the '80s. You can understand anybody seen
3 going into a police station would be a target. They
4 would think they would do -- feed them information. My
5 father got upset at this.

6 [REDACTED] she was the very -- she was -- [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] was my social worker. She is evil. She is
8 cruel. She is twisted, and if there was any other word
9 I could use, strong word. She would not even be fit or
10 shouldn't have even been fit for the purpose of working
11 in the department she worked in in them days. She was a
12 horrible woman.

13 Q. Okay. HIA50 --

14 A. Horrible, horrible, horrible woman.

15 Q. HIA50, I think we have covered all that you wanted to
16 say about Nazareth Lodge and your time there, but if you
17 feel that there's anything about Nazareth Lodge
18 particularly that you haven't said, can we just deal
19 with that now?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is there anything that you haven't said about Nazareth
22 Lodge that you want --

23 A. Oh, I want to say about Nazareth Lodge it was -- it is
24 still there today, and I'm told that SR2 is actually
25 there where I was and she is there -- it is an old

1 pensioners' -- it is a pensioners' home for pensioners,
2 and she's there today, you know, and I would love to go
3 up -- my heart I can't, because she's so old, but you
4 can't -- nobody -- there is not a human being in the
5 world could forget of being raped by a priest, and when
6 they went to prison --

7 Q. You said [REDACTED]

8 A. -- him too, yes, I spoke to [REDACTED] and
9 I said to him, "[REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] That
11 was it. He was then subsequently beat. He ended up in
12 Magilligan Prison and he died in Magilligan Prison, and
13 I had no -- I never caused him or said anything to him
14 whilst -- you know, it was difficult to walk past him,
15 but he was a cruel man, but back to Nazareth Lodge. It
16 was -- it was hell. It was hell. The squeals. The
17 Jeyes Fluid, it just makes -- just to this day it makes
18 you boke. It makes you -- I can't -- physically sick,
19 you know, gargling it. You are getting two nuns holding
20 you and the other one, "Don't swallow. Don't swallow"
21 and you have to gargle, you know, and I think at one
22 time when I did do that, I actually gargled and I spat
23 it out. It was a genuine mistake, but then it got
24 worse, because it went over their faces, but it was
25 burning. It burned you, you know.

1 **I do recall even getting smacked, which was never**
2 **mentioned, when my bed was wet in the morning, and you**
3 **know from my medical records it wasn't laziness.**

4 Q. Yes. No, you had a difficulty --

5 **A. It was a disease.**

6 Q. You had a medical difficulty that required an operation,
7 HIA50.

8 **A. And I got slap, just slap, slap, bang, kick, punch,**
9 **whatever you want to describe it. They took no shit.**
10 **They were animals, animals, animals.**

11 Q. Okay. Well, HIA50, thank you. You know that your
12 Inquiry statement covers your time in Sharonmore and
13 also in St. Pat's and Lisnevin. I confirmed with you
14 the last day you have no complaints to make about your
15 time in Lisnevin and you are willing to come back to
16 speak to us about Sharonmore and St. Pat's.

17 **A. Absolutely. Yes, I am.**

18 Q. Your Inquiry statement also covers from paragraphs 45 to
19 59 what happened to you after you left the various
20 institutions that you were in, and the Inquiry Panel, as
21 you know, are well aware of the effect that all of this
22 has had on you.

23 **A. It wasn't easy. It wasn't easy. None of it was easy.**
24 **Not -- you know, I was brought -- I was took from here**
25 **to there to there with no -- I had no decision.**

1 I couldn't turn round and say, "No, I'm not going
2 there". You know, you done what they said or else you
3 got a slap, and you were took -- just the way forced, or
4 gripped, or manhandled, or whatever way they wanted the
5 hell to do to you, they could do it and get away with
6 it. They could throw you in the car. Sometimes you
7 would hit your head off the car, where you could get in
8 -- put your head down and get in the car, but you were
9 forced into it. It was just -- you were just follow the
10 leader, follow the leader, follow the leader.

11 It was just a child misbehaving, a baby crying maybe
12 and a mother putting a child in the corner and putting
13 its dummy in its mouth and saying, "Shut up. There's
14 your dummy" --

15 Q. Uh-huh.

16 A. -- and that's exactly the way I was treated, only
17 I wasn't given no dummy. I was given a punishment that
18 I did not deserve, because I wet the bed. I didn't wet
19 the bed because of laziness. I wet the bed because of
20 disease and it is there.

21 Q. Yes, HIA50. We have that medical evidence. So --

22 A. And I ask also the Inquiry to -- systematic failures.
23 One -- I am so angry and very, very annoyed that we are
24 here today, Sir Anthony Hart and his Panel -- quite
25 clearly states that systematic failures. One systematic

1 failure in my mind is by God why in (inaudible) House
2 were we verbally asked of all the details which you have
3 said yourselves are in our statement. We were actually
4 recorded, and then we are up here again today giving the
5 exact same account, but yet the perpetrators who caused
6 these problems to us, they get to see our statement. We
7 don't get to see theirs. That is a systematic failure
8 in itself.

9 CHAIRMAN: HIA50, those matters are being dealt with
10 somewhere else. We can't go into those today.

11 A. Sir Anthony, it's a systematic failure. I just want to
12 say that. That is wrong and I think it is very unfair
13 for -- no, please.

14 Q. You're entitled --

15 A. Just --

16 Q. Just a moment, please.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. You're entitled to your point of view, but that matter
19 is being dealt with elsewhere in a court. We can't
20 discuss it today.

21 A. Well, I just -- that's all I would say on it. I feel it
22 is totally wrong for -- you know, it is a systematic
23 failure in itself.

24 Q. HIA50, I have no further questions for you. I am not
25 sure whether the Panel Members have anything they want

1 to ask you, but if they do, they will do that now.

2 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA50, thank you for coming to speak to us
3 again today. We appreciate that it is hard for people
4 like you to have to come a second time, but thank you
5 for coming today.

6 **A. Well, before I descend I always thought that you were
7 told at the end what would you like addressed.**

8 MS SMITH: Sorry, HIA50. This is a question of --

9 CHAIRMAN: You told us about that when you were here about
10 Rubane.

11 **A. No, I would like to state it again. That was Rubane and
12 this is now Nazareth Lodge. So we are talking two
13 different places, Sir Anthony Hart. So the same applies
14 again.**

15 CHAIRMAN: If there is something you want to tell us about
16 what you think we should recommend, you are free to do
17 so.

18 **A. Well, that's what I'd like to do. So if I can be given
19 permission to do so.**

20 Q. I am just reminding you you have told us already, but if
21 you want to say it again, you are welcome to do so.

22 **A. No, I will say it again. I would like to say it again,
23 that at the end of the day these people in the South of
24 Ireland, girls, males or females, whoever, have all been
25 compensated. America, they have all been compensated,**

1 and I don't understand for the life of me -- it was the
2 Sisters -- it was the Brothers -- the Catholic Church
3 and the Southern Ireland people who did this to us.
4 Only they did this to us in the North. So I feel at the
5 end of the day, my own verbal opinion, there
6 shouldn't -- okay, there is an Inquiry, but if I had my
7 way, the Inquiry wouldn't be here. The Inquiry would be
8 in Dublin, because most of them done damage to us are
9 from the South of Ireland and run by the highest of the
10 Catholic Church, which is based in the South of Ireland
11 in Dublin, and I will be honest.

12 There is no -- there is no figure in anything I know
13 of in any government documents or whatever that can put
14 a label or a price on rape. Rape is rape is rape is
15 rape, and it should not happen to anybody. It is
16 a disgrace. All I would like to say again to that is
17 I can't give you a figure. I would like to be
18 compensated. I lost twelve, fourteen years of my life.
19 I went in as a child, a care to be protected the Social
20 Services said from my mum and dad, and then from bad to
21 worse. I am then attacked, raped, which is worse. My
22 mother and father never did that. Yet I was brought
23 into there and I got worse.

24 That is all -- these are all failings, and this
25 Inquiry here today in my own personal opinion shouldn't

1 be -- it should be held -- and I am speaking my mind --
2 it should be held in the South of Ireland. The South of
3 Ireland have -- think they have wiggled their way out of
4 this and this can go on for another 32 years, because
5 I have waited 32 years for this, but what I will do,
6 I will still persist in going to the South of Ireland.

7 I have went twice to see Enda [REDACTED] Kenny and
8 I have been told twice he will contact me. I made my
9 way there myself, made him aware who I was. I never got
10 to speak to him. I then went down again, because he
11 never -- he failed to contact me. Then I was told --
12 I told him exactly what had happened. Didn't get to
13 meet him. "He's in the Dail. He's in the Dail".
14 That's all I got. It is always pass the buck, pass the
15 buck. It is about time this passing the buck stopped
16 and they started realising -- you do understand and
17 this Inquiry understand that there's victims dying.
18 They're dying. They're not even getting their chance to
19 come and give their chance to speak of what happened and
20 what didn't happen to them. It is an absolute disgrace.

21 It is the South of Ireland, the South of Ireland
22 that should be paying the victims, not the North of
23 Ireland, and that's my own personal opinion of this. It
24 is an absolute disgrace. The South of Ireland recognise
25 the people who they did in -- and been paid. We are due

1 compensation. I don't know if I can speak for the
2 victims or they'll allow me to speak for the victims,
3 but I can honestly say the South of Ireland -- the
4 Catholic Church, they are the bank. They should be
5 paying out for all their wrongdoings, and I quote the
6 very first day of this Inquiry reference Nazareth Lodge
7 they stood up and apologised. In my opinion that should
8 have been -- this Inquiry should never have took place.
9 That should have been enough for Sir Anthony and his
10 Panel, because they stood up. They didn't want us
11 coming in to tell this, that and the other, but I am
12 glad it did come to where it came to today, and again
13 I ask, you know, anybody and any victim, any victim's
14 family, any victim who has died and can never give their
15 evidence, you know, something -- any victim who has died
16 reference sexual abuse who couldn't come to this Inquiry
17 today, memorial for them victims be put somewhere where
18 it can be recognised south and north of the border, and
19 also compensation. I couldn't put a price on it, but at
20 the end of the day my childhood was taken from me when
21 I was 12.

22 I am glad you have let me listen to what I have had
23 to say today. I have waited 32 years on it. I have
24 another two to go, Barnardo's. I have been round
25 everywhere and all Social Services.

1 I just want to let you know also -- I don't want to
2 take too much of your time up -- I cannot get a job
3 today, because I have a [REDACTED], a [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] I am not going to go into detail.
5 I went into care as a child with zero, blank, A4 page
6 white, nothing on it. Today I cannot even get a job,
7 because they do checks on you, but I couldn't get a job
8 because of the medical evidence which I offered you
9 today, Ms Smith, to look at, and I can't work. I will
10 never be able to work because of my mental status and my
11 disease that I suffer from.

12 So I ask -- I do ask this Inquiry -- thank you very,
13 very much for listening to me. You have made my day
14 after waiting 32 years, but I would also ask again,
15 Sir Anthony, that please, please, please give Martin
16 McGuinness and Peter Robinson a time -- give them some
17 time of -- some indication of timing, not to let this
18 thing drag on to 2025, where the victims will be well --
19 half the victims will be well dead. Draw the
20 line and let them know, tell them ones you want
21 a response. "The victims need a response by ..."
22 whatever. You address them. That needs to be done,
23 because if you don't do that and let them know that,
24 then they are just going to play it, play it, play it
25 and go on and forget about it like we have been forgot

1 **about for 32 years.**

2 CHAIRMAN: Well, thank you very much, HIA50.

3 MS SMITH: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN: We certainly take that on board. Thank you.

5 **A. Thank you.**

6 **(Witness withdrew)**

7 MS SMITH: That concludes today's evidence, Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well. Well, we will resume the usual
9 time tomorrow, weather permitting.

10 (1.42 pm)

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

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