
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, 26th February 2014

commencing at 10.30 am

(Day 13)

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

1 Wednesday, 26th February 2014

2 (10.30 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (10.45 am)

5 WITNESS HIA352 (called)

6 CHAIRMAN: Good morning.

7 MS SMITH: Morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and
8 gentlemen. The first witness to give evidence today is
9 HIA352, and for the avoidance of any doubt I have
10 checked with HIA352, who indicates that she wants to
11 maintain her anonymity at all times.

12 HIA352, could you just please stand and the Chairman
13 will ask you about the oath?

14 CHAIRMAN: HIA352, do you wish to take the religious oath or
15 to make an affirmation? They have the same legal
16 effect. It is entirely a matter for your choice.

17 **A. The religious oath, please.**

18 Q. Very well.

19 WITNESS HIA352 (sworn)

20 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

21 MS SMITH: HIA352, you do speak quite loudly. So that's
22 good. So we can hear what you have to say, but if you
23 need to, could you just maybe pull the microphone
24 slightly towards you, and if you need to take a break at
25 any time, just let us know, and there should be water

1 there before you.

2 **A. Right. Thank you.**

3 Q. Could we please pull up SND-2130, please? HIA352, this
4 is a copy of the witness statement that you made to the
5 Inquiry, and you'll see there that in place of your name
6 we have the designation that the Inquiry has given to
7 you, which is "HIA352", and then if we could just move
8 to the last page of that document, which is SND-2137,
9 you'll see there that there is a large rectangle with
10 the same number on it, and you've seen the original of
11 this.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Your signature is underneath that rectangle, and it's
14 dated 13th November 2013.

15 Can I ask you to confirm, HIA352, that this is the
16 witness statement you gave to the Inquiry, first of all?

17 **A. Yes, it is.**

18 Q. Would you also then confirm that this is the evidence
19 that you wish the Inquiry to consider?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Now in summary form, HIA352, the situation with you and
22 your family was that you were placed in care for short
23 periods of time during the years prior to .
24 Essentially you were admitted for short periods, for
25 example, to Termonbacca from to

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We can see this in a document SND-2139. If that could be put up. It's not very clear, as there seems to have been -- if we could just scroll down to the bottom of that page, please. Well, this isn't very clearly, but this is an extract from the Sisters of Nazareth registration, and it does show you went in on

-- sorry --

If we could look -- perhaps we might see this better in 2... -- SND-2141. 2141, please. If we look at the bottom of that page and highlight that, again this indicates that you were in from || to

It says:

"Mother not married. Readmitted."

Certainly documents that we have received from Social Services indicate that on the fact that your mother had problems with drinking and was neglecting her children a Fit Person Order was made in respect of all of your family.

A. Yes.

Q. You then were placed in Termonbacca from until

A. Yes.

Q. Can I ask you, HIA352, if we can just go back to your witness statement at page SND-2130, you indicate there

1 in the first -- in the second paragraph about the
2 circumstances for you being taken into care. You then
3 go on to talk about your earliest memories of the home
4 --

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. -- in paragraph 3, and you talk about a particular nun
7 there. You remember being taken to the nursery, put
8 into a bath and scrubbed by a -- with a deck brush by
9 that particular nun, and she was making comments that
10 you relate in that. You remember that clearly. Is that
11 correct?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You then -- can you remember how old you were at that
14 time?

15 **A. I thought I was 4, but I think I was 5 or 6.**

16 Q. So, in fact -- well, it may have been on one occasion
17 when you went in for a short period of time, but you're
18 not clear. Is that --

19 **A. Yes. Yes.**

20 Q. Certainly then -- do you -- you talk at paragraph 19,
21 which is at page SND-2134, about your mother visiting
22 the home, and you talk at paragraph 19 about how she
23 used to arrive. She had been drinking, and you say she
24 probably got quite cheeky with the nuns, and when she
25 left, you were effectively punished for her behaviour.

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. You were spoken to by a particular nun and you were told
3 that: "Your drunken mother, the state of her. You're
4 just going to be like her".

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. I'll come back to what you say about the other incident
7 in that paragraph, but is that the only memory that you
8 have of your mother visiting you when you were in
9 Termonbacca?

10 **A. I remember one time she was actually sober, but mostly**
11 **she was drunk.**

12 Q. When you arrived there, you and your -- you were
13 split from your sisters. Is that correct? Sorry. You
14 and your sisters were split from your brothers.

15 **A. Me and my younger brother SND309 and my younger sister**
16 **was split from DL 70 and HIA 69**

17 Q. They were older.

18 **A. Originally we were in the nursery in Termonbacca and**
19 **they were up in the older boys' part.**

20 Q. Certainly -- what contact did you have with your
21 older brothers?

22 **A. Only in the mornings, school mornings, going to school.**
23 **I seen them on the bus and --**

24 Q. You talked -- sorry.

25 **A. -- and then one morning DL 70, my oldest brother, wasn't**

1 **on the bus and I wondered where he was.**

2 Q. Did anyone tell you?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. And he, in fact, had been moved to another institution.

5 You learned that subsequently. Isn't that correct?

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. You do talk about that in paragraph 23 of your witness

8 statement. Did you yourself ever form any relationships

9 with other children in the home? Did you form

10 friendships?

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. And --

13 **A. I did in later in my teen years when I was in Fort James**

14 **and Harberton House, but certainly not Termonbacca.**

15 Q. Now can I ask there's -- we've been -- do you remember

16 someone called SND136 --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- living in the home at that time?

19 **A. He was an [REDACTED], yes.**

20 Q. And do you remember did you play with him or socialise

21 with him or what was the position?

22 **A. He would have been one of my friends, yes. We had a lot**

23 **of fun together. SND136 would have been very spoilt by**

24 **the nuns, because he**

25 **was in Termonbacca while I was there. He was definitely**

1 **the blue-eyed boy.**

2 Q. Okay. I'll come back to talk about him in a while, but
3 at paragraph 20 in your witness statement you talk about
4 you never did homework at Termonbacca.

5 "We just polished our shoes and put our uniform
6 away."

7 Some other people have said there was time set aside
8 in the home for doing homework.

9 **A. I personally don't remember doing homework. It may be**
10 **true, but I remember copying my homework off my friend**
11 **every morning for -- in the class before the teacher**
12 **came in.**

13 Q. Is there anything you want to say to the Inquiry about
14 the clothing with which you were provided in the home?

15 **A. Yes. I don't ever remember being taken out to get new**
16 **clothes. In fact, what I remember about the clothes was**
17 **we were referred to as "the children from the home",**
18 **because of the clothes we wore. They were**
19 **hand-me-downs.**

20 Q. And you remember there being labels on the clothing.

21 **A. I honestly and truthfully can't remember. I remember**
22 **some sort of labelling, but I don't know if it was**
23 **a number or my name.**

24 Q. But certainly there were labels placed on the clothes --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- so that clothing could be identified as belonging to
2 you.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Some other people have talked about the use of numbers
5 instead of names. Have you anything you want to say
6 about that?

7 **A. I think the older -- you know, the older children were
8 given numbers. You know, I've heard that from somebody
9 that I know, but I have no recollection of me having
10 a number.**

11 Q. And you would have been called by your name?

12 **A. They tried to change it once, because there was four
13 HIA 352 in Termonbacca at the time. They wanted to
14 change it to but I got keeping my name, thank
15 God.**

16 Q. Now you talk at paragraph 22 of your statement about the
17 food in the home and you talk about one particular
18 incident. You said that the nuns never sat at meals
19 with you. You remember the food being lovely apart from
20 one particular day when you found a maggot in your
21 breakfast cereal.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. You say you got slapped for saying that there was
24 a maggot in it.

25 **A. I don't know if I was slapped because I wasn't eating**

1 it. I remember staring at it and seeing things
2 wiggling. I think she came over and slapped me and
3 said, "Eat that" and I said, "But there's worms in it"
4 and it was actually maggots, and they were removed right
5 away.

6 Q. But generally you thought that the food was of good
7 standard and it was --

8 A. Certainly we got three meals and we got treats if we
9 were good, uh-huh.

10 Q. Now one -- you talk at paragraph 14 of your witness
11 statement, if we can go back to that, about bedwetting.
12 You say that you have spoken to your younger brother
13 about that and he remembers beatings because he wet the
14 bed. What do you remember yourself?

15 A. I remember being very sad when I was in -- I would have
16 been age 6 or 7, and I remember -- can I say her name or
17 is she a number? Do I have to refer to her as ...?

18 Q. Well --

19 A. Sorry.

20 CHAIRMAN: If you can, refer to her number.

21 A. Her number.

22 CHAIRMAN: If you can't, that's okay.

23 A. SR-- sister SR3 -- I was up at the end of the corridor
24 and I could hear the resounding smacks on naked skin and
25 my brother screaming as she was hitting him for wetting

1 the bed, and then when we moved -- the nursery was
2 closed down. We were moved over to St. Gerard's group.
3 I remember a staff member sitting on a piece of wood to
4 stop SR... --

5 Q. This may be difficult, because you don't know what the
6 designations are for the particular nuns.

7 A. Yes. Can I just say a particular nun then?

8 Q. It might be easier for you to identify who you are
9 talking about.

10 A. SR6 wanted to use the stick, the piece of wood to batter
11 my brother for wetting the bed, but a lay member of
12 staff, SND 21, sat on it and said, "You're not
13 getting it. You're not hitting him".

14 Q. And you --

15 CHAIRMAN: Just pause.

16 MS SMITH: Sorry, Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

18 MS SMITH: We've lost the page from the screen. You also
19 recall another incident that you -- subsequent to
20 writing your statement or signing your statement for the
21 Inquiry you remember another incident involving your
22 brother SND309 about drinking. Isn't that correct?

23 A. Yes. That was horrific actually. It's all coming back.
24 It's amazing how much you close down, the darkness that
25 was Termonbacca. I got up to go to the toilet one night

1 and I could hear water trickling, and I thought,
2 "Someone else is up using the loo as well", but when
3 I looked, my brother was down on his hands and knees --
4 he would have been age 3 or 4 -- drinking water from the
5 cistern, from the toilet, and then I remembered that the
6 taps were all locked, turned off so that the bed wetters
7 couldn't get at the water --

8 Q. This was at night-time?

9 A. -- and I was horrified to see it, yes.

10 Q. You talk in paragraph 12 -- and I think -- we've already
11 I think talked --

12 CHAIRMAN: Just a little bit more slowly, please.

13 MS SMITH: Sorry, Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN: As you said, this is not --

15 MS SMITH: Yes, I apologise.

16 CHAIRMAN: -- in a statement. Yes.

17 MS SMITH: Talking about chores and what work you had to do
18 in the home, you talk about when you were 7 or 8 years
19 old in paragraph 12 -- that's SND-2132, please.

20 SND-2132. Just paragraph 12 at the bottom of that page.

21 You say when you were 7 or 8 years old, you had to
22 change the babies' nappies. I take it these were the
23 babies in the nursery?

24 A. **Yes. I actually enjoyed that. It was nice working with**
25 **the babies.**

1 Q. You say, though, that you were often hit or slapped on
2 the back of the head by a lay worker who you name or by
3 a sister who you name, SR3, if the younger children
4 weren't fed or changed quickly enough, and you said that
5 it was like a conveyor belt, but you got quite good at
6 it.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You also talked at paragraph 21 I think -- sorry.
9 Paragraph 20, the last line in paragraph 20, which
10 I~have already read out, is that instead of doing
11 homework you polished shoes or put uniform away.
12 I~think at paragraph 21 then you say life was about
13 cleaning shoes, doing dishes and Hoovering.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. Is that your recollection of life in Termonbacca? Was
16 it doing chores?

17 **A. It wasn't all chores. You know, we -- at Christmas and
18 Easter, you know, was quite a good time, because there
19 was a lot of plays. We were taken out to pantomimes and
20 stuff, but the actual day-to-day term time it was, you
21 know, up, make your bed -- up out of bed, down on your
22 knees, say your prayers and off to school, back, and
23 I remember -- I always remember having to polish my
24 shoes, and then it was always arguments about whose turn
25 it was to do the dishes. So there was a rota made up**

1 **and we took our turns.**

2 Q. You do talk in that paragraph about Christmas time and
3 about one of the local companies sending a big bag of
4 presents and a man dressed as Santa. You say you always
5 got a doll. If there were bikes, which would have been
6 large presents, they were shared among all the children.

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

8 Q. But you were allowed to keep your doll.

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. You did --

11 **A. I remember once being invited to a birthday party --**
12 **this isn't in my statement -- and I didn't have**
13 **a present to give the girl, and the nun said, "It would**
14 **be really nice if you gave her one of your Christmas**
15 **presents" and I was really sad that I had to give away**
16 **one of my Christmas presents.**

17 Q. Was this a girl who wasn't someone in the home?

18 **A. My friend in school and she wasn't in the home, no.**

19 Q. But you were allowed certainly to attend her birthday
20 party outside?

21 **A. Uh-huh. Yes.**

22 Q. It's been suggested that music played a large part in
23 the home.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Do you recall that?

1 **A. Yes. I sang in the choir in school and in Termonbacca,**
2 **and it was an older ex-boy took us for those lessons,**
3 **and I enjoyed singing.**

4 Q. And what about dancing? Was there Irish dancing?

5 **A. There was a concert for a Mother Superior that was**
6 **coming to visit and that was great craic. The girl that**
7 **I was -- four of us, two boys, two girls, learning to**
8 **Irish dance, and the girl that I was -- my partner, she**
9 **left. She was returned home to her parents. So they**
10 **were a woman short, but they picked a fella who was**
11 **quite effeminate, and they put the dress on him, and we**
12 **had the best of craic, the best of laugh.**

13 Q. Do you remember pocket money in the home at all?

14 **A. At the end before I was fostered I remember pocket**
15 **money, but never -- never before, and we were always**
16 **docked 2p for bad language. So sometimes when it came**
17 **round to getting your pocket money, you did not have**
18 **much.**

19 Q. Can you remember what you were given as pocket money?

20 **A. No.**

21 Q. You talk about -- what about day trips? Do you remember
22 going on day trips from the home?

23 **A. Yes. Not a lot, but yes.**

24 Q. You do talk about going to Donegal in paragraph 7 of the
25 statement, and you remember a particular incident

1 involving one of the lay staff members who went on that
2 trip. Isn't that correct?

3 **A. Yes. We were normally in a minibus, but for some reason**
4 **I remember being in the back seat of a car, and SR 18**
5 **SR 18 was driving, and SND 59, the lay worker, who**
6 **was a really lovely woman, was drunk, and she was**
7 **arguing with the nun, and she opened the door and the**
8 **nun was really cross with her. She says, "Close that**
9 **door now". I mind being terrified, like, thinking we**
10 **were going to fall out of this car.**

11 **Q. You describe her as "a really lovely woman". Yet in**
12 **your statement you have described her as a very strict**
13 **woman.**

14 **A. Strict but she never hit you. There's -- there was**
15 **a difference, you know. There was ones that were quite**
16 **wicked and would have hit out. SND 59 was never wicked,**
17 **but she was strict.**

18 **Q. Can you remember -- you talked about a birthday party**
19 **there for one of the girls from school. Do you remember**
20 **what happened on your birthday in the home at all?**

21 **A. Yes, I do remember. Nothing. Nothing happened. Not**
22 **a cake or anything.**

23 **Q. Well, did you receive a card or a present or anything**
24 **like that?**

25 **A. A present once. It was a spinning top and I thought**

1 **I was too old for it.**

2 Q. Now in paragraph 17 you talk about going out to a foster
3 family, but at the end of that you say that your social
4 worker at that time was a lady who you name in that
5 statement in the last sentence, and you say that she was
6 your social worker when you were there, but you didn't
7 see her at any stage while you were in Termonbacca or
8 indeed when you were staying with the family.

9 **A. Actually that's wrong. I do remember seeing Jan Simpson**
10 **when I was in my foster home. It was Termonbacca**
11 **I never seen --**

12 Q. Right?

13 **A. -- I don't remember seeing any social workers.**

14 Q. Now I have shown you some documents this morning --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. -- and -- but certainly the documents that we have
17 received from Social Services, there's quite
18 a substantial bundle of papers, but they suggest that
19 there were, in fact, regular visits or certainly from
20 a certain date there were regular visits by social
21 workers to you while you were in Termonbacca, and before
22 that it looks to -- it looks as though the Sisters
23 themselves were keeping a record in relation to you in
24 the home.

25 I'm just going pull up a couple of examples of that,

1 HIA352. If we could look at page SND-11111, you will
2 see this is described at the top of it as an "Internal
3 Case Review" and your name is there, your date of birth,
4 when you were admitted in , and then what group
5 you were in, St. Gerard's. You were referred by the
6 Welfare. Then it goes on to talk about what contact you
7 had with your family.

8 CHAIRMAN: Is this something generated by the home?

9 MS SMITH: We believe so, yes --

10 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

11 MS SMITH: -- Chairman. It was provided by the Health &
12 Social Services Board, but we believe that as best we
13 can ascertain it was an internal document provided by
14 the home for the Welfare Authority.

15 CHAIRMAN: Yes. It's a little difficult to tell from it
16 whether it's a form created by the Welfare Authority or
17 for the Welfare Authority.

18 MS SMITH: Yes. Our best understanding is that it appears
19 to have been created for the Welfare Authority.

20 CHAIRMAN: But by the Sisters?

21 MS SMITH: But by the Sisters, yes, and I think Mr Montague
22 is nodding his head, which would suggest that is his
23 understanding also.

24 MR MONTAGUE: That is my understanding and we are seeking
25 clarity in respect of that.

1 CHAIRMAN: It certainly looks like that.

2 MR MONTAGUE: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Ms Smith?

4 MS MOIRA SMITH: We have a different perspective on that
5 particular document in terms of the origin of it and we
6 will maybe take that up with Ms Smith in the break.

7 CHAIRMAN: Yes. That would be helpful.

8 MS SMITH: But certainly this is a document which is headed
9 "Internal Case Review". It goes on in the body of the
10 document to describe contact and relationship with your
11 family, with our siblings or other relatives, with
12 outside contracts, your emotional development and
13 behaviour, relationships in the home with staff, with
14 other children, your health, and it is generally
15 indicating someone was recording -- whether it be the
16 Sisters themselves or whether it was the social worker
17 was recording -- details about your life while you were
18 in Termonbacca in that document.

19 It describes in that -- sorry -- at paragraph 3 of
20 that, if we can just stop there, your relationships with
21 the residential staff were very good and quite helpful
22 at times.

23 **A. Yes. I was terrified to answer back. So, you know,**
24 **it's obviously -- they're going to say I'm a good child.**

25 Q. Then if we could just look then at another document,

1 just to give another example of this record-keeping, at
2 SND-1116, and if we could maybe -- it is another
3 internal case review, and if we could just highlight
4 perhaps paragraph 3 of it, and it talks again there
5 about your relationship with the residential staff and
6 it says:

7 "No deep relationship. Likes to be the centre of
8 attraction but can be abusive when corrected."

9 So this would suggest that your behaviour wasn't --

10 **A. What date was that?**

11 Q. This does not appear I don't think to have a date, this
12 particular document, that we can ascertain. It seems to
13 be undated.

14 **A. I certainly would never have been abusive to the nuns.
15 I may have been abusive to the lay staff. So she could
16 have been writing this.**

17 Q. Or she could have been telling whoever it was writing
18 it.

19 **A. Uh-huh, and I don't remember being abusive in
20 Termonbacca.**

21 Q. Then if we could move to SND-11118, this is again --
22 this is headed "St. Joseph's, Termonbacca". It is
23 described as a "Case History", and you can see that
24 there are various dates on this, ,
25 ' , and it talks about you having settled in well with

1 a transfer from Loreto House so that you could be with
2 your older brother. I presume that was a school
3 transfer.

4 **A. Where are you? Sorry.**

5 Q. Sorry. Just -- see it says " "?

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. You together with your younger brother and sister were
8 transferred from Loreto House. Do you remember anything
9 about that?

10 **A. Was Loreto House the nursery? I don't know of any
11 Loreto House.**

12 Q. It wasn't a school transfer? You don't know what that
13 means?

14 **A. No, unless the nursery in Termonbacca was called Loreto
15 House, because we were -- me and my younger brother and
16 sister were moved up to St. Gerard's group.**

17 Q. So you think that might be what that's referring to, but
18 it certainly says that you'd settled in well with the
19 transfer and that you were with your older brother HIA 69
20 then when you moved from the nursery to the other
21 section to St. Gerard's group. Is that correct?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. It says you are intelligent but according to your
24 teacher in school you're quite lazy.

25 **A. That would be correct, yes.**

1 Q. Your mother hadn't been up to see you since 12th
2 February. You talked freely about your mother and would
3 like to see the whole family together again, and it goes
4 on in detail there going through the different --
5 I mean, you talked about the trip to Donegal and there
6 on 29th July it says you really enjoyed yourself down in
7 Shrove. It was the first holiday with the older
8 children. Is that the incident maybe where you're
9 talking about the lay worker **SND 59** and the car?

10 **A. It could be. I'm not entirely sure.**

11 Q. Then in October there's no contact whatever at that
12 stage with your mother. It says that Mrs Simpson, the
13 new social worker visited, but you were at school. So
14 it's suggesting your social worker did actually go to
15 Termonbacca but you were actually on school on the day
16 she called.

17 **A. Right. I'm unaware of that.**

18 Q. Well, if you were at school, obviously you wouldn't
19 necessarily know she'd been unless someone had told you.

20 It then says you were going through a phase of
21 stealing.

22 "It's only small things, but it's worrying."

23 You're advanced for your age, and since an older and
24 more craftier girl has come into the group, you seem to
25 have changed. You were always kind and gentle, but now

1 you seem to act hard and they felt you could be easily
2 led.

3 **A. I certainly would have maybe helped myself to a few of**
4 **the sweets that were kept in the store room and was**
5 **caught, but anything that was missing after that SR14**
6 **singled me out and made me stand out, and she didn't ask**
7 **did I steal it. She told me I stole it, and told**
8 **cleaners, "HIA352 is stealing. So lock your handbag**
9 **away". I'd say I would have stole maybe three times**
10 **sweets, because nobody had any money, but anything**
11 **that -- she actually said one time -- this is coming**
12 **back to me -- that she put 20p on top of the TV and she**
13 **watched to see who would steal and she seen me -- you**
14 **know, because I was at the back near the TV and the**
15 **money was gone, it was me that stole it.**

16 Q. Had you stolen it?

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. But you're saying that essentially she scapegoated you
19 for --

20 **A. Everything that went missing after that.**

21 Q. Now I'm not going to -- there are several more
22 documents, and if we could just maybe look at SND-11430,
23 this is clearly a document that has been created by the
24 Western Health & Social Services Board, and this
25 actually relates to your brother I see. There are

1 others. If we just go over -- just scroll down, please.
2 These are all relating to your brother, but the purpose
3 of this is to show that during this time period Social
4 Services were involved with your family and were calling
5 up to Termonbacca in relation to your family, HIA352.

6 I appreciate this is not in relation to you --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- yourself.

9 **A. If Social Services were involved with my family back**
10 **then, I was unaware of it, because I don't remember**
11 **until maybe 1978/79 just before I got fostered any**
12 **social worker being about or being involved.**

13 **I certainly don't remember talking to a social worker**
14 **until one was appointed.**

15 Q. Right. Now there are a number of other documents which
16 the Inquiry can look at which are in the evidence
17 bundle, and I'm not going to open those, but, as I've
18 indicated, they do suggest there was more attention
19 being paid than perhaps you were aware of --

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- while you were in Termonbacca.

22 **A. That could be the case, yes.**

23 Q. There is also -- you talk about a SND332, who was
24 a social worker, who was in --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- Termonbacca itself, and can you remember when he came
2 to Termonbacca or when he came to be there?

3 **A. I'm guessing now, but it was definitely just before**
4 **I got fostered. So I'd say '78/'79.**

5 Q. And where -- he did -- excuse me -- he had an office in
6 Termonbacca. Is that correct?

7 **A. Yes, quite near where the nuns would be.**

8 Q. If we can just go back, just you talk about him in
9 paragraph 21 of your witness statement on page SND-2134.
10 You say:

11 "There was a social worker", and you name him, "who
12 had his own office in the hall. We were actually
13 encouraged to go and talk to him but all he wanted to do
14 was talk about football to the boys."

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. Did you ever go and talk to him?

17 **A. I used to pop in, but, as I say, it was always, you**
18 **know, a good crowd in there. I mean, it was good craic**
19 **in with SND 332 He was a lovely man, but the boys were**
20 **football mad and so was he. So that always took**
21 **priority.**

22 Q. Did you ever feel able to talk to him about what life in
23 Termonbacca was like?

24 **A. I've never felt that I could talk to anybody about how**
25 **I felt. I never felt that, you know, anybody would**

1 **listen. So why would I talk?**

2 Q. In fact, I'll come back to certain experiences that you
3 had there, but how often would he have been there?

4 **A. Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00.**

5 Q. And this office that he had, where -- you say it was
6 located in the hall. Where exactly was that?

7 **A. It was near the chapel and it wasn't in -- you know, it
8 wasn't in where we were staying or sleeping or the other
9 group and it wasn't in the nursery. It was in the hall
10 where the nuns could see who was coming and going in
11 there. You know, it wasn't private.**

12 CHAIRMAN: Just to ask you about this at this moment,
13 HIA352, when you come in through the main door of
14 Termonbacca --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 CHAIRMAN: -- there is a long sort of corridor.

17 **A. Yes. It is on the corridor.**

18 CHAIRMAN: You may not know this, but if you turn down to
19 the left, there are a series of rooms, including a big
20 parlour and so on.

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 CHAIRMAN: Nowadays at least near the corridor there are
23 offices and so on to the left of the corridor.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 CHAIRMAN: Does that fit in with what you remember --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 CHAIRMAN: -- or was it different?

3 **A. That's it exactly. You came in. You've passed the --**
4 **where the monks would eat now, and then there's the wee**
5 **chapel. You go through another door --**

6 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

7 **A. -- and there's like an office or a shop. That's where**
8 **Martin would have been.**

9 CHAIRMAN: That is where the shop is --

10 **A. On the corridor.**

11 CHAIRMAN: -- where the shop is now?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

14 MS SMITH: Thank you, Chairman.

15 If I can now just turn to some of the specific
16 allegations you make about people in the home. If we
17 could look -- you have talked at paragraph 3 about
18 a nun. That's -- if we just go back to the beginning of
19 your statement, you talk about the nun who you recall
20 who worked in the nursery. Is that correct?

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. You described in that paragraph about her and another
23 member of staff laughing but then cross with you,
24 saying, "You dirty wee bitch. You dirty wee bitch.
25 Look at the state of you".

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You also recall that same nun in paragraph 4. You
3 describe her interaction with another family and one
4 girl in particular, where she used to pull at the eldest
5 girl's bra strap and call her a harlot and a tramp.

6 **A. On one occasion, yes, I witnessed that.**

7 Q. You say that this particular nun was very fond of your
8 younger sister --

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. -- and -- but she called you names such as "Wee gypsy"
11 and "Hair like rats' tails".

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Now you're suggesting that the nuns expressed -- by this
14 action you are suggesting they expressed preferences for
15 children. Is that your recollection?

16 **A. Definitely. There was those that would have been the
17 favourites, you know, who got singled out to do all the
18 nice stuff.**

19 Q. Were you a favourite of anyone?

20 **A. No, not that I'm -- no.**

21 Q. At your paragraph 5 you talk about the other nuns you
22 recall being there at the time you were there and you
23 name them. You say that the nun who was in charge of
24 the group that you were moved into -- I know it's
25 difficult for you to work out who the nuns are with the

1 designations there, and if it is easier for you to talk
2 about the names ...

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Then when you were moved into St. Gerard's group, you
5 say that particular nun didn't like you at all.

6 **A. No. I used to get on great with her when she drove the
7 bus to school, and she was in charge of St. Gerard's
8 group, and then when I heard I was moving over to her,
9 I thought, "Oh, this will be great. You know, I get on.
10 She's a nice nun", but she took a disliking to me and
11 started singling me out.**

12 Q. This is the same nun you talked about with regard to
13 accusing you of stealing.

14 **A. SR14, yes.**

15 Q. Now at paragraph 13 you describe an incident involving
16 yourself and some older boys in the home and you say
17 that there was an incident that occurred which, looking
18 back, you say that this was boys' horseplay rather than
19 anything more sinister --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- but you did tell this particular nun about it at the
22 time.

23 **A. Yes. The reason I told her was one of her favourites
24 was saying that we were messing about doing sexual
25 things and I went over and said, "Sister, they were**

1 putting their hands down my pants" and she pushed me and
2 said, "Well, you were probably asking for it", but it
3 was -- it certainly wasn't a sexual assault. They were
4 messing about.

5 Q. You say that she called you a name at the same time. Is
6 that correct?

7 A. "Fishwife" or something like that, "prostitute".

8 Q. Is that your recollection?

9 A. I think it was a "fishwife" to be honest.

10 Q. At paragraph 20 you also say that at that stage when you
11 were talking about what sex education you got and you
12 said that one of the nuns would warn you to be aware of
13 the boys.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You say that particular nun didn't like men.

16 A. She didn't like my brother anyway, that's for sure, and
17 she was quite tough on the boys.

18 and, you know, she could
19 still make a fist, and I've seen her punching, you know,
20 a few people in the head, especially my brother HIA 69,
21 and the reason we had that conversation was there was
22 something about a girl being raped from my school, and
23 we were all talking about it and she said, "Just, you
24 know, be careful of boys".

25 Q. You say that the other nun who you say picked on you

1 essentially said something about you encouraging boys.

2 **A. Yes. She -- SR14 was always looking -- this is the --**
3 **my memory of her -- she was always looking to catch you**
4 **out in something if she didn't like you, you know. She**
5 **came creeping in, this black figure, looking at you, you**
6 **know, like you've done something wrong.**

7 I remember one of the fellas sitting watching the TV
8 with his hands in his pockets, and she slapped along the
9 back of the head and said, "Get your hands out your
10 pockets, because they're certainly not in there because
11 your hands are cold", and I remember thinking, "What
12 does she mean?" and it was years later I realised it was
13 a sexual connotation that she meant.

14 **Q. You talk about -- you've talked about SR14, who is**
15 **there. Paragraph 12, if we could just go back to that,**
16 **please, you talk about -- this is where -- we looked at**
17 **this before, but this other nun who was in charge of the**
18 **nursery, you say she slapped a young boy who was**
19 **probably only one and a half years old on the head on**
20 **one occasion.**

21 **A. Yes.**

22 **Q. Can you remember what --**

23 **A. Yes. There was a whole pow-wow at that time.**

24 I remembered it. She slapped -- the younger ones were
25 put in high chairs and they were fed. They were along

1 the walls and we were on the tables. One of the workers
2 argued with her, because I remember being shocked, you
3 know, that somebody was arguing with one of the nuns,
4 and she says, "Don't hit him again. I'm warning you.
5 Don't hit him again", and the lay worker walked out.

6 Q. You remember that this particular nun often hit you or
7 slapped you on the back of the head, and there was
8 another lay person who did that to you.

9 A. Yes, SND58. I remember her name was SND58.

10 Q. Right, and you talk about her in paragraph 6 I think, if
11 we just go back up to that. You name this person and
12 you said you never liked her or got on well with you --
13 with her. Sorry. She always called you a fishwife and
14 slapped you across the head.

15 There was one day in particular that she slapped you
16 and knocked your head off a cement wall, causing a bump.
17 You describe her as wicked. She told to you shut up and
18 stop crying.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. Can you recall what the circumstances of that incident
21 were?

22 A. We were either going out in a bus run or we were heading
23 out for a walk down town and we were lining up -- this
24 is in the nursery -- to head out the door, and I was
25 messing along with one of the girls, messing about with

1 one of the girls, , and she told me, SND58,
2 "Stop". She was always pulling at you. She never spoke
3 to you. She always kind of roared at you, high-pitched
4 voice, and she shook me and she slapped me in the head.
5 She slapped as well, and then I started giggling,
6 and she turned round and hit me in the head and it
7 banged off the cement wall.

8 Q. In paragraph 8 you talk about a befriending scheme,
9 which I'll come back to in a moment, but you said you
10 had been going out to a particular family for holidays
11 and things --

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. -- and then as a result -- that came to an end, and
14 after it came to an end, if we could just scroll down to
15 the end of the paragraph, please, this particular lay
16 person, when they stopped visiting, would tell you that
17 they didn't want you and that you were good for nothing.

18 A. Yes, I remember her saying that to me when we were out
19 collecting the laundry.

20 Q. I mean, when you were speaking to me about this this
21 morning, you also remember a particular nun at that time
22 as well after the visits to this family stopped saying
23 something similar to you.

24 A. She said, "Any wonder they stopped coming to see you,
25 because you're a thief". That was SR14.

1 Q. Excuse me. Now can I just tell you, HIA352, that we
2 have -- the Inquiry has received a statement from one of
3 the nuns that you name in there. This is the nun who
4 was in charge of the nursery. She has said various
5 things in her statement, but she says that she remembers
6 her time in Termonbacca fondly at paragraph -- if we
7 could just go to SND-4145, please. If we go to
8 paragraph -- highlight paragraphs 10 and 11. If we can
9 just go to paragraph 11 first. Sorry. Just highlight
10 10 and 11 for me. Thank you. Just paragraph 11
11 this particular nun says that her own memories of
12 Termonbacca are all of a happy time.

13 "I truly loved my time there and was heartbroken
14 when I eventually left."

15 She talks about an incident involving twin girls
16 being left with her in Termonbacca.

17 At paragraph 10 she says she does not have any
18 memory of a child being abused in any way.

19 "Children may have been shouted at or deprived of
20 some treat like TV if they were misbehaving, but I do
21 not recall any physical punishment at all. Boys being
22 boys had their fights and rows and did misbehave. We
23 did not resort to physical punishment and the removal of
24 privileges was usually a severe enough punishment."

25 Is there anything you'd like to say about that,

1 HIA352?

2 **A. Yes. That may be her memories all right, but I have**
3 **different memories of what she was like, and she was**
4 **quite strict and she did slap us, and she definitely**
5 **slapped my brother really hard every morning that he wet**
6 **the bed, and she scrubbed my hand. I had a cut in it.**
7 **Somebody -- we were -- somebody bit me and it got**
8 **infected and I wouldn't let anybody near it. It was**
9 **really sore, and she -- she dragged me into the bathroom**
10 **and got a nailbrush and just started scrubbing it and**
11 **I remember screaming with pain.**

12 Q. Now if we could just move to the next page of this
13 particular nun's statement, which is SND-4146, please.
14 If we look at paragraph -- what paragraph is it? In
15 this statement at paragraph 20, if you could just
16 highlight paragraph 20, this nun says that she did work
17 with the girl who you have named and described. She
18 said:

19 "She was a volunteer and her family were very good
20 to the sisters and regularly helped us out. I recall
21 them making gifts of blankets for the beds and cots."

22 She says her surname was not what other people have
23 said her surname was, but you didn't actually -- you
24 have given a different surname yourself.

25 "If this is the same girl, I do not recognise the

1 description of her. She was a generous and hardworking
2 girl. Nothing about her or her relationship to the
3 children ever gave me a cause for concern."

4 That's the nun's view of the person you've described
5 as having knocked your head off the cement wall.

6 **A. I don't remember her like that at all.**

7 Q. Now one of the things -- I did ask you about SND136. If
8 we could maybe go to his witness statement. I am not
9 quite sure of the Bates numbering for it. If I could
10 just ... Sorry. I think the easiest thing is if I just
11 read out sections and we can get the numbering and the
12 Inquiry Panel can see this document in due course, but
13 I have been asked to put what his recollection of
14 Termonbacca is to you. This is a statement that he
15 provided to the Sisters of Nazareth and they have given
16 it to the Inquiry, and it is in the evidence bundle,
17 Chairman, but sadly I -- my copy doesn't have the Bates
18 numbering on it.

19 What he says at paragraphs 17 and 18 of his
20 statement, he talks about chastisement, as he describes
21 it, in the home, and what his recollection is, that:

22 "If you had done something wrong, you were told off
23 or had some form of punishment. There was a threat of
24 physical punishment, but it was not something I received
25 often.

1 I do recall being sent to the kitchen to peel spuds
2 as a punishment once. I can't remember what I~did, but
3 I know I'd done something wrong and just accepted that
4 the peeling duty was a punishment and accepted it.

5 I also remember getting 100 lines of 'I should not
6 speak back to'" a nun that he names. "I remember this
7 clearly, as I was clearly pressing down harder when
8 I wrote her name, and when she saw this, she laughed and
9 gave me a hug, and I have no issues with that incident.

10 I would say corporal punishment was much more
11 regular in both primary and secondary school",

12 and he says that he was slapped and caned in both
13 schools.

14 So his recollection of the punishment regime in
15 Termonbacca was not of physical punishment, perhaps the
16 threat of it, but of the removal of privileges or being
17 given other duties to do as a punishment. What -- would
18 you like to say anything about that, HIA352?

19 **A. I remember SND136 being the only child in**
20 **Termonbacca and he was spoilt rotten. He was**
21 **everybody's favourite, and that's probably accurate,**
22 **because he hardly ever would have been given**
23 **punishments.**

24 Q. He also in the same statement talks about both the nuns
25 and lay staff as loving, caring and compassionate, and

1 at another paragraph, 14, he says that there was
2 an incident involving other boys and that he was able to
3 approach a nun and speak to her about that. Is there
4 anything you want to say about that, HIA352?

5 **A. He probably felt very comfortable approaching the nuns,**
6 **because, as I say, he was really well liked and looked**
7 **after. I remember the boys being excellent football**
8 **players and him playing football as well. They would**
9 **never have tackled him or done a dirty tackle, because,**
10 **you know, they would have been in trouble for kicking**
11 **SND136.**

12 Q. Can I just take you back to your own witness statement?
13 You describe -- and I will come back to it in a moment
14 -- but just for clarity's sake you talk about
15 an incident where you were force fed food in the home.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You talk in paragraph 9 about the lay person holding
18 your mouth open and forcing you to eat carrots.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You say you thought she was going to bruise or break
21 your jaw.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. Now SND136 says he never remembers anyone being force
24 fed in the home and never saw anyone being force fed.
25 What do you want to say to the Inquiry about that?

1 **A.** I learned very quickly to get rid of my vegetables on to
2 my wee brother's plate and make it look I had ate mine.
3 I don't know about anybody else. Maybe they really
4 liked vegetables, but I didn't. I certainly was force
5 fed three times.

6 **Q.** On each occasion was it by the same nun?

7 **A.** **No, no.**

8 **Q.** Thank you. Chairman, the statement can be found --
9 SND136's statement can be found at SND-15578.

10 **CHAIRMAN:** 11...?

11 **MS SMITH:** SND-15578 --

12 **CHAIRMAN:** Thank you.

13 **MS SMITH:** -- and pages following.

14 Again in his statement at paragraph 16 he says that
15 he certainly never had an issue with bedwetting but
16 accepts it was an issue in the home, and he does recall
17 children who had wet the bed having to strip their beds
18 in the morning and bring the sheets to the laundry, but
19 he never saw a child humiliated or being made to stand
20 with sheets on their head or any other sort of
21 treatment, and that the children who wet the bed were
22 made to wash, might have been a bit late down for
23 breakfast, but that was essentially the height of what
24 he recalls about bedwetting.

25 You have given an example of what you say happened

1 to your brother SND309 when he wet the bed.

2 **A. I have asked him to come forward to the Inquiry, because**
3 **he remembers a whole -- whole other incidences regarding**
4 **his bedwetting. He continued to wet the bed right up**
5 **maybe until now. He was fostered to a lovely family and**
6 **there was no major concern. She was a nurse and she**
7 **said, "Don't worry about it, SND309. It's just one of**
8 **those things". He did say he remembered SR6 battering**
9 **him for wetting the bed in St. Gerard's group.**

10 **I remember SR3 slapping his bare -- bare skin, because**
11 **he was naked -- he was going into the bath -- for**
12 **wetting the bed.**

13 **Q. One other thing that I've been asked to put to you about**
14 **what SND136's recollections of the home are that**
15 **bullying in the home -- there were incidents of that and**
16 **they were always -- any bullying took place out of the**
17 **sight of the nuns and that they wouldn't have allowed**
18 **any bullying to have taken place in the home. What do**
19 **you want to say about that?**

20 **A. Bullying was rampant in Termonbacca. The older boys**
21 **would have been -- some -- you know, they were -- some**
22 **older boys were favourites of the nuns and they depended**
23 **on them to keep the younger ones in line. Sorry. Did**
24 **SND136 say that it did go on or --**

25 **Q. Yes, he did say that there were incidences --**

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- but it was out of the sight of the nuns essentially

3 --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- that they wouldn't have been aware of it and wouldn't
6 have permitted it, had they been aware of it.

7 **A. Yes. My brother was always bullied.**

8 Q. Now you talk about just another couple of incidents. If
9 we can go back to your witness statement, please, and
10 page SND-2134. If we just go to paragraph 19, this
11 we -- you had already indicated that your mother had
12 turned up drunk, but if we go to the second part of that
13 statement, it says you remember a particular nun giving
14 you money to get your hair done. You were 10 or 11 at
15 that stage. You went into a dark hall to look at
16 yourself in the mirror. This was after having had your
17 hair cut I presume. This sister who you've named before
18 came up behind you -- sorry. This is a different nun --

19 **A. Different nun.**

20 Q. -- came up behind you and slapped you in the face, and
21 you say you were so frightened by this that you actually
22 wet yourself.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. That she called you names and pulled your hair.

25 **A. Yes. As you walk into the -- there's a big main door in**

1 Termonbacca and then there's a side door and that side
2 door takes you in towards the chapel. I came in the
3 side door and there was a mirror and I was on tippy-toes
4 trying to see my new haircut, and the dark figure came
5 behind me. When I turned like that, she said, "What are
6 you doing?" and I says, "Oh, SR 109 I just got my
7 hair cut" and smiled, and she with full power, you know,
8 nearly knocked my head off my shoulders, and I think
9 I was dying to go to the toilet, because we walked it
10 into town and we walked back. It's quite a big hill up
11 to Termonbacca, and I wet myself. You know, she said,
12 "Look what you done" and pushed me.

13 Q. You did tell --

14 A. SND57, yes.

15 Q. -- one of the staff workers about that and her reaction
16 was that you didn't get it for nothing.

17 A. She laughed it off, you know. Everything was a joke.

18 Q. You have already mentioned your brother HIA 69 You say
19 in paragraph 18 of that statement that you heard he had
20 gone missing one day and you were very upset by that,
21 and you found out, in fact, he had run home to your
22 mother, but that he was brought back. You say that
23 incident was actually reported in the local paper. Then
24 you heard that this particular nun had tried to strangle
25 him and he had actually bruises on his neck as a result.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. This is the nun you say really hated him and she called
3 him names.

4 **A. SR6, yes.**

5 Q. You say that some of the older boys who were aged over
6 17 and used to come to visit on Saturdays and Sundays
7 would also call him names.

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. You don't remember the names of those older boys.

10 **A. No. I think HIA 69 does, and I was brought out of class**
11 **in primary school by a teacher and she said, "How's your**
12 **brother doing?" I said, "What do you mean?" She said,**
13 **"It was in the that he's' missing,**
14 **HIA352", and I didn't know he was missing.**

15 Q. That's when you found out.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You were upset by that, but he was brought back to
18 Termonbacca in any case. Isn't that correct?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. If we -- at paragraph 22 you also remember the same nun
21 -- you remember going on trips, and on one of those
22 trips you say that this nun who didn't like him called
23 him a name in front of a girl who liked him.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. That was on a strip to Shrove.

1 **A. Shrove, yes, Donegal.**

2 Q. You recall that he actually threw bricks and stones at
3 some of the older boys who were on the trip,
4 ex-residents as you describe them --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and you name those ex-residents in that paragraph.
7 He threw bricks and stones at them for calling him names
8 and he ended up in the river.

9 **A. What paragraph is it?**

10 Q. Sorry. Paragraph 22. Just if we can -- you will see:

11 "Some older boys who were ex-residents came on the
12 trip with us to help out and they would have been
13 responsible for a group of us. They were between 17 and
14 19 years old. HIA69 started to throw bricks and stones
15 at them for calling him names and he ended up in the
16 river. I recall ... these ex-residents were ..."

17 and you have named them in that statement.

18 **A. Yes. SND122.**

19 Q. Don't --

20 **A. I can't remember the other two.**

21 Q. But you did name them when you were speaking to the
22 Inquiry.

23 **A. Did I?**

24 Q. We talked about the fact you talked about what you
25 describe in paragraph 8 as a befriending scheme, and you

1 went out to stay with the family. You say that
2 was -- you enjoyed that. Isn't that correct?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. After a while that -- those visits to that family
5 stopped, because you say had to go -- she went
6 back to work. She had to work --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- and they weren't able to take you any more.

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. But you then -- you loved your time with them and they
11 were good to you, and I believe you say that you're
12 still in contact with them. Is that correct?

13 **A. Just talking to one of them yesterday, yes.**

14 Q. And --

15 **A. They were really nice. I remember them always -- they
16 bought me three dresses for my confirmation -- which
17 didn't happen -- the nuns didn't do things like that --
18 and new shoes and in the summer nice summer clothes.**

19 Q. Then after a while you were actually left Termonbacca,
20 and we've indicated that was in and you were
21 fostered by a family. You talk about this at
22 paragraph 17. You were about 11 or 12, and you were
23 fostered out to this family in . They had
24 a , and you say that you always felt like
25 an outsider in their home.

1 A. Yes. I think it was maybe the first week I was there
2 I asked where the deodorant was and said,
3 "Just nip into my mother's bedroom. It's in there" and
4 about fifteen minutes after that I heard her mother
5 getting on to , "What did you let her into my bedroom
6 for? She is not allowed to go into my room". So right
7 away I felt like an outsider, and rather than --
8 I didn't feel that I could say, "I don't like it here".
9 I just stayed there. It was better than Termonbacca,
10 but I hated it.

11 Q. That relationship, the placement, you didn't get on
12 either with I believe. Is that correct?

13 A. Actually I did.

14 Q. In fact, you did get on with him?

15 A. Yes. was being -- I felt because was an only
16 child, I thought might have been jealous of me
17 a bit.

18 Q. But that -- the placement finally broke down, and if
19 I can go to SND-1140, please -- 401 -- 11401. Yes. If
20 you could just highlight the paragraph there. This
21 again is a document from Social Services which I showed
22 to you this morning, HIA352, and it says you're:

23 "... the child in a family of children
24 and have been in care under a Fit Person Order since
25 following the for

1 The children had previous short admissions to
2 St. Joseph's, Termonbacca before being returned to the
3 care of" your mother.

4 You remained in St. Joseph's continuously from March
5 when you were placed with these foster
6 parents. There have always been some problems in this
7 placement relating to your tendency to be secretive,
8 dishonest and defiant when attempts were made by the
9 foster parents to keep control over your movements.
10 These have intensified during the past three months
11 until the discovery of £30 in your bag and your
12 subsequent departure from their home against their
13 wishes, and the social worker has recorded that the key
14 factor in the breakdown centres around your mother, who
15 remains in the background as an undermining influence
16 and is used by you to manipulate the foster parents.

17 Now obviously you had not seen this document before
18 this morning, HIA352, but the relationship did break
19 down. First of all, is there any comment you want to
20 make about that?

21 **A. To me it broke down the week that I was there. I was**
22 **just biding my time until, you know, I could get away**
23 **from them. Control over my movements. There wasn't too**
24 **many places I could go. So I don't know what they mean**
25 **by that. They worked. They both worked in a factory.**

1 I was home at 3.30 every evening and on my own and would
2 have been expected to light the fire and peel potatoes
3 for them coming in from their work. I probably made
4 a couple of noises or protests about that. If that's
5 being defiant, then I was defiant. They allowed me to
6 babysit when I was 14 overnight in a man and woman's
7 house. They were a nice couple, and they didn't even
8 know that I didn't come home one night until they asked
9 me the next morning. They said, "What time did you come
10 home at?" and I said, "This morning", and they were
11 like, "What happened?", and I says, "They didn't come
12 home until late and I was lying sleeping and they didn't
13 waken me". So they weren't really vigilant. You know,
14 my -- that's my experience of them. I always felt that
15 I was there -- they never bought me anything. They
16 never done anything special. There were no birthday
17 cakes. It was around that time I started to learn that
18 foster parents were paid money.

19 Q. Is that why you took the money?

20 A. Probably. I'm not sure. I knew I wanted to leave. So
21 I knew if I did that, I would be in bother. So I left.

22 Q. In fact, you had learned that your brother HIA69 had
23 been transferred to another home and that he was, in
24 fact, in Harberton House. Is that correct?

25 A. Yes. Uh-huh.

1 Q. That's where you wanted to go and you went -- actually
2 were admitted there on .

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Your recollection of your time in Harberton House is
5 good.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You enjoyed it there.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Now you talk at paragraph 24 in your witness statement
10 about one incident that you recall involving a staff
11 member. That's in SND-2134, please.

12 **A. Backhanding. It was an accident, yes. She didn't mean**
13 **to do it, but, you know, it was -- her rings came off**
14 **his mouth. You could definitely hear -- we all looked**
15 **round, but she didn't mean to do what she done. It was**
16 **an accident.**

17 Q. So this -- the incident you describe is the only
18 incident that you witnessed of a staff member hitting
19 a child, but you accept that was an accident?

20 **A. It was an accident, yes. The staff were lovely.**

21 Q. You then -- in you were moved to Fort James
22 and in paragraph 26 you say you were there for a short
23 time when you were 16, and then when you were around 17
24 and a half, you were told that you had to leave.

25 In paragraph 27 you talk about being put into your

1 own flat. You couldn't cook. You had no money. You
2 were living on benefits and you didn't know whether you
3 were coming and going.

4 Now it seems to -- you seem to suggest there was no
5 preparation for you leaving Fort James in those two
6 paragraphs, HIA352, but would you accept that there is
7 a number of documents that have been provided by Social
8 Services that, in fact, show that there was a great deal
9 of preparation for you leaving care?

10 **A.** It wasn't realistic, though. It was a small flat above
11 where the children's home was, and at night-time we
12 could come down raid the pantry for anything we wanted.
13 If you were out in a flat on your own, which
14 I eventually did, you could not do that, plus the
15 children brought you up the dinner that was on that day
16 or whatever breakfast you wanted. So it was a bit of
17 a farce to be honest. They did offer me aftercare, but
18 they didn't like me, because I was smart. They tried to
19 be a bit -- they never ever used physical abuse ever or
20 mental abuse to us in Harberton and Fort James, but some
21 of them sometimes I felt was a bit snooty and seen some
22 of the children as wee troublemakers, and I at this
23 stage was finding out what their wages were and saying
24 to them, you know, "You're coming in here. You're
25 sitting down. You're chatting to us, but if somebody's

1 cheeky, you don't like it. You're writing it in report
2 and the officer in charge is coming to get on to us
3 about it." I~said, "Do you ever get embarrassed lifting
4 your wages?", you know. "And you talk about your
5 daughter." One -- one member of staff talked about her
6 daughter going to America and the nice clothes she'd
7 bought her and, you know, "We're going to buy her a car
8 when she comes back". I says, "You know, we are sitting
9 here and we are like wee orphans, and you are rubbing it
10 in our nose that we don't have a mammy and daddy to do
11 these nice things to us", and they just didn't like that
12 I could speak up for myself.

13 Q. You were just basically answering back.

14 A. So I couldn't wait to leave the home, and when they --
15 when they offered aftercare, it was the last thing
16 I wanted, because I knew they did not like me either.

17 Q. Can I just go back for a moment to Termonbacca and ask
18 you -- you say that SR6 replaced SR14. Is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you remember how long SR6 was in the home before you
21 actually left in April '79?

22 A. I could say she was there for two years, a year.

23 Q. As far as you can remember.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you ever remember SND402 and SND405 being in

1 Termonbacca when SR 6 was there?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. They were there at the same time.

4 **A. Yes. SND402 and SND405 -- I told you about the incident**
5 **where I was made to stand out to admit stealing**
6 **something that I didn't. It would have been their**
7 **sister, SND404, that -- that was picked.**

8 Q. She stood out with you?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. She was accused of it as well?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Just coming back then to your statement, if we could
13 just look at paragraph 25. This was in Harberton. You
14 talk about a social worker who was there, who was the
15 officer in charge of Harberton at the time. He used to
16 hold a meeting with the residents every Tuesday evening
17 where you could air your grievances, and he was usually
18 at those meetings or he always attended, according to
19 you. You would often argue and fight during the
20 meetings, as children often do, and tell stories about
21 your time in Termonbacca, and you say that he was
22 horrified about the stories that you told.

23 **A. Yes, and offered -- you know, he actually held another**
24 **meeting, all the people that were in Termonbacca,**
25 **children. It just seemed like all our foster homes or**

1 placements was breaking down and we were ending up back
2 in care, and he held a meeting with everybody that was
3 originally in Termonbacca, and he told us that it was
4 unacceptable, what had happened to some of us. That was
5 the first time that I had heard of a nun called SR5
6 taking curtain wire down and whipping the boys with it,
7 and there was a boy there that said it had happened him.
8 My memories of it was just, you know, dark and being
9 abused mentally and made to eat food I didn't want to
10 eat and admit to stealing things I didn't steal. So
11 I~was kind of horrified hearing about some of the
12 whippings that the older boys got.

13 Q. This --

14 A. I thought it was lovely that HH 5 , the officer
15 in charge, offered us assistance. He actually said,
16 "I'll go to a solicitor with you if you want to take
17 proceedings against the nuns".

18 Q. You say in that -- there will be a statement from the
19 social worker that you've named in due course, and he
20 does remember that there were these meetings and that he
21 usually did attend them. He does -- his recollection is
22 of hearing of a regime in Termonbacca that was strict
23 and was religious. I don't know that he actually will
24 say -- and we will have to wait until we see what he
25 says in his statement -- but I don't know that he will

1 go as far as to say what you have said, that he
2 volunteered to go along with you to a solicitor about
3 the matters --

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. -- complained of. You say in that statement that you
6 still see him when you're out and about the town and
7 that you went to his retirement party a couple of years
8 ago.

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. You go on in paragraph 29 to talk about this key worker
11 again, and you say that -- you talk about a friend of
12 yours who spoke to you about Termonbacca the day before
13 he took his own life, and that up until '95 this person
14 was unable to feel -- made to feel he shouldn't talk
15 about things, but he had given an interview. You say
16 there was a conversation that you had with this
17 particular social worker when the social worker told you
18 that this person made a complaint about what happened to
19 him in another institution. I have been asked to ask
20 you about that, because the social worker is saying that
21 he has no -- that he didn't have that conversation.

22 **A. He certainly didn't have it as a conversation when I was**
23 **a child in care. It was after I had left care and he**
24 **had retired I met him at a local shop in Foyle Street**
25 **and we were talking about allegations. There was more**

1 people coming forward with allegations of abuse in
2 Termonbacca and I said -- can I name the fella that's
3 dead?

4 Q. Yes, I think you can.

5 A. I said, "Poor DL 48 . HH 5 , he came to see me
6 the day before he hung himself."

7 Q. Are you okay, HIA352? Just take your time. We
8 appreciate it's difficult, but if you can just tell us
9 what you remember about the conversation that you had
10 with HH 5 about it.

11 A. So I said to HH 5 , "Poor DL 48" and he said, "I know,
12 HIA352. It wasn't until years later that I found out
13 I~was the member of staff that run him up to Rubane
14 House", and that's where the abuse took place. DL 48
15 told me the day before he committed suicide that he had
16 been anally raped in Rubane House.

17 Q. He told you that?

18 A. (Nods.)

19 Q. Sorry, HIA352, but HH 5 -- the conversation you had
20 then with HH 5 was to the effect that he had,
21 in fact, driven DL 48 up to Kircubbin?

22 A. Yes. He didn't know the abuse that was about to take
23 place.

24 Q. But did he know -- when you had the conversation with
25 him after DL 48 had died, did he say --

1 **A. He only knew what he had read in the paper what DL 48 had**
2 **said.**

3 Q. But DL 48 hadn't actually told HH 5 himself
4 about what had happened?

5 **A. DL 48 went to work for HH 5 then in the same -- so he**
6 **could -- he may have. I am not saying -- I don't want**
7 **to -- you know, I think he did say, "You know, HIA352",**
8 **talking to him afterwards, "I drove him up there" and**
9 **that's where the abuse took place.**

10 Q. Thank you. HIA352, just finally you talked about in
11 your statement about you yourself experienced
12 difficulties in your life after care and, in fact, you,
13 like your mother, experienced difficulties with drink.
14 You are now -- you got help in your late 20s with that.
15 You did try to go to university, but unfortunately due
16 to the needs of your own son you weren't able to
17 complete that course. Is that correct?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Now can I ask you, HIA352, what do you feel today? Just
20 before that, about your time in Termonbacca, you talk
21 about some of the lay staff being good. Was there
22 anything positive about your time there? You have
23 talked about the fun that you had with the Irish dancing
24 and with the music and that.

25 **A. Most of my memories is dark of Termonbacca. You know,**

1 feeling like it was a prison. So I don't have really
2 great fond memories. Those that do were because I was
3 having a laugh with the other children that were there.
4 It was certainly never with the nuns.

5 Q. Do you remember any changes occurring in the years that
6 you were in Termonbacca? Did things improve or were
7 there major changes made or ...?

8 A. Not really.

9 Q. Did things improve when SND332 came, for example?

10 A. Not so much so that I would remember.

11 Q. Can I ask how you feel today about those who cared for
12 you while you were there?

13 A. Just the lay staff were excellent, and they were in
14 charge of 24 children, one member of staff, and, you
15 know, I never once seen anyone in St. Gerard's group,
16 SND 57 or SND 21 or the three lay workers that
17 worked there over different years. The nuns, I don't
18 really -- it's -- when I think of the nuns, I just think
19 of all the abuse that we were put through. We were
20 never told we had a voice. We were never told we were
21 loved.

22 Q. Thank you, HIA352. You are aware that this Inquiry has
23 to make recommendations to the Northern Ireland
24 Executive when it completes its work about what should
25 happen now, whether there should be an apology, whether

1 there should be a memorial, whether there should be some
2 form of financial redress, and the Inquiry would like to
3 know what your view about such recommendations is.

4 **A. First of all, that this would never happen again. You**
5 **know, the children are reared thinking that they're less**
6 **than nothing. Compensation certainly. If they want to**
7 **put a plaque up, certainly. If it's positive, yes,**
8 **I back it 100%.**

9 Q. Okay. Well, thank you. Is there anything that you feel
10 we haven't covered in what you've told us today that you
11 would like to say at this stage?

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. Well, if you just stay there, HIA352, the Chairman and
14 Panel Members may have some questions for you.

15 Questions from THE PANEL

16 MS DOHERTY: HIA352, thanks very much for your testimony.

17 Can I just go back to the issue about bullying and
18 whether you felt that the nuns were aware that bullying
19 was taking place?

20 **A. No, because they weren't there -- they were there in the**
21 **morning. They were there maybe at teatime and at night.**
22 **So when the bullying was going on, they weren't there to**
23 **witness it, but some of the older boys would have been**
24 **the nuns' pets, favourites --**

25 Q. Right.

1 **A. -- and they certainly were bullying. So they must have**
2 **knew about it.**

3 Q. How do you think they must have known about it?

4 **A. Because we couldn't say, "Your favourite fella was**
5 **bullying my brother or bullying me".**

6 Q. Okay. Okay. Can I -- I just ask -- you say about that
7 the nuns didn't eat with you. They never sat down and
8 ate with you. Did you have a sense they were eating the
9 same food as you?

10 **A. I never thought about it.**

11 Q. Never thought about it. Okay. My last question is you
12 mentioned collecting the laundry with SND58.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Were you involved in doing work in the laundry?

15 **A. No, no. Just once in a blue moon they would say, you**
16 **know, "Go up and get the clothes from the laundry", but**
17 **it was certainly not a duty or anything I done on**
18 **a regular basis.**

19 Q. Right. Thanks very much.

20 MR LANE: You mentioned the meeting at Harberton House where
21 there had been discussion of what happened at
22 Termonbacca and how **HH 5** offered to arrange
23 legal representations and so on. Did anything ever come
24 of that?

25 **A. We laughed at it. Just the idea of maybe taking nuns to**

1 **court was unheard of. Just we laughed, because we were**
2 **so glad we were away from it.**

3 Q. Right. Okay. Thanks. That's the only question.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for coming to speak to us
5 today, HIA352. Thank you. That's all. Thank you.

6 MS SMITH: Thank you, HIA352.

7 (Witness withdrew)

8 MS SMITH: The second witness will hopefully be ready to
9 give evidence this afternoon, Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. We will rise now and we
11 will sit at 2 o'clock to hear the next witness.

12 (12.10 pm)

13 (Lunch break)

14 (2.00 pm)

15 WITNESS HIA130 (called)

16 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies
17 and gentlemen. The witness who is giving evidence this
18 afternoon is HIA130 and he's given the designation
19 "HIA130".

20 HIA130, would you just stand up, please, because the
21 Chairman has to ask you about the oath?

22 CHAIRMAN: HIA130, do you wish to take a religious oath or
23 make an affirmation? The two are the --

24 **A. I will make a religious oath.**

25 CHAIRMAN: Religious oath. Very well.

1 WITNESS HIA130 (sworn)

2 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Please sit down.

3 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

4 MS SMITH: Now, HIA130, if you can just speak into the
5 microphone so we can get a record of all that you have
6 to say to us.

7 **A. Certainly.**

8 Q. If you need a break at any time, please just say, and
9 we'll take our time.

10 Can I ask that HIA130's witness statement be pulled
11 up on the screen? It is SND-2144, please.

12 Now, HIA130, as you've explained to you earlier,
13 those people who are speaking to the Inquiry have been
14 given designations in order to protect their anonymity.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You have been given the designation "HIA130". You will
17 see this document says it is the witness statement of
18 HIA130. If we could just go to the last page of that
19 statement, which is HND -- sorry -- SND-2156, and you'll
20 see there's a large black rectangle there, which has the
21 letters "HIA130" on top of it and it is dated 30th
22 October 2013. Can you confirm that your signature is
23 underneath that black box and that this is the statement
24 you have made to the Inquiry?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. This is the statement that you wish the Inquiry to
2 consider as your evidence?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask before we proceed does HIA130 wish
6 to maintain his anonymity?

7 MS SMITH: I was about to just ask him that. Yes, indeed.

8 I have spoken to you, HIA130, about the issue of
9 your anonymity and you have told me, and you can confirm
10 for the Inquiry, that you do wish to maintain your
11 anonymity and therefore your name cannot be given
12 outside this room. Isn't that correct?

13 **A. That's correct.**

14 Q. Thank you. Now, HIA130, you are now aged . You are
15 going to be . in fact, is your
16 birthday.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. As a baby you were in and you were moved from
19 there to Termonbacca in Derry. The first you were aware
20 for sure that you were actually in was when
21 I~showed you a document this morning -- isn't that
22 correct -- or -- sorry -- this afternoon?

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

24 Q. Could we please just look at that document? It is
25 SND-2161. You will see that it says:

1 "HIA130", which is yourself, "recommended by
2 , Nazareth House, , through Reverend Father
3 , Catholic curate,
4 Derry."

5 You were received on . Your mother's
6 address is given there and it says:

7 "One payment of £10 has been paid for his
8 maintenance since he was admitted in .
9 The child's mother has promised to pay 5 shillings
10 weekly but failed to do so."

11 The first you became aware of having been in
12 or having confirmation that you were there was when you
13 saw this document. Isn't that correct?

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

15 Q. If we can just briefly look at SND-2159, and this is
16 an extract from the registers kept by the Sisters of
17 Nazareth. It again gives some details about you: the
18 fact you were born in the Jubilee Maternity Hospital in
19 Belfast, where you were baptised, your mother's name,
20 the fact that she was a domestic, the fact that you were
21 recommended by the Catholic curate, and you were in
22 Termonbacca from until Again you
23 saw this document for the first time today.

24 **A. Correct.**

25 Q. Now can I ask, HIA130, what about your first memory of

1 being in Termonbacca?

2 **A. My first memory would have been in the nursery waking**
3 **up to sounds of children screaming who were being beaten**
4 **by a member of the lay staff. Usually it started with**
5 **some shouting at the child and then they would have been**
6 **beaten on the feet.**

7 Q. You talk about this in paragraph 5 of your witness
8 statement.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. If we could go back to page SND-2145, please. You say
11 that you would have been between age 3 and 5 when you
12 were in the nursery.

13 **A. Correct.**

14 Q. You recall, as you say, waking up and you say the
15 children were being beaten with a stick and these were
16 the children who had wet themselves in the nursery. Is
17 that correct?

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

19 Q. Wet the bed. You don't know what that stick was --

20 **A. No.**

21 Q. -- but this was carried out by one of the lay workers.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. You give her name in that statement, but having spoken
24 to me this afternoon, you have given a different
25 surname, which may sound phonetically similar to the one

1 you have given to the Inquiry.

2 **A. Yes. I have only learned recently that that was her --**
3 **I thought it was " or -- " or ",**
4 **but the name I gave you is what I've been told is the**
5 **correct name.**

6 Q. Thank you. You describe her there and you say that you
7 also remember yourself crying as she stood over you.

8 **A. Sure, yes.**

9 Q. Do you ever remember your mother visiting the home when
10 you were there?

11 **A. I do indeed, yes.**

12 Q. I think you talk about this at paragraph 11. If we
13 could go on to that. If we could just scroll down that
14 paragraph to -- you say whatever happened you were
15 not -- you talk about:

16 "There was a discussion at one stage when I was
17 about 7 of me being taken out of the home to go to
18 with my mother."

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

20 Q. You go on to describe what happened, but you remember
21 there was one occasion when she had visited you --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- and there were two nuns in the corridor talking but
24 in front of her, and you say that you were not, in fact,
25 taken out of the home to go to with her, that

1 you say there was a parish priest involved and that he
2 advised your mother to leave you there with the Sisters.

3 **A. Yes, because the Sisters had categorised me as mad and**
4 **they prevailed upon my mother through the influence of**
5 **this priest to leave me in Termonbacca, and I thought**
6 **maybe that it was out of purely financial gain for them,**
7 **but I also think that it is possible that they didn't**
8 **want people leaving Termonbacca who might recount**
9 **adverse experiences to their parents or siblings, and**
10 **I think that that's probably the reason why I was kept**
11 **in there, but regard... -- I do have a memory of them**
12 **calling me names like "crackpot", "amadan". "You're**
13 **nothing but a hindrance." "Devil" seemed to be --**
14 **"reprobate". These were -- you know, words were -- and**
15 **I'm only a kid of maybe 6 and 7 and, you know, I began**
16 **to wonder, Maybe I am a devil", you know. It plays --**
17 **it obviously had an effect, you know, but they even in**
18 **front of my mother -- I remember them abusing me in**
19 **front of her. They made out that I was a mental defect**
20 **to her, that I was uncontrollable. So ...**

21 **Q. Just for the benefit of the Inquiry, you used the word**
22 **"amadan" --**

23 **A. Yes.**

24 **Q. -- which, as I understand it, is Irish for "fool". Is**
25 **that correct?**

1 **A. Yes. Yes.**

2 Q. You talked in paragraph --

3 **A. May I say something? I didn't realise at the time that**
4 **that is what "amadan" meant, but I learned subsequently**
5 **years later, "Oh, Jeez, that's what they were calling**
6 **me", you know.**

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 **A. So ...**

9 Q. Certainly your mother in any way -- in any event she did
10 give into the pressure.

11 **A. Yes, she did, yes.**

12 Q. She left and went to where she went on to have
13 two other children.

14 **A. Well, she ended up in . I don't know exactly**
15 **when she went, but I assume that it was around '7... --**
16 **' or , something like that.**

17 Q. And you have since met up with her in --

18 **A. I did.**

19 Q. -- and with your half brother and sister. Isn't that
20 right?

21 **A. My mother did confirm to me, by the way, that they did**
22 **say that I was mad to her. So, you know, she probably**
23 **thought she was getting more of a handful than she**
24 **needed if she got me. You know what I mean? Also my**
25 **sister recollects that my mother had planned to take me**

1 out. My sister had talked with my mum before she died.
2 So there is a memory there. She told me that
3 subsequently, you know.

4 Q. But you were also visited at one stage you remember
5 after your mum had left the country by an aunt and your
6 grandmother.

7 A. That's correct, yes.

8 Q. You talk about that again in paragraph 12 and you talk
9 about your mother going to and then the fact
10 that you subsequently were able to meet up with them you
11 feel helped you in later life.

12 A. Absolutely.

13 Q. Did you -- you yourself while you were in the home --
14 you were there for a substantial period of time, some
15 fourteen years. You made friends with some of the other
16 boys in the home. Isn't that correct?

17 A. Yes, I did, yes.

18 Q. I think at paragraph 40 of your statement, which is at
19 page -- it's -- you say that you still meet up now and
20 then with some of the ex-home boys, as you describe
21 them.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You talk in paragraph 17 -- you say that with regards
24 to -- you talk about your education and you say your
25 first primary school was Nazareth House, Bishop Street.

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

2 Q. You say the teachers there were all right, but you
3 didn't feel that you were being nurtured properly at
4 school and that you weren't getting the help at home
5 that you needed. You do remember being full of beans
6 and wanting to learn and you believe that that desire to
7 learn was knocked out of you.

8 **A. I believed that because of the neglect that was visited
9 upon me when I came back from school with homework,
10 asking for help with the homework and being berated for
11 asking for help by one of the sisters, and I became --
12 I would say I was living in a state of fear, because
13 when she got angry, she got violent, and I kind of
14 learned that you, you know, just don't bother annoying
15 this lady if possible.**

16 Q. HIA130, I'm going to ask that you look at a document now
17 which is something again that I showed to you this
18 afternoon and it's SND1... -- 2175. Sorry. SND-2175.
19 I have explained that we have received several documents
20 both from the Sisters of Nazareth and from Social
21 Services.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. You will see that this is a letter written by Northern
24 Special Care and it's written to one of the nuns in
25 Termonbacca --

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. -- and it's dated 31st January 1967.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. It says:

5 "Dear sister,

6 As you know, I saw the following three boys on
7 Thursday and Friday last week."

8 It gives your name and it describes you as having
9 been there since the age of 2. I am just going pause

10 there and say in you would have been about

11 and a half --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- at that stage.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. "He is illegitimate and his mother lives in . He

16 has been attending school but has been slow to learn.

17 He is habit trained and can feed himself and attend to

18 his personal hygiene. However, as you told me, his

19 behaviour in the home and in school has been difficult;

20 he can be rough with the other children and, as you say,

21 it is hard to care for him in his present environment."

22 He goes on to say:

23 "On psychometric testing with the Terman Merrill LM

24 form he have a mental age of 5 years, 4 months, which

25 makes his IQ in the region of 70. He can only write his

1 name and can only do the most simplest of additions.
2 His concentration was hard to sustain. He was much
3 better at performance tests than conceptible tests. He
4 is left-handed. He does not come under the requirements
5 for special care. He is definitely educationally
6 subnormal."

7 Now again you saw this document for the first time
8 today. What do you want to say about that, HIA130?

9 **A. I would believe that I was deficient, because I wasn't**
10 **getting the proper nurturing or attention, you know, to**
11 **thrive in a learning environment. You need support and**
12 **I wasn't getting that at home. I was getting abuse.**
13 **I'm a devil, a crackpot, amadan, you know, hindrance,**
14 **nothing but a hindrance. That is what I was getting.**
15 **That was my early support as a child.**

16 Q. Can I just ask the -- there will be two other documents
17 put up and it may be possible to put these up side by
18 side. They are SND-2181 and SND-2182. Now these
19 appear, HIA130, to be two school reports relating to
20 you, and if we can look at SND-2182, first of all, it's
21 undated --

22 **A. Um.**

23 Q. -- but it says it's "Report for First Term" and it looks
24 as though from the subject matters that this would have
25 been a secondary school report, and it describes the

1 grade mark, the percentage mark that you would have got
2 in certain subjects.

3 **A. Um.**

4 Q. English 5%, Irish 5%, maths 0%.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. Science 4%, history 2%, geography 0%, metalwork 30%,
7 suggesting you were good with your hands in any event.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. It describes the marks as "sensible". It says your
10 behaviour is poor and you are inclined to be cheeky to
11 teachers. It is signed by a form master, .
12 Have you any recollection of -- sorry.

13 CHAIRMAN: Can that be enlarged?

14 MS SMITH: Can we just enlarge SND --

15 CHAIRMAN: Where it says "Remarks" ...

16 MS SMITH: "Remarks". "Remarks: Terrible." I thought it
17 said "Sensible."

18 CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think so.

19 MS SMITH: It's hard to make out.

20 **A. "You're poor." What?**

21 Q. Do you just see that there, HIA130, where it says
22 "Remarks"?

23 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

24 Q. Can I ask you do you remember a teacher called at
25 school?

1 **A. No, I don't quite recall the name, but I think that's**
2 **probably a bit harsh. I don't think I was terrible.**

3 Q. Well, can we just look at the other document, SND-2181?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. This has got a date on it.

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. This is in , when you would have been aged

8

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. So you would have been at secondary school for some
11 time, and in that document, which seems to certainly
12 give a different picture of your school life --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- it says that in English language you had a B, in
15 maths you had a B, metalwork C, science B, art B,
16 woodwork C and tech drawing B. It describes you in the
17 "Comments" section as:

18 "A good pupil. Tries hard to please. Makes
19 a genuine effort. Discipline generally quite good.
20 Attendance throughout the school year has been
21 satisfactory. Contribution to sports excellent."

22 **A. Yes. I was pretty -- I actually won "Athlete of The**
23 **Year" on my last year at school --**

24 Q. And --

25 **A. -- but regarding the other, English, maths, I was**

1 practically illiterate when I left school. I had --
2 I had to learn -- I had to seek remedial help when
3 I~left Termonbacca to address my deficiencies in
4 literacy, and I -- that there is complete forgery or
5 it's inaccurate. It's a lie in my opinion, that last
6 one, because I was not that good at English or maths.
7 I might have been all right at metalwork. I was good at
8 sports, you know.

9 Q. Certainly these two school reports give very conflicting
10 views --

11 A. **Absolutely. Yes, they do.**

12 Q. -- of your ability.

13 A. **Yes. Well, you know, it's nice that you see something**
14 **like that with a B against English and maths.**
15 **I never -- I never even sat an exam.**

16 Q. HIA130, if we can go back to other matters at
17 Termonbacca --

18 A. **Sure.**

19 Q. -- if we can go back to your witness statement, please,
20 which is at SND-215... -- if we can go to paragraph 27.
21 Sorry. Page 2151 -- no -- 52. In that paragraph you
22 talk about that there were a lot of guys who had
23 problems wetting the bed.

24 A. **Yes.**

25 Q. You talk about them having a mackintosh placed on their

1 bed to protect the mattress. The first thing you would
2 hear in the morning would be the wet-the-beds getting up
3 and they would be trotted down to the wash area and
4 bathed in Jeyes Fluid.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. Can I ask, first of all: you were not one of these
7 wet-the-beds?

8 **A. No. I never seemed to have a problem with that.**

9 Q. But your recollection is of other boys wetting the beds
10 --

11 **A. Oh, yes.**

12 Q. -- and being taken down to be bathed in Jeyes Fluid?

13 **A. I also remember when we were in the old building --**
14 **I might have been about 7 or 8 at the time -- but on one**
15 **occasion I do recall some of the wet-the-beds were taken**
16 **out into kind of a courtyard area and hosed down, you**
17 **know. That's one incident that I recall, but normally**
18 **they would have been taken down and bathed in Jeyes**
19 **Fluid or some other or maybe just a bath or whatever,**
20 **you know, but I think the older ones -- this was**
21 **happening to -- in the old dormitory or the old building**
22 **-- that the older of the wet-beds got kind of a slightly**
23 **more severe punishment, because they're just fed up with**
24 **these guys wetting all the time, you know. So they take**
25 **them out, hose them down out in that courtyard. There**

1 was -- there would have been changing rooms and a door
2 that would have led out towards that area and that's
3 where it happened. I do recall that.

4 Q. You talked about the old building and we've heard from
5 other people that the old building was knocked down --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- and the boys moved into temporary accommodation.

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Then you moved back into the new building when it was
10 built. Do you recollect when approximately the old
11 building ceased to be operational, as it were?

12 A. Well, I reckon that it's probably around 1969 or '70,
13 maybe even '71, but I'm guessing between '69 and '71.

14 Q. You have experience of having lived in the new building
15 after it was built.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. At paragraph 18 of your statement at page SND-2149 and
18 SND-2150 you talk about:

19 "From the age of 10 or 11 we were sent out to work
20 on the nuns' farm" --

21 A. Um.

22 Q. That's the farm that was at Termonbacca?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- "from late September to November, maybe a six or
25 seven week period around harvest time."

1 You were up every morning and out picking potatoes,
2 and you did that until the age of 16.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You say that you weren't as fast as some of the other
5 boys and you remember actually being beaten by one of
6 the farmers.

7 **A. Correct.**

8 Q. You were sent down to the home and you refused to go
9 back up. You think you were about 13 or 14 at the time.

10 **A. I believe about 13 anyway.**

11 Q. You were punished by the nun when you refused to go back
12 up after she tried to get you to do so.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Do you remember anything else about chores or work in
15 the home?

16 **A. They had a laundry. You know, they might have had you**
17 **do some -- like take stuff up to the laundry, throw it**
18 **in the machine, not necessarily be there watching it or**
19 **whatever, but they also might have -- I do recall when**
20 **the new building was built, that I would have been down**
21 **by the big football pitch and would have done manual**
22 **work digging a foundation for pavements to go around the**
23 **whole football pitch. I along with other boys did that**
24 **work. We were like navvies.**

25 Q. Can you say anything to the Inquiry about the issue of

1 numbering? Some of the other people who have come to us
2 have spoken to us about numbering.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. What is your memory of that?

5 **A. There was a system of identifying children's apparel.**

6 The kind of procedure that would have entailed would
7 have been your dirty laundry was thrown -- usually
8 underwear this seemed to be -- underwear would have been
9 placed either in a basket or in a sheet, and my
10 recollection is of SR2 going through the laundry and
11 looking for stains on the -- especially the under... --
12 the briefs, looking for stains, and if there were any
13 like excrement marks or other stains, wet like urine
14 stains, she would have placed that -- called the number
15 out, you know, spoke rather harshly to the individual
16 concerned, and as a form of humiliation it would have
17 been placed over their head with the stain towards their
18 nose.

19 Q. Can I ask about special occasions in the home?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Christmas and Hallowe'en --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- can you remember how those were celebrated or what's
24 your recollection of that?

25 **A. Well, I did have some enjoyable times. Hallowe'en there**

1 would have been parties. I do recall that we would have
2 gone to a British Army base in I think it was Eppington
3 Barracks around October -- no, no, it wouldn't be -- 5th
4 November, Guy Fawkes Day. There would have been
5 a fireworks display and we'd have been treated, you
6 know, to food and beverages, and as a matter of fact
7 I learned how to shoot a weapon over at that base,
8 a 202. I think I was about 10 at the time, you know.
9 That was quite enjoyable.

10 Q. And at Christmas?

11 A. Christmas yes, there was plenty of parties. Main... --
12 like, there would have been -- there used to be a ship
13 pulled in by the Foyle -- by the quay, and we would have
14 been -- the children would have been invited aboard this
15 ship and we would have had a party there. It was great,
16 and presents and what have you, you know. We also went
17 to the American base and had parties there, and also to
18 the fire station. Yes, there were some good parties.

19 Q. And do you remember music being a feature in the home?

20 A. Yes. HIA27, I thought he was very good, you know.
21 I did get chosen to be in the choir and was rather
22 pleased with that at the time, but it didn't last too
23 long, because the -- the old building was getting
24 demolished and they packed in the band and the choir
25 after that. I guess they just didn't have the

1 facilities at that time.

2 Actually I thought there was more structure in the
3 older building, because there was more of a routine.
4 You had the choir. You had the band, you know. Things
5 I thought were a bit more organised in the old building
6 at that -- it was strange to say, you know. It was
7 substandard, but they seemed to have a better routine.

8 Q. Can I ask what was the position with regard to pocket
9 money in the home?

10 A. Yes. I would have been given pocket money. I remember
11 about 7 going down town. We used to go down in a small
12 group together, you know, two or three as a group, and
13 go, you know, buy whatever, but that seemed to stop in
14 the transition from one -- from the old building to the
15 new building -- not the new building but the temporary
16 accommodation. The money seemed -- whether it was
17 because of my alleged misbehaving, money was withheld,
18 you know. I didn't get the pocket money that I should
19 have got, and when I did get money, it was around about
20 Christmas time to buy a present, and I usually bought
21 the staff presents, you know. I didn't really buy much
22 for myself.

23 Q. Can you recollect how much money you might have got?

24 A. Maybe about -- at Christmas time probably -- I do
25 remember buying quite a few presents. So I would have

1 **said it was about maybe £20.**

2 Q. What about day trips from the home?

3 **A. Yes, we would have gone to Buncrana once a year. We**

4 **would have done a trip to the Downings. There were**

5 **excursions down to Carrowmena during the summer time.**

6 **I also was taken out by a family for holidays. So, yes,**

7 **there was a lot of trips, you know, throughout the year.**

8 Q. Can I ask that there are a number of documents we put on

9 the screen now? These are actually -- they start

10 chronologically at SND-2186 and then go backwards to

11 SND-2183. So they have been numbered incorrectly in the

12 bundle, Chairman and Panel Members, but you'll see that

13 this is a document that we have received. Again we are

14 not clear, but we believe that we may have received this

15 from Social Services, but it appears to be a handwritten

16 document kept by the Sisters and it is entitled "Case

17 History".

18 **A. May I say something about that? That is SR2's**

19 **handwriting. I recognise that writing.**

20 Q. That's very helpful, HIA130, because we certainly were

21 unclear as to who had written this document --

22 **A. Um.**

23 Q. -- but that would confirm what we believed, which is

24 that it was a document that was maintained by the

25 Sisters.

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. It is about you and only about you.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You'll see that the details that we've already gone over
5 are included in that first page, and if we can perhaps
6 scroll backwards rather than forwards to SND-1... --
7 SND-2185 -- sorry -- this is a continuation of that
8 document.

9 If we can look at the right-hand side, there seems
10 to be a photograph. Do you recognise that as yourself,
11 first of all? I know it's very poor quality.

12 **A. I don't think that's me. It looks more like Bruce Lee.**

13 Q. It's certainly difficult to make out and you can't make
14 out any features from that, but there's note to the side
15 which says:

16 "This is HIA130 taken at school, April 1971."

17 There may have been another photograph attached to
18 this document.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. There certainly seems to have been a gap and what looks
21 as though there might have been the remains of sellotape
22 on that page to the left.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. Where the photograph is it's written:

25 " . HIA130 had his birthday. He

1 received many little gifts from the Sisters and his
2 pals. He also got a gift from the family", who you went
3 to go out with at holidays, "who takes him for the
4 holidays."

5 Do you remember your 11th birthday?

6 **A. I do remember my birthday, but I don't remember getting**
7 **any presents. Usually what I would have got, they would**
8 **have sent you down to the kitchen for some -- an extra**
9 **portion of food maybe, you know. That seemed to be what**
10 **we got.**

11 Q. It goes on then and describes 1st July 1971 and it talks
12 about you going off today for two months with the family
13 and it gives their address.

14 **A. Um.**

15 Q. It goes on to describe how you came back on
16 2nd September, that:

17 "The gentleman brought **HIA 130** home today -- this
18 afternoon. All the family seemed to be very fond of him
19 and he seemed to have enjoyed his holiday."

20 Then if we could go, please, to the preceding page,
21 which is SND-2185 -- sorry -- SND-2184. I beg your
22 pardon. We were on 2185. Again this is a chronological
23 continuation of this case history.

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. You'll see to the right-hand side it talks about you

1 attending the dentist and getting three fillings,
2 visiting the dentist, going out with the family for the
3 summer holidays again --

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. -- and returning to school. Some of this document
6 unfortunately is cut off at the margin, but it says you
7 returned home for school in the, presumably, evening.
8 Something about toys.

9 "Tried to do his best at times. He is inclined to
10 be a bit wild. Has to be checked occasionally.
11 [Something.] At school his teacher has complained about
12 ... ", your behaviour presumably. "He is inclined to be
13 cheeky but takes correction in good [something]."

14 It goes on:

15 "Received a Christmas card and 50p from", the family
16 you used to go out with.

17 Do you remember in 1972 receiving a Christmas card
18 from the family you spent holidays with?

19 **A. No, I do not recall receiving any Christmas card or 50p.**

20 Q. It goes on that in February 1973 it says that you have
21 joined the cross-country racing in school. Every
22 Tuesday evening you go for a practice.

23 "He seems very interested in it."

24 **A. Yes. I was interested in athletics at the time.**

25 Q. It talks about you going on to a school trip and then

1 visiting the dentist. Then on :

2 "HIA 130 celebrated his 13th birthday. We gave him
3 a tracksuit, with which he was delighted, as he can wear
4 it for games at school."

5 Do you remember your 13th birthday?

6 **A. Yes, I do and I -- I would say that I probably did get
7 the tracksuit, because I remember having a tracksuit.
8 I assumed I probably got that as a present.**

9 Q. Then it describes on June 23rd:

10 "Today we have our usual annual sports day. HIA 130
11 took part and won a medal for running."

12 Was there sports day in Termonbacca?

13 **A. Well, there was in the old building, but I don't --
14 I don't recall a sports day in -- 1973, was it?**

15 Q. Yes. That was -- that was --

16 **A. No, I don't -- I don't recall that. I remember earlier
17 that they used to have sack races, and like they did
18 have some sports days, but when -- when the situation
19 was in flux, when they were moving into -- and we would
20 have been in the temporary accommodation at that time --
21 they might not have had -- I don't think they had sports
22 at that time, you know. They didn't have the facility
23 --**

24 Q. Is it --

25 **A. -- which was being rebuilt.**

1 Q. Is it possible that they did and you maybe just don't
2 remember?

3 **A. Oh, no. Sorry. I'm mistaken. You know, they would**
4 **have. Maybe '73 I think the new building opened, yes.**

5 Q. So it is possible that there was sports day then?

6 **A. It's possible, yes.**

7 Q. If we could go then to SND-2183, it talks about you
8 going out to the family again and out until the end of
9 August:

10 "Enjoys going out. He also settles well when he",
11 I presume, "comes home."

12 It talks about you having a sore throat. Again on
13 that side of the page it talks about -- it talks
14 actually about you going -- I presume that's with the
15 school -- to Bunrana for cross-country running or
16 racing. Would you have gone on cross-country runs with
17 the school?

18 **A. Yes, I definitely went on meetings.**

19 Q. It talks again about you going to the dentist. Then on
20 the right-hand side it says:

21 "HIA 130 was off school for a week with the mumps. He
22 saw the doctor, who prescribed a bottle for him. He is
23 now well and back at school again."

24 Do you remember having the mumps?

25 **A. Yes, I do.**

1 Q. Then on 18th December and again this would be 1973:

2 **HIA 130** received a Christmas card and £1 from the
3 family who takes him out for summer holidays.

4 Incidentally Mr X is an ex-Termonbacca boy. He is very
5 happily married and has got a lovely family."

6 Did you know that the family took you -- who took
7 you out, that --

8 **A. I didn't know at the time that he was an ex-Termonbacca**
9 **boy, but they were a very good family.**

10 Q. Then it is dated 25th to 6th January 1974. This entry
11 is presumably written after 6th January, since it seems
12 to cover that period, which would probably have
13 coincided with the Christmas holidays from school:

14 "**HIA 130** received many gifts for Christmas. Among
15 them was an aircraft which he built himself and attached
16 an engine to it, which he -- which he took from another
17 toy. **HIA 130** is very useful with his hands. He hopes to
18 be an electrician one day."

19 Do you remember getting a toy?

20 **A. Well, I do -- I do remember building model aircraft and**
21 **ships and stuff like that.**

22 Q. That seems to be the last entry that we have on that
23 document.

24 Can you say, HIA130, whether you ever remember
25 seeing anybody from Social Services ever visiting the

1 home during your time there?

2 **A. I've no recollection of them visiting me, although I did**
3 **hear the name of someone called . Mrs name**
4 **used to be mentioned all the time.**

5 Q. You talk about this at paragraph 29 of your statement at
6 page SND-2153 and you say there that in later years
7 there was another social worker, who you name in that as
8 SND332.

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. You say he was a more frequent visitor. We have heard
11 evidence -- the Inquiry has heard evidence this morning
12 that, in fact, SND332 had an office in Termonbacca. Is
13 that your recollection?

14 **A. I do remember -- I have a vague memory of him having**
15 **an office, and I -- I think it was adjacent to the --**
16 **no. It would have been along the corridor of the new**
17 **build. There seemed to be a small office there.**

18 Q. Did you ever have any dealings with SND 332 or
19 speak to him at all?

20 **A. I did speak with him, but I'm not quite sure whether**
21 **this is -- I might have been -- I'd come back on a visit**
22 **to Termonbacca and met him or whether I was a resident**
23 **at the time. Nevertheless he didn't seem to impact on**
24 **my care, because the nuns had a way of controlling their**
25 **groups, you know, and a lot of the people would be**

1 afraid to speak out if there was something awry, you
2 know.

3 Q. Do you ever remember anybody else visiting Termonbacca
4 when you were there?

5 A. Yes. I do remember Phil Coulter, the musician, coming
6 up, a few occasions, and he would have played the piano
7 and the kids would have been around and they would have
8 been singing, you know, some of the songs that maybe he
9 wrote, you know.

10 Also I remember John Hume visiting on one occasion.
11 This was probably just after the new building was
12 opened, you know. So I suppose he came up to, you know,
13 pay a visit to the nuns and they brought him over to see
14 the kids.

15 Q. And what about -- other boys have talked about SND131
16 and about Christmas concerts. Have you any recollection
17 about that?

18 A. In the old building there would have been -- I would
19 have been quite young then. I would have been between 7
20 and 9 years of age -- say 7 and 10 years of age, because
21 I'm not quite sure if it's '69 or '70 when they knocked
22 that place down, but, yes, the bishop would have visited
23 the place and they did put a concert on at that time,
24 and I do believe he fell through the floor because of
25 some sort of wood rot or something, you know, or there

1 **was a story like that at the time going around.**

2 **I don't -- I didn't personally witness it, you know, but**
3 **I heard that.**

4 Q. Now, HIA130, I'm going to take you to some of the
5 specific allegations you make in your statement.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. If we can go, first of all, to page SND-2145 at
8 paragraph 6 -- sorry. It perhaps should be -- you talk
9 there about a particular nun whom you name. You will
10 see that she has been given a designation on the
11 document before you as well.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. You say that:

14 "She would chastise children with something that
15 looked like a spatula. She would whack them on the
16 backside with this thing and I recall her doing this in
17 the shower room and this all happened in the nursery."

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. You also then talk at paragraph 11 about abuse by older
20 boys. You say that:

21 "At a certain time of the day, usually about 7.00 in
22 the evening, the nuns would go over to church to say
23 their prayers. They would be gone maybe an hour or two
24 and we were left in the charge of one of the older boys.
25 They would go wild with the power the nuns had given to

1 them."

2 They would beat you up or slap you around, and you
3 talk then about the discussion about you leaving, and
4 you say that when there was a discussion about you
5 leaving, that the attitude of the nuns actually changed
6 towards you when there was some suggestion that you
7 might be going, or at least that was your perception.

8 Is that correct?

9 **A. Can you repeat that? Sorry.**

10 Q. I beg your pardon. In this paragraph you say:

11 "There was discussion at one stage when I was about
12 7" --

13 **A. Oh, yes.**

14 Q. -- "of me being taken out of the home to go to
15 with my mother."

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

17 Q. You felt at that time the attitude of the sisters and
18 particularly of one nun, who you talk about later,
19 changed.

20 **A. That's correct.**

21 Q. You felt she was more friendly towards you at that time
22 --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- but you were, in fact, terrified of her.

25 **A. I was indeed.**

1 Q. You say that you had probably said something to your
2 mother about what was happening, but that they told you,
3 as you described earlier -- they told your mother that
4 you were, in fact, mad.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. You talk about this incident, which you talked about
7 before, about your mother visiting and the nuns talking
8 about you in front of her --

9 **A. Um.**

10 Q. -- and to her and then not being taken away by her.

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. But you talk about -- essentially what you are saying,
13 that the older boys were left in charge of you by the
14 nuns and they were abusive towards you at that time or
15 abusive towards the younger children.

16 **A. Yes, they were, yes.**

17 Q. At paragraph 9 of your statement you talk about
18 a particular incident when you were in the junior
19 dormitory, and one of these older boys, whom you name --

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- took you down to a hut on the side of the football
22 field and you describe in that paragraph how he sexually
23 assaulted you. You say this only happened to you one
24 time during your time in Termonbacca.

25 **A. Well, there were other incidences, but I don't recall**

1 **who they were. You know what I mean? It's like -- and**
2 **the extent of the sexual abuse was not like a violent**
3 **rape or anything, like. It was somebody rubbing**
4 **themselves up against you or -- you know, it wasn't --**
5 **thank God! I can only say that, you know.**

6 Q. You talked at paragraph 10 about how you -- what you
7 describe, the treatment that you received, was a form of
8 mental cruelty, that the Sisters degraded you, verbally
9 and physically abused you, and you have given examples
10 earlier of the words they used towards you.

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. You name one nun in particular as being -- having
13 engaged in this type of activity and this type of name
14 calling. You do say that you were threatened by saying
15 that you would be taken to Muckamore Abbey.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Did you know what Muckamore Abbey was at that time?

18 **A. No, I wouldn't have known, but I later learned it was**
19 **a mental institution.**

20 Q. And you talk about an incident in that paragraph when
21 one nun who you name, and she's described here as SR2,
22 force fed you custard, because you felt you had some
23 sort of allergy to custard and couldn't eat it, and you
24 were force fed it.

25 **A. Well, any time that I consumed custard, it regurgitated**

1 on me and I just couldn't stand the stuff, and so
2 therefore I decided that I wouldn't take any dessert as
3 a consequence of that, and I was in the refectory in
4 front of the other boys and I was force fed this.

5 I remember the spoon being forced through my teeth with
6 the custard and down my throat, and even though I was
7 gagging, it was being forced. I was regurgitating the
8 custard and it was still being forced down, and
9 eventually it came out over this particular nun, and
10 I was beaten about the face and I was beaten until
11 I seen stars.

12 Q. You talk about other actions by this particular nun, who
13 we've identified as SR2.

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. You talk about her again at paragraph 13. You say there
16 was another incident involving her when you were about
17 10 or 11. You say you got bored during the rosary at
18 mass. So on this occasion you got up, went to the
19 toilet and she followed you, called you out and, as you
20 describe it, beat the hell out of you across the face.

21 A. Well, I didn't particularly like doing the rosary.
22 That's just -- you know. So I used to say to sister,
23 "I feel a bad bowel movement coming on" or something,
24 make an excuse to get out of it, and I went off to the
25 toilet, and she followed -- on one occasion she followed

1 me over. I probably was doing this for a while, and she
2 followed me over and beat the snot out of me, you know.
3 I was made to go over to the church, say my rosary for
4 my sins.

5 Q. Then at paragraph 14 you talk about -- you've already
6 said you went to holidays at Carrowmena and you were
7 maybe about 10, and you didn't do what you were told to
8 do by this particular nun. She chastised you and then
9 got close and said, "Wait till I get you back". When
10 you returned to Derry, you say she gave you a beating
11 with the flex of an electric kettle. You say that
12 became a pattern and that she continued to beat you
13 until you were about 14.

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. That it usually happened once or twice a week and that
16 you felt that that had a knock-on effect on your ability
17 to learn at school.

18 A. Absolutely. I believe that I was in a state of fear.
19 I would say that I was in -- I know that people who are
20 abused go into what they call a hyper state of arousal
21 and it affects their ability to learn. It can even
22 affect your physical health. Your development, your
23 brain development, can shrink as a consequence of that.
24 So I do believe that impacted on my ability to learn.

25 Q. You go on to say that there was an occasion -- this is

1 in paragraph 15 -- when you were sick. She came to feed
2 you and you -- when you finished eating the food,
3 because you were able to eat the food --

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. -- she then thought you were pretending to be ill. Is
6 that correct?

7 **A. Well, whatever notion she took, she didn't believe that**
8 **I was sick and beat me pretty severely. I mean, I had**
9 **a headache. I think I had a temperature or something,**
10 **you know, but I was in -- I had a headache even before**
11 **she started on me, but I definitely -- you know,**
12 **I didn't bluff being sick, but she thought that I had,**
13 **you know. Why she thought that I don't know, you know.**
14 **She wasn't -- you would have thought that they might**
15 **have taken a temperature. They would have had basic**
16 **nursing skills or something, you know, if you're looking**
17 **after children who are sick or whatever.**

18 Q. You don't remember your temperature being taken at any
19 time, HIA130?

20 **A. No, no.**

21 Q. You say you were 13 at this time, and you say that she
22 also beat another resident, who you name, so hard on one
23 occasion that he had to actually be kept off school.

24 **A. That's correct.**

25 Q. You say that she beat you leaving welts on your legs,

1 back and arms, and would hit you with the open palm
2 across your face.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You say that abuse from her went on for years.

5 **A. It did.**

6 Q. You say she didn't do it in front of everybody. This is
7 at paragraph 16. She would call you down when the lay
8 staff were gone. She did beat you on occasions -- on
9 occasion in front of other staff, but not as severely as
10 when you were alone with her.

11 **A. That's correct.**

12 Q. You say it was like a frenzy and she would lose her
13 temper.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. You describe being left with welts on your front, back,
16 legs and arms. She would also hit you on the head, and
17 you describe the flex as her implement of choice, saying
18 you believe she wanted to inflict pain and it was
19 sadistic.

20 **A. Absolutely.**

21 Q. You then relate when you were 14 that you effectively
22 put up a fight against this, and you describe how you
23 blocked her hand, grabbed on to this flex, and that
24 there was a struggle with it, and you said it was like
25 a knock-down fight. You weren't punching her, but you

1 were restraining her, and you knew not to hit her, but
2 you were just stopping her from hitting you, as you
3 weren't taking the beatings any more.

4 A. I had had enough of the torture and decided to -- I just
5 couldn't take it any more, and ...

6 Q. Just take your time, HIA130.

7 A. I was beaten so severely with that flex. I think it was
8 inhuman, inhumane to do that. You wouldn't do it to
9 an animal, what they did to us children, teenagers.

10 I put up a resistance, stopped her, disarmed her,
11 restrained her, let her break free. She came back at me
12 with a dustpan brush. Same again, and I was getting
13 quite tired in this struggle, and then at the end of it
14 she came at me with a pair of scissors, and again I was
15 able to disarm her and restrain her and I told her --
16 I says, "You're not going to beat me again ever". She
17 realised that she could not get the better of me on this
18 occasion, and I never was hit by her afterwards, and she
19 never reported the incident to anybody, nor did I, you
20 know. I actually thought, "Well, this is it. Off to
21 St. Pat's", you know, because normally they wouldn't
22 just let you get away with getting the better of them.
23 It's a wonder -- it's a wonder I didn't, but I didn't,
24 I suppose maybe because I didn't use any physical
25 violence. All I did was restrain her, you know.

1 **Sometimes I have contemplated I wish I would have broke**
2 **her nose, you know, but, you know, I didn't.**

3 **I certainly would have gone to St. Pat's then.**

4 Q. Certainly the beatings by this particular nun ended
5 after this incident. Is that correct?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You talk about one other episode involving a lay child.
8 You describe it as having been brutalised. You talk
9 about this at paragraph 20 --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- because you say when you were 14 or 15, another
12 member of the civilian staff, who you name in that
13 paragraph, was -- used you effectively to punish
14 a younger child.

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

16 Q. You say she worked with the children but was very
17 manipulative and often used the older boys to do her
18 dirty work.

19 **A. That's correct.**

20 Q. You say you are not proud of the fact you did this, but
21 you were asked to make this younger boy do certain
22 things. You asked if you had permission to him hit and
23 she authorised you to do so.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. She stood there and watched while you did hit him.

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

2 Q. You don't remember the boy's name but you think he was
3 about 7.

4 **A. I would reckon he was a very young kid. I don't recall**
5 **who he was. I terribly regret having done it, you know.**

6 There were other occasions too where, you know, I --
7 I was a big enough guy, and if somebody crossed me,
8 I would -- I'd hit them, you know, and there's one kid
9 that I gave a black eye to, you know. He's actually
10 dead now. He died of cancer there last year. His name
11 was SND137, and I gave him a black eye, and SR2 kept him
12 back from school rather than have him go to school and
13 people see him with a black eye and question what
14 happened.

15 So they covered up my abuse of somebody as well, you
16 know. Now I should have been taken to Juvenile Court or
17 something for that, you know. Nothing happened there.

18 Q. At paragraph 25 of your statement, HIA130, you talk --
19 this is on page SND-2152 -- you talk about when you were
20 about the age of 7, you and other boys you believe were
21 sedated with medication.

22 **A. That's correct.**

23 Q. You said that this -- two nuns in particular
24 administered this drug, and after receiving it, you felt
25 drowsy, had to sit down, go to sleep or go to bed.

1 **A. Um.**

2 Q. You think it was because you describe yourself as being
3 hyper --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and you say --

6 **A. Well, they would have classed me as overactive or hyper,
7 whatever.**

8 Q. You think as a result of this you and other boys who you
9 name in that statement were given this medication --

10 **A. Yes --**

11 Q. -- and --

12 **A. -- and I don't know to this day what this medication was
13 but, by God, I -- I -- within a short period after
14 taking it I had to go lie down, you know. It was that
15 potent.**

16 Q. You are placing your age at about 7, because you say
17 this was still before the old building had been knocked
18 down.

19 **A. That's correct, yes. I believe that also could have
20 impacted on my education as well, being drowsy at school
21 because of the effects of that medication from the
22 previous day. When I came back from school, they were
23 administering this stuff to me.**

24 Q. You talk about another incident involving another boy
25 who you name at paragraph 30. You say this was

1 an incident involving this other boy who had run away
2 from Termonbacca. He was brought back by two older boys
3 who were sent out to get him and he was taken into the
4 shower room, and you describe there how --

5 **A. Excuse me. May I just use the bathroom a second?**

6 Q. Yes, certainly.

7 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We'll rise for five minutes.

8 (3.10 pm)

9 (Short break)

10 (3.15 pm)

11 MS SMITH: HIA130, we were talking about an incident which
12 involved another boy. If we could pull up again
13 SND-2153, please, on the screens. Again at
14 paragraph 30, if that could just be highlighted or
15 enlarged, there was -- you say this boy had run off and
16 was brought back by older boys. He was taken into the
17 shower, and you say this particular nun again, SR2, told
18 him to get down on his knees, and after she had grilled
19 him about why he had run away, she told him to put his
20 hands together, close his eyes and you say she started
21 kicking him with her boot.

22 **A. Sorry. That's true.**

23 Q. Now just in that same paragraph you talk about another
24 nun who you also saw hit another boy in the face with
25 her fist in the living room, and you say that that

1 particular nun had something against that boy
2 particularly and she used him like a whipping boy.

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

4 Q. She never hit you, but you weren't in her group --

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

6 Q. -- but you do know that that particular nun hit other
7 boys regularly.

8 **A. Oh, yes.**

9 Q. She left the home before you did and she was replaced by
10 nuns who you name in that statement, but again they have
11 been given designations and their names are covered on
12 what we see on the screen.

13 **A. Okay.**

14 Q. Now can I just tell you, HIA130, that the nun that you
15 name, SR2, has provided a witness state to the Inquiry.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. She talks about you and what she recalls at
18 page SND-11653. If that could be put up, please. From
19 paragraph -- highlight from paragraph 59 down to the
20 bottom of that page, please. Now she says:

21 "I recall HIA130 as a pleasant and harmless child.
22 I recall that after he left Nazareth House he went to
23 America to try to find his mother and he did, in fact,
24 find her and I was delighted. He kept in touch with me
25 after he had left Termonbacca. He would have kept in

1 touch after he had left us."

2 You did mention there in your evidence that you did
3 go back to Termonbacca and you thought that's maybe when
4 you might have met SND332.

5 **A. Yes. Now I'm not exactly sure when he began his**
6 **employment there, but I think it was around 1974.**
7 **I couldn't definitively say that.**

8 Q. But in any event what -- the point that I'm making is
9 you accept you did go back to Termonbacca after you
10 left.

11 **A. Oh, I have, yes, yes.**

12 Q. She says she has absolutely no recollection of any
13 incident involving custard, that you were, in fact,
14 allergic to custard or to any other food. What she does
15 say about food was that:

16 "The food we had was limited in choice and the
17 children would have been encouraged at all times to eat
18 what was put in front of them. We would not have wanted
19 the children to be hungry and the food was as nutritious
20 and balanced as we could provide."

21 She goes on to say:

22 "I have never force fed a child and I do not recall
23 any incident when a child was sick on me either in the
24 dining room or anywhere else, and I do not understand
25 where this allegation comes from."

1 **A. Well, I would have to call this sister a prevaricator,**
2 **because she is a congenital liar if that's what she is**
3 **saying.**

4 Q. She does say, looking back, she has to agree with you
5 that they did not have the staff that they needed to
6 look after so many children.

7 "It would have been better to have a significantly
8 larger number of staff, although we simply could not
9 have afforded them."

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. "I think that the lack of staff was unfair to the
12 Sisters who had to look after the boys. This often
13 meant long hours, where the Sisters had to get up early
14 to sort the boys out with their breakfast and so on in
15 the morning, getting them off to school and then
16 ensuring that the house itself was kept clean and tidy,
17 clothes were laundered and repaired."

18 She says that:

19 "We would often be working into the night. I recall
20 on occasions waking up in bed with sewing or darning in
21 front of me, where I'd simply fallen asleep in my bed
22 whilst trying to do some of the repairs. I also think
23 that it was unfair to the children, who could not be
24 shown the level of care, love and affection that they
25 needed, bearing in mind where they came from."

1 **A. Especially her. She didn't show much love to children.**

2 Q. She goes on:

3 "The need to maintain a proper and efficient system
4 properly meant the children did not have the freedom
5 that we would have liked to have given to them."

6 In paragraph 63 of her statement she says:

7 "I note that HIA130 alleges that I struck him, but
8 I can confirm that I never struck a child across the
9 face. I cannot recall striking HIA130 with any
10 implement at all."

11 **A. She's turning into Sister Amnesia now.**

12 Q. You talked about the one girl who you say got you to hit
13 the younger child. She talks about this person and says
14 she recalls that person.

15 "She would have been a girl who volunteered from the
16 local school. She would have come up to help with
17 homework and sometimes on Saturdays to take the boys out
18 into town to go shopping. She would have referred to
19 this as shopping -- we would have referred to this as
20 shopping" --

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. -- "but in reality the boys would have had very little
23 money and would not have been doing a lot of shopping.
24 I recall that this particular volunteer also came over
25 to assist me",

1 when she moved across to . She describes
2 her as a very helpful and caring young lady.

3 **A. I can't concur with that, because she used me as a means**
4 **to punish another child. I can't accept that.**

5 Q. She finally in her statement in relation to you says she
6 notes the allegation concerning the checking of boys'
7 underwear and that it is simply not something she
8 recalls at all and it wasn't their practice to do that.

9 **A. Once again she's lying.**

10 Q. Now you talked about -- I think we've talked about the
11 fact that you went to stay with this particular family
12 who is named in the documents over Christmas -- sorry --
13 summer holidays and at weekends.

14 **A. The . Is that --**

15 Q. Yes.

16 **A. Sorry.**

17 Q. Well, there is no difficulty with you naming them, but
18 obviously they will also be given anonymity, HIA130.

19 **A. Sure.**

20 Q. Can I ask you: apart from them do you recall anyone else
21 or anything else positive about your time in
22 Termonbacca?

23 **A. Oh, yes. There were members of staff who were**
24 **excellent. Chief among them would be SND214, who took**
25 **a personal interest in me, talked with me, guided me,**

1 helped me correct my behaviour. I think if it hadn't
2 been for her, I'd be a right animal, because that's what
3 I was turning into.

4 Q. You have described that during your time there there
5 were changes certainly with regard to the physical
6 structure of the building --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- and you've talked about SND332 coming later in years.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you remember any other changes during that time? Did
11 things get better for you?

12 A. Oh, yes. After that incident where I disarmed the
13 sister their attitude towards me changed. It was more
14 amicable. They were more considerate. I just think
15 they knew that they couldn't beat me up. So they -- you
16 know, maybe they were even afraid I might turn on them,
17 you know, but it definitely improved, you know, I have
18 to say, and I think I improved as well towards -- from
19 14 to 16 I became a more considerate person. I wasn't
20 as violent because, you know, I was raised with violence
21 and I became violent myself. You know, violence was
22 a solution for a lot of problems. It's unfortunate.
23 That's the way it was.

24 Q. But you left Termonbacca when you were about 16. Is
25 that right?

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

2 Q. You say at that stage you yourself got some adult
3 literacy help at that point in time.

4 **A. I did. I was very fortunate in that there was a teacher**
5 **called** , who -- I'll tell you how it
6 **happened. I seen maybe something on television**
7 **advertising about help with literacy. So I called the**
8 **number and I was paired with this lady, lovely lady,**
9 **Miss** . She helped me in my faltering steps
10 **to become literate and she did more for me than the**
11 **Sisters regarding education. That lady is a Protestant,**
12 **you know.**

13 Q. You also say in your statement at page SND-2154 that you
14 were fortunate when you left the home, because there
15 were people you went to in the community who did help
16 you --

17 **A. That's true.**

18 Q. -- and cared for you. You mentioned one of those as the
19 lady SND214, who you have spoken about.

20 **A. She was a relative. Her brother was** and
21 **he -- it is almost like a fostering out. They looked**
22 **after me for a few years and they were very helpful.**

23 Q. You then -- when you went out into the outside world,
24 you got various jobs and then eventually you went off to
25 visit your mother in America --

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

2 Q. -- at her invitation and you stayed in America for some
3 years.

4 **A. I did, yes.**

5 Q. You then returned in 1999 to Northern Ireland. Is that
6 correct?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You got various jobs there, but certainly you were out
9 of work since September 2011.

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

11 Q. Have you managed to find employment since, HIA130?

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. You do talk in your witness statement about meeting up
14 with Sister SR2 at paragraph 37.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. You say that you met up with her about six or seven
17 years ago --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- when she was still working in Derry in Nazareth House
20 at that stage rather than Termonbacca.

21 **A. Can you just repeat that?**

22 Q. Certainly. It is in your witness statement there. You
23 say:

24 "I met up with her about six or seven years ago when
25 she was still working at Nazareth House."

1 **A. That would have been in Belfast.**

2 Q. "She was ill at the time and could only get around with
3 the aid of a walking stick."

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. "She told me that she had received a phone call from
6 ...",

7 another person who you name in that statement.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. "... that he was angry with her and asked her if she
10 remembered the flex."

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. "She told me that she responded by saying, 'Do you
13 remember the flex?'"

14 **A. She says, "Yes, HIA11" or she said, "Yes. Do you
15 remember the flex?" back to him as a retort.**

16 Q. You say that you met up with her because you wanted to
17 see her. You were curious to see how she had changed --

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 Q. -- how she was doing and to let her know --

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- that, despite your upbringing, you were doing fine --

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- but you didn't mention the abuse to her during that
24 conversation at all.

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. You talk about another occasion when you went along to
2 the Nazareth Care Village to see her and you brought
3 someone else with you at that stage.

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

5 Q. You say the visit was more for him than for you, as you
6 felt you had moved on and closed that chapter in your
7 life.

8 **A. I -- I believe -- he bas... -- we were in Belfast and he**
9 **suggested to go over and see her. So I had no problem**
10 **with that, you know.**

11 Q. Now there is -- you wrote in 2004 --

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

13 Q. -- in the Derry Journal. If we could just see that
14 document, please. It is SND-15732. If we could enlarge
15 the text. Now this is a letter. It is dated -- the
16 Derry -- it is an extract from the Derry Journal and it
17 is dated 28th September 2004, and it says:

18 "Sir, may I through your letters column try to give
19 a more balanced view as to how things were in
20 Termonbacca.

21 Yes, times were tough there, like I suppose it was
22 in many institutions, but it was also a place where
23 there was love. How many of us would give up our lives
24 from a young age in the service of unfortunate children
25 who couldn't be looked after by their own families?

1 Let us not lose sight of the fact that in society in
2 general times were very difficult and I, for one, would
3 like to thank the people of Derry who gave their support
4 to the Sisters of Nazareth who ran Termonbacca. In the
5 '60s there was little enough to go around. In this city
6 where there was chronic unemployment -- ie just listen
7 to the song "The town I love so well" -- there was not
8 much work for men but the people still gave money to
9 help.

10 I would like to thank the members of staff who
11 helped make our lives happy. One member in particular",
12 who you have already named here, "whose warm, loving
13 personality, full of fun and good humour I will carry
14 with me all my days. Her brother and his wife were
15 especially good to me. Other members of staff", who you
16 name, "were people who helped light up our lives.

17 May I also pay tribute to the teachers who gave up
18 their time after a day's work at school to coach us at
19 football."

20 You name two people there:

21 "... are two that I remember. Mr ..." -- I think
22 you have given his name -- "was our music teacher.
23 There were arts teachers as well.

24 Thanks also to the members of St. Vincent de Paul",
25 and you name some of them, "and, of course, our very own

1 ... who came up every Saturday and showed movies to the
2 -- to the firemen who organised a party every Christmas,
3 to the workers of Du Pont, who donated money to buy
4 presents for the children at Christmas time every year.

5 To all these people I am grateful, but most
6 importantly to the women who gave up their lives in the
7 service of God to look after children and old folk, the
8 Sisters of Nazareth."

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. "To all who helped me to become the person I am again
11 thank you",

12 and you have signed it with your name.

13 **A. Right.**

14 Q. Now, HIA130, I've been asked to put this letter to you
15 as it suggests a very different picture and a different
16 view of what you feel about the Sisters of Nazareth from
17 what you have expressed to the Inquiry today.

18 **A. Well, now if I may say it like this. The people who**
19 **were good to me I've named. You do not see SR2 as**
20 **a person I named. In general I thanked the nuns for**
21 **giving up their lives, because it's not an easy task to,**
22 **you know -- and I recognise that some of them would have**
23 **gone in there maybe with the best intentions and over**
24 **time through frustration they became corrupted. Now --**
25 **but generally what this is about is to say, you know,**

1 that it wasn't all a nightmare either. Like what you've
2 heard me say so far today is generally about one woman
3 who was very cruel to me and she gets no recognition
4 that letter, but there's other people who were very good
5 to me that I wanted to name as people who were good to
6 me.

7 Q. Did you ever discuss this letter in the press too with
8 that particular nun?

9 A. With?

10 Q. With SR2.

11 A. I -- she -- she was very annoyed at me, because I didn't
12 name her as -- why would I, you know, if she had abused
13 me the way she did? I didn't come out and say in the
14 letter, "Hey, I was abused", you know, but it took me
15 a while to come around to accusing her, because
16 I thought, you know, I -- I thought it was in the past,
17 and basically what changed my mind was when I started
18 reading about developmental psychology for children --
19 how children develop, and when I seen that the -- the
20 negative impacts of child abuse, that's when I said,
21 "I've got to speak up about it".

22 Q. Well, can I ask you as you sit here today, HIA130, how
23 do you now feel about those who cared for you when you
24 were in Termonbacca?

25 A. I like the lay staff particularly. The nuns I think

1 **were a bit aloof and some of them were very cruel, you**
2 **know. I'm here to tell the truth and what you've heard**
3 **from me is the truth today.**

4 **Q.** Is there anything you feel you haven't had the
5 opportunity to express in what we've covered this
6 afternoon or is there anything we've left out that you
7 want to be said?

8 **A. I -- I can't think of anything else.**

9 **Q.** Finally, then, may I ask you -- you're aware that this
10 Inquiry has to make recommendations to the Northern
11 Ireland Executive --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 **Q.** -- about what should happen next by way of either
14 an apology or a memorial or some sort of redress. What
15 would you like to tell the Inquiry of your views of
16 that?

17 **A. I think that there should be some sort of substantive**
18 **material help, ie recompense for damages that were done**
19 **to children. Also I was thinking, you know, people were**
20 **talking about a memorial of sorts, and I would think**
21 **that something better would be like a prize, a small --**
22 **a nominal sum of money to be awarded to a carer that's**
23 **nominated, with reasons, by those who were in their**
24 **care, you know. It doesn't have to be a huge amount of**
25 **money, but it's something that would be positive rather**

1 **than a sterile memorial.**

2 Q. Thank you very much, HIA130, for speaking to us today.

3 The Panel members may have some questions for you --

4 **A. Okay.**

5 Q. -- if you just stay there, please.

6 Questions from THE PANEL

7 CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask you one thing --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- HIA130, about what you have described happening when
10 you think you are 7 or 8, thereabouts, when you were
11 given some form of medication --

12 **A. Yes, sir.**

13 Q. -- you have described as making you rather drowsy --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- if I can put it in those words? Do you ever remember
16 seeing a doctor about that time of your life?

17 **A. No. I know I would have visited surgeries on occasion.**
18 **I went to the hospital on occasion. I injured my arm,**
19 **but I'm not aware that I seen a doctor for any**
20 **medication to be taken to calm me down.**

21 Q. Do you ever remember a -- somebody who, looking back on
22 it, might have been a doctor or a nurse coming to the
23 home to examine you and a number of other boys who you
24 name -- you don't need to give their names now; we know
25 who they are --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- who also you think had this medication?

3 **A. I don't recall anybody visiting us to prescribe --**
4 **I assume you mean prescribe the medicine.**

5 CHAIRMAN: Yes, or did any one of the nuns say, "You've got
6 to take this medicine because Mr X or Mrs Y, the doctor,
7 said you've got to"?

8 **A. No. I just think they thought I was too much of**
9 **a handful and "Calm him down with this stuff". I don't**
10 **know where they got it from, whether, you know -- it's**
11 **possible they might have got it off a doctor, but I'm**
12 **not aware of it.**

13 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Thank you very much.

14 MS DOHERTY: Thanks, HIA130. Just wondering about the
15 bullying by the older boys --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- whether you think the nuns were aware of that,
18 witnessed it or were aware of it.

19 **A. Absolutely they were, as I have already alluded to about**
20 **the young guy I gave a black eye to. I mean, I should**
21 **have been reprimanded for that, probably sent to St.**
22 **Pat's or something for that, but they covered it up.**

23 Q. They didn't do anything with you about that?

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. Okay. Thank you.

1 MR LANE: You mentioned the way that SND214 helped you.

2 **A. Aye, she was a lovely lady, yes.**

3 Q. You say you became much better behaved as a result.

4 **A. Yes, sir.**

5 Q. Could you just give an example of the sort of the thing
6 that she -- you know, what specific sort of thing that
7 she helped you with?

8 **A. Okay. I would have maybe verbally abused somebody, like
9 another kid, and she would say, "You know, that's not
10 nice to do that" and, you know, try and get me to
11 change, and she did. I believe she had a really massive
12 impact on my life, and if we had an institution full of
13 people like that, by God, that would have been some
14 place, you know.**

15 Q. Thank you.

16 **A. All right, sir.**

17 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA130, thank you very much for coming to
18 speak to us today. That's all as far as we're
19 concerned. Thank you.

20 **A. Thank you, sir.**

21 MS SMITH: Thank you, HIA130.

22 (Witness withdrew)

23 MS SMITH: Chairman and Panel Members, that concludes
24 today's evidence.

25 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well. 10.30 tomorrow.

1 (3.38 pm)

2 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning)

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