

1 Thursday, 31 May 2018

2 (10.00 am)

3 LADY SMITH: Good morning. Now we turn to another oral  
4 witness, is that right, Mr MacAulay?

5 MR MacAULAY: Yes, good morning, my Lady. The next witness  
6 wants to remain anonymous and she wants to use the name  
7 "Tess" in giving evidence.

8 "TESS" (affirmed)

9 LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.  
10 Are you happy with the position of that chair? Do feel  
11 free to move it around if you're not, but one thing  
12 I would ask you to is to make sure you're in a good  
13 position for the microphone both so that the people  
14 right at the back of the room and so that the  
15 stenographers can hear you, because they listen to you  
16 through the sound system.

17 A. Thank you.

18 Mr MacAulay.

19 Questions from Mr MacAULAY

20 MR MacAULAY: Good morning, Tess.

21 A. Good morning.

22 Q. The first thing I want to take from you is the year of  
23 your birth, not the date of birth. Can you confirm for  
24 me that you were born in 1961?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. In the red folder in front of you you'll find your  
2 statement. The reference of that for the stenographers  
3 is WIT.001.001.8880. If I could ask you to turn to the  
4 last page, at page 8899, can I ask you to confirm that  
5 you have signed the statement?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Do you also tell us in that last paragraph:

8 "I have no objection to my witness statement being  
9 published as part of the evidence to the inquiry"?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Do you also go on to say:

12 "I believe the facts stated in this witness  
13 statement are true"?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. Tess, as I understand it, it was actually the inquiry  
16 that made contact with you because your name had been  
17 put forward to us on behalf of the Sisters of Nazareth  
18 as someone who we might want to speak to. That's the  
19 background, I think, to you coming to give your  
20 evidence; is that correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. You are someone, although I think you do make some  
23 criticisms of the regime we're about to discuss, you had  
24 fond memories of your time at Nazareth House in  
25 Cardonald.

1 A. Yes, that's correct.

2 Q. And that summarises your position?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Before I come to that, can I just touch briefly on how

5 it came to be that you ended up in care at Cardonald.

6 As I understand from your statement, you come from

7 a family of seven siblings; is that right?

8 A. Uh-huh, that's right.

9 Q. And you were the youngest?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Because of your mother's illness, I think, and in

12 particular when she was giving birth to you, other

13 members of your family were put into care?

14 A. Yes, that's correct.

15 Q. What's your understanding as to that background?

16 A. When my mother was pregnant with my sister immediately

17 before me, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and she

18 was taken into hospital and had a mastectomy. I think

19 back then, they didn't have the same treatments that

20 they have nowadays, I think a mastectomy was basically

21 the treatment that she had and I think she believed that

22 once that had been done, things were okay and that she

23 was probably clear of cancer. So she continued to live

24 her life as normal. Then when she was pregnant with

25 myself, she fell ill towards the end part of the

1 pregnancy and was taken into hospital. And a couple of  
2 days after she went into hospital, I was born. But she  
3 was advised then that the cancer had returned and that  
4 she was seriously ill.

5 Q. Against that background, your siblings were put into  
6 care, I think, at Cardonald; is that right?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. But you were not?

9 A. No.

10 Q. What's your understanding as to what happened to  
11 yourself?

12 A. At that time, because my mum was ill, I was also quite  
13 a poorly baby, where to the point I was baptised shortly  
14 after being born at the hospital and was kept in the  
15 hospital for quite some time before I was then put into  
16 what I believed was a council nursery until I was about  
17 six months old. So that's basically what happened to  
18 myself.

19 Q. When I was saying your siblings were put into care,  
20 I think you had a brother in fact who was not.

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Because he was a bit older than the others?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Just looking to the information we can gather from the  
25 records, it appears that you were admitted to

1 Nazareth House Cardonald on [REDACTED] 1962 when you'd be  
2 about six months old. Of course, you'll have no  
3 recollection of that. Is that your understanding as to  
4 what age you were when you were admitted?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And according to the records, you left Cardonald on  
7 [REDACTED] 1973 when you'd be about 11. How does that fit  
8 in with your own recollection?

9 A. Yes, I do remember leaving around about the tail end of  
10 my primary education, so age-wise it would be about 10  
11 or 11. Yes, that's correct.

12 Q. Again, I think your understanding is that you were in  
13 the nursery when you were at Cardonald and indeed you  
14 may have been the youngest child taken into the nursery;  
15 is that what you understand the case to be?

16 A. Yes, that's what -- certainly my family have always said  
17 to me that Nazareth House had never taken in young  
18 babies before. It was my understanding that it was  
19 generally toddlers from about 2 upwards, so it was  
20 actually unusual for them to take a baby in and, so far  
21 as I'm aware, I was probably one of the first babies to  
22 actually be taken into care at that establishment.

23 Q. Do you have any recollection at all then of being in the  
24 nursery?

25 A. I have only got one sort of clear memory of being in the

1 nursery at the time. I remember it being -- I was  
2 definitely in the nursery because I was on the ground  
3 floor when this incident happened. It's the only kind  
4 of clear memory I've got of being in the nursery and  
5 I don't know exactly what age I would have been, but  
6 I must have been somewhere between 2 and 4. I remember  
7 there was a woman who lived in the convent and she used  
8 to help out in the reception area of the convent, and  
9 I think her name was Mary -- I could be wrong, but  
10 I think her name was Mary.

11 And she ran into -- it was one evening, it was dark  
12 outside and I remember her -- I could hear her voice  
13 shouting, "Sister! Sister! There's a drunk man at the  
14 reception". The sister was the sister who looked after  
15 us at the time --

16 Q. Can you remember her name?

17 A. The only name that springs to mind from me being in the  
18 nursery was Sister **LFT**. She obviously went away and  
19 then came back and came into the room that I was in and  
20 shouted for me to get up because there was a man here to  
21 see me. She says, "Your dad's here". I vaguely  
22 remember that conversation but because of the way that  
23 Mary was, I didn't believe her and I didn't really --  
24 I was too frightened so I kind of hid under the covers  
25 and didn't come up and just kidded on that I was

1 sleeping.

2 Q. And you didn't see him?

3 A. I didn't see him. They just gave up, obviously went  
4 back and told him I wasn't awake or whatever. I don't  
5 know what they said.

6 Q. At a particular age were you moved from the nursery into  
7 the older children's groups?

8 A. Yes. It's usually about 4 or 5 years of age you moved.  
9 I think it was when you were ready to start school you  
10 went out of the nursery and moved into the main groups.

11 Q. Was there a particular group you were moved into?

12 A. I was in the green group.

13 Q. You've mentioned your siblings already. Did you come  
14 across your siblings at that time? Were they in that  
15 group?

16 A. Yes. All my sisters were put into the same group,  
17 we were all kept together in the same group.

18 Q. How many other sisters were there?

19 A. There was five, plus myself, being six.

20 Q. And you were all together in that group?

21 A. We were all together in that group although we weren't  
22 necessarily all in the same room.

23 Q. I'll look at rooms in a moment. Can you tell me about  
24 the group? There was you and your siblings; how many  
25 other children were in the group?

- 1 A. There was three different groups and each group had --  
2 I could guess, it would definitely are more than 15, 15  
3 to 20, 20 to 30, I really don't know the exact numbers,  
4 but there was a lot in each group, I would say up to 20,  
5 maybe just a bit more.
- 6 Q. And was there a particular sister who was in charge of  
7 your group?
- 8 A. When I came out of the nursery?
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. I remember a Sister [REDACTED] LFL [REDACTED] was in charge when I came  
11 out of the nursery.
- 12 Q. We will perhaps get some understanding as to numbers if  
13 you look at this document. It's NAZ.001.001.0265.
- 14 This is a document that has been submitted on behalf  
15 of the Sisters of Nazareth and you'll see it's a list of  
16 statistics of numbers of children and babies in the  
17 Nazareth Houses. If we go to the very top, and we look  
18 at the heading, we can see there's a section dealing  
19 with Glasgow to the right. If we move towards the  
20 bottom to, let's say, about 1966 and 1967, which is when  
21 you'd be aged 4 and 5 --
- 22 A. Mm-hm.
- 23 Q. -- can we see that, so far as girls are concerned,  
24 according to this information, there were 61 girls in  
25 1966 --

- 1 A. Mm-hm.
- 2 Q. -- and 52 in 1967. Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. We see the numbers of boys, much fewer boys.
- 5 A. Mm-hm.
- 6 Q. Was there an arrangement where boys would only stay to  
7 a particular age and then be moved on?
- 8 A. Yes, boys weren't there, I would say, when they reached  
9 around about puberty age. The boys would either go back  
10 home or go somewhere else. I think that's why my  
11 brother didn't go in because my brother was too old.
- 12 Q. Yes. You're telling us, I think, that you thought there  
13 were -- you say there were three groups and you were in  
14 the green group?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And the other groups, they had coloured names as well?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What were they?
- 19 A. Yes, there was the green group, the red group and the  
20 blue group.
- 21 Q. You mentioned Sister LFL. Again, if I can look at  
22 another document with you. You won't have seen this  
23 before, but I'll put it on the screen. This is at  
24 NAZ.001.003.1115.
- 25 You'll see that this is described at the top as the:

1 "Sisters' employment registers for Glasgow."

2 We're given dates from 1929 through to 1985. So  
3 again, this is material that's been sent in by the  
4 Sisters of Nazareth.

5 If I can take you to perhaps page 1151. We're  
6 looking -- unfortunately, names have been redacted, but  
7 we're looking here at a list that bears to be a list of  
8 the sisters who were at Cardonald in 1965. Do you see  
9 the date 1965 to the left?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Unfortunately, it has been blacked out, but the second  
12 name on the list is Sister [REDACTED] LFL [REDACTED]. Looking to the  
13 right, she's designated as having, as her employment,  
14 "children"; do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So at that time in 1965 she was seen to be looking after  
17 children?

18 A. Mm-hm.

19 Q. Going to the very bottom of this page, we can see  
20 there -- again, it's unfortunately been blocked out --  
21 a reference to a [REDACTED] LFS [REDACTED], and then the word  
22 "children" has been allocated to her. Do you remember a  
23 sister called Sister [REDACTED] LFS [REDACTED] or not?

24 A. I don't remember that name at all.

25 Q. If we move on to page 56 -- that's 1156 -- this is --

1 just to get a time frame, we're now looking at 1970 and  
2 the list of sisters in 1970.

3 Again, unfortunately, this has been redacted, but  
4 number 5 is reference to Sister [REDACTED] LFL, "Group of  
5 children", to the right, but you can see her name's been  
6 scored out.

7 A. Mm-hm.

8 Q. Was there a point in time when Sister [REDACTED] LFL left and  
9 was replaced by another sister?

10 A. Yes. I don't know exactly when she left, but she did  
11 leave and the sister that came. I'm almost certain the  
12 sister that came to replace her was a  
13 Sister [REDACTED] LHA.

14 Q. If you move on to the next page on this document,  
15 page 1157, and if we move down a little bit on the  
16 page -- again, unfortunately, the name I want to get at  
17 has been blacked out -- the third from the bottom on  
18 that list is a reference to Sister [REDACTED] LHA and  
19 it's "Group of children". You can see again this is  
20 1970. So you seem to have a fairly good recollection.  
21 It seems to be the case that Sister [REDACTED] LFL may have  
22 left in about 1970 and was replaced by  
23 Sister [REDACTED] LHA.

24 A. Mm-hm.

25 Q. Did Sister [REDACTED] LHA take over your group at

1 about that time?

2 A. Yes. I must admit, I wouldn't have thought it was as  
3 late as that, I would have thought it was a bit earlier  
4 than that. Again, time frames -- I just know there was  
5 a sequence of events and roughly that would be -- if  
6 that's the timescales then yeah, but the exact dates I'm  
7 not 100 per cent sure.

8 Q. When you got into the green group then, having come from  
9 the nursery, I take it you were able to socialise with  
10 your sisters who were there already; is that right?

11 A. When I moved into the green group, yes.

12 Q. What contact did you have with your sisters before the  
13 move when you were in the nursery?

14 A. I don't exactly remember how much contact I had with my  
15 sisters, but I know that a couple of my sisters used to  
16 help in the nursery. When they were quite young, they  
17 used to come into the nursery and help with the  
18 children, really, in the mornings, before going to  
19 school et cetera.

20 Q. So you had contact with them at that time?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can I just then get some understanding from you as to  
23 the layout of the building from your perspective once  
24 you were in the main building or in the green group.  
25 Can you help me with that?

1 A. I don't know if you've got a map of the school or the  
2 convent, but --

3 Q. I'll put a photograph on the screen for you. That's the  
4 best we can do. That's at NAZ.001.001.0262.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Pick the photograph you think is best for these  
7 purposes.

8 A. The top one on the top left-hand side.

9 Q. Okay, we'll focus on that one.

10 A. At the top left-hand side -- the main door in the centre  
11 of the building, that was where the reception was. As  
12 you went into the reception, the nursery was directly to  
13 your -- my recollection is the nursery was directly to  
14 your right-hand side as you went in through the  
15 reception. There was a flight of stairs slightly off to  
16 the right, which went up the middle of the building to  
17 the two different floors above, but the nursery was on  
18 the right-hand side as you went in to the convent.

19 On the left-hand side, as you go in, you have the  
20 living rooms, but also some office space in there where  
21 the nuns used to have small offices and I think, if my  
22 memory serves me right, the Mother Superior's office was  
23 probably on that floor towards the far end of the  
24 left-hand side of that building before you get to  
25 a flight of stairs that takes you up to the top on the

1 left-hand side, and there was a flight of stairs on the  
2 right-hand side, the far right-hand side. So there were  
3 three flights of stairs either side and one in the  
4 middle.

5 On the middle floor, that's where all the nuns  
6 slept. They had their rooms up on the middle floor.  
7 Then on the top floor was the dormitories and, if my  
8 memory serves me right, our dormitory was on the  
9 right-hand side. As you look at the picture just now,  
10 it was on the right-hand side and that's where the green  
11 group were.

12 Q. What about the other groups?

13 A. I think the other groups were on the left-hand side.  
14 There may have been some on the right, but I don't  
15 recall. I think the red and the blue groups were on the  
16 left-hand side.

17 Q. Can I ask you this: how autonomous were the groups? By  
18 that I mean to what extent did you mix?

19 A. We tended to mix predominantly at play, possibly at  
20 mealtimes as well. But the rest of the time -- when you  
21 were watching TV, each group had their own living room,  
22 so they tended to stay in their own living rooms for  
23 watching TV and that sort of stuff. But when you were  
24 outside --

25 Q. And the sleeping arrangements I think you're indicating

1           were set aside for each group?

2           A. Yes.

3           Q. Do I take it from what you are saying that there was  
4           a sister that would be in charge of each group?

5           A. Yes.

6           Q. Do you have any recollection over the period as to what  
7           other sisters may have been in charge of the other  
8           groups?

9           A. I don't recall the names. There was one sister that  
10          I remember a name, who was in charge of one of the other  
11          groups, I can't remember which one. We called her  
12          Sister [REDACTED] LKE [REDACTED]. But it might have been  
13          Sister [REDACTED] LKE [REDACTED]. She was a lot younger from my  
14          memory than Sister [REDACTED] LFL [REDACTED] or  
15          Sister [REDACTED] LHA [REDACTED]. I think she was in charge of  
16          one of the other groups, but I can't remember which one.

17          Q. I think you said in your statement she may not have been  
18          there very long.

19          A. Yes, I don't remember her being there for too long. But  
20          I know that she was quite popular because she was young,  
21          she was fresh-faced and she was smiley. She was always  
22          full of joy and I know my dad liked her. My dad used to  
23          come up and he always asked to see Sister [REDACTED] LKE [REDACTED]  
24          because he liked her because she was friendly. He  
25          always used to say hi.

1 Q. If I can go back to the document I had the screen  
2 a moment ago, NAZ.001.003.1157, it's the third name from  
3 the top, which again has been blanked out. That name is  
4 Sister [REDACTED] LKE . She has been allocated a group  
5 of children and you can see this is 1970. So that's the  
6 sister you seem to have a recollection of?

7 A. Mm-hm.

8 Q. And you've explained why?

9 A. Yes, I've maybe got her name back to front.

10 Q. She might have been referred to as [REDACTED] LKE at the  
11 time.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What you say in your statement in connection with  
14 Sister [REDACTED] LFL -- and we've now tried to get a time  
15 frame for her -- is that she was in charge of your group  
16 and you describe her as being very strict.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can you elaborate on what you mean by that?

19 A. Well, she was strict in the sense that you were not  
20 allowed to sort of -- if you were in church or if you  
21 did something wrong, you knew that you were in trouble  
22 because she would punish you depending on what you were  
23 doing. I always remember her being extremely strict and  
24 we had lots of things that we had to do as children and  
25 she was always the one that put the orders down for us

1 to do certain things, like our chores and stuff like  
2 that. So she was quite strict with everybody.

3 Q. We'll perhaps look at some of the detail of that later.

4 Are you able to compare that regime with the regime  
5 that followed on from her when Sister [REDACTED] LHA  
6 took over your group?

7 A. Yes. I recall there was a complete change basically  
8 when Sister [REDACTED] LHA took over. She was a lot  
9 mellow, she was milder, she was -- you could talk to  
10 her. I just took to her quite easily. She was warming.  
11 Although she didn't have the -- they weren't allowed to  
12 sort of cuddle -- it's not they weren't allowed to, they  
13 just didn't sort of cuddle or show you any true  
14 affection, but I seemed to have that warmth from  
15 Sister [REDACTED] LHA that I didn't have from  
16 Sister [REDACTED] LFL.

17 Q. And whenever it may be that she took over, was she there  
18 when you left?

19 A. No, but I can't remember who was.

20 Q. Can I just look at some aspects of the routine with you  
21 then, Tess? Let's look at bedtime first of all.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. You tell us, I think, you generally went to bed quite  
24 early, even in the summertime.

25 A. Mm-hm. Yeah, I mean, from recollection, time -- I can't

1 put exact times on it, but in the winter we always went  
2 to bed a little bit earlier and I always sort of timed  
3 it around about what was generally on television at the  
4 time because we usually would go to bed after certain  
5 programmes. So I would say in the winter it was  
6 somewhere between 7.00 and 7.30 we would be in bed.  
7 In the summer, we were always in bed by about 8.00/8.30.  
8 Because it was always light outside -- apart from the  
9 winter obviously. But in the summer it was always light  
10 and I always remember being in bed, but where the  
11 bedrooms were you could see right across to the -- there  
12 was a set of high-rise flats on the opposite side of  
13 Paisley Road West and beside that was a small swing park  
14 and I always used to see the kids playing over there and  
15 we were in our beds, so I didn't like that.

16 Q. Let's look at the food then. How did you find the food  
17 there?

18 A. Very basic food, like school dinner type food. It was  
19 just basic food, really.

20 Q. Okay. If you didn't want to eat the food, was that  
21 acceptable?

22 A. Not really. You had to eat what food you had down on  
23 your plate. I think they wanted to make sure that you  
24 actually ate your food. I tended to eat most my food  
25 but there were certain things I probably didn't eat that

1 I didn't like. So I remember a couple of times where  
2 the food -- if you didn't eat it, you know, it would be  
3 there for you when you came back to your next meal.  
4 That would happen. It got to the point where, if you  
5 knew you didn't like it, you just ate it anyway because  
6 otherwise it would be there for your next meal, so you  
7 kind of just held your nose and put it down and ate it.

8 Q. Were you ever punished for not eating your food?

9 A. I was never punished for not eating my food, but I would  
10 just have to eat it the next time it was there, so you  
11 just got round to eating it and accepted that you'd have  
12 to eat it.

13 Q. When I say punished, in some physical way, you weren't  
14 punished?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you ever see anyone else being physically punished?

17 A. Not that I remember.

18 Q. Perhaps I should clarify. When you were having your  
19 meal, were you having your meal with your group?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Just your group?

22 A. There might have been other groups in there because the  
23 dining rooms were quite big. So there might have been,  
24 but I can't remember. I just know that you all sat in  
25 your own groups, so there might well have been the other

1 groups there at the same time -- or it might have been  
2 that they had sittings, that one group would come in and  
3 then the other group. I remember it being quite busy so  
4 I just assumed everybody was in there at the same time.

5 Q. Can I take it from what you were saying that you were  
6 never physically force-fed?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And did you ever observe any other children being  
9 force-fed?

10 A. Not that I remember, no.

11 Q. You also give us information in your statement, Tess,  
12 about bathing, and I think what you say is you had  
13 a bath about once a week; is that correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. I think, when you were younger, privacy was a problem.

16 A. Yes. There was only a few baths and generally, it was  
17 one child in the bath, quick scrub, out, next one in the  
18 bath, quick scrub and out again. Everybody was lined up  
19 ready to go in or out. There was no sort of individual  
20 bath space, not when you were young anyway. When you  
21 got older, there was that and you had a bath later on in  
22 the evenings.

23 Q. Can you help me with that: what were the improvements  
24 then in the privacy?

25 A. You were able to have your bath on your own -- but again

1           you had this quick time frame to have your bath, but you  
2           were able to have your bath on your own.

3       LADY SMITH: By that age did you get fresh water for your  
4           bath?

5       A. When I was older?

6       LADY SMITH: Yes.

7       A. Yes, I think so.

8       LADY SMITH: Each person got fresh water then?

9       A. I think so. I don't ever remember having fresh water  
10           when we were younger -- unless you were the first person  
11           in the bath, of course.

12       LADY SMITH: Of course.

13       MR MacAULAY: Just coming to when you were younger, if you  
14           weren't the first person and you were a bit down the  
15           queue, would the water be getting a bit colder by then?

16       A. It would do with time, yes.

17       Q. One point you make in your statement in connection with  
18           your teeth, because I think you say that you didn't --  
19           you were never taught how to brush your teeth.

20       A. No, it's probably my biggest nightmare of that place, my  
21           teeth. My biggest vice is that I've got a terrible  
22           sweet tooth. Again, that's probably down to being given  
23           sweets a lot as a youngster. I don't ever recall being  
24           taught how to properly brush your teeth, therefore  
25           I didn't have very good teeth. But I also put that also

1 down to the fact that my bone structure was probably --  
2 because I was ill when I was young, it wasn't until  
3 later on in life I was told by a dentist that I've got  
4 very soft teeth and that could have been due to my  
5 mother's illness.

6 But in the convent I don't ever remember being  
7 taught how to do my teeth. I might have brushed them  
8 every now and again but not really to the effect that  
9 they were good, so I was at the dentist quite a lot.

10 Q. Clothing. How did you find the clothes when you were  
11 there?

12 A. I don't remember having brand new clothes. Most of the  
13 clothes were second-hand. The school uniforms were  
14 generally uniform that would have been handed in from  
15 school, where I think the local schools would have  
16 people bring in old uniforms and that would be handed  
17 into the convent for us.

18 Q. Did you any difficulty, any embarrassment because of the  
19 clothes that you were given?

20 A. Not really embarrassment. Whatever was on your beds  
21 in the morning when you got up, that's what you wore for  
22 the day. You had your school uniform, you had your  
23 clothes that you played in, and obviously you had  
24 something nice to wear on a Sunday. But I always  
25 remember my shoes were always too tight. You wore your

1 shoes until they basically fell off your feet. So

2 I always had sore feet because my shoes were always too  
3 small for me.

4 Q. I think you do say in your statement that you've had bad  
5 feet and you blame the shoes for that.

6 A. Yes. It's not so bad now. Certainly when I was  
7 younger, I always used to get a lot of pain in my feet,  
8 so I did have bad feet and I remember when I came out,  
9 my aunt took me to the doctor's and he just said that my  
10 toes were kind of clods like that and that was down to  
11 the fact that I was wearing shoes that were too small  
12 and they weren't able to straighten out so much.

13 Q. What was that down to? Was it down to the fact that the  
14 shoes you had to wear were shoes that were in the home  
15 and you just had to take what was there? By that I mean  
16 you were never taken somewhere to be measured out and --

17 A. I don't ever remember being measured out. I think it  
18 was a case of you got a pair of shoes, you tried them  
19 on, if they fitted you, that was it and you had those  
20 shoes until you were done, basically.

21 Q. So far as schooling was concerned you went to the local  
22 schools, is that right --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- the primary school? Did you leave before it was time  
25 to go to secondary school?

1       A. No, the first school I went to was the school across the  
2           road, which was Lourdes Primary School. But I only went  
3           there for a couple of years. Then the Glasgow District  
4           Council built a new school around the corner, which was  
5           Our Lady of the Rosary, and I went there until I left.  
6           Also when I left, I used to travel back to that school  
7           to finish that term. So when I left the convent I was  
8           still at school and I used to travel back from one end  
9           of Glasgow of the other to go to that school until I was  
10          at secondary.

11       Q. Of course, that was an era of corporal punishment in  
12          schools --

13       A. Yes.

14       Q. -- where you'd get the strap if you misbehaved. But  
15          looking at it in the round, did you find school to be  
16          a good, positive experience?

17       A. I enjoyed school. I enjoyed school all the way through,  
18          even through big school.

19       Q. Can I then come back to Nazareth House itself. You do  
20          tell us, at least for part of your time there, you had  
21          chores to do and you describe what they were.

22       A. Mm-hm.

23       Q. Can you help me with that? What sort of chores did you  
24          have to do before the regime changed?

25       A. Generally, most days when you got out of bed, you had to

1 make sure your bed was made and tidy before you went for  
2 breakfast and then when you went to breakfast or during  
3 mealtimes you'd be clearing up, washing the dishes,  
4 et cetera, and setting the tables up for the next meal.

5 On the weekends we used to do quite a lot of chores  
6 on a Saturday before the afternoon -- most of the chores  
7 were done in the morning. We used to -- the corridors  
8 were tiled, the small thing, long tiles. The floors  
9 were wooden parquet floors, so you used to have to clean  
10 the walls and polish the floors. That was a chore that  
11 was given to everybody, but it was done in little  
12 groups. So you'd have the older ones that would be  
13 putting the wax on the floors, and then some of the  
14 older ones and the next older ones had what was --  
15 I don't know what they're called, it was like a big  
16 square hammer-type head thing with a cloth on it, with  
17 a brush, and you used to swing that. That would kind of  
18 give it a semi-polish and then all the younger ones  
19 would put rags on their feet and they'd just go up and  
20 round and rub and it'd get to the point where it was  
21 really shiny and slidey and we just used to play on it,  
22 really.

23 Q. How long would the task take, the whole task?

24 A. Usually a good couple of hours. It was usually most of  
25 the morning you'd be doing stuff like that.

1 Q. And you say also that you'd have to clean toilets.

2 A. Yes. I vaguely remember sort of cleaning out -- just  
3 washing round the sinks and the toilets and stuff like  
4 that.

5 Q. And at that time, before Sister [REDACTED] LHA [REDACTED] came  
6 on the scene, and you tell us a bit about that and we'll  
7 come to that, were you conscious of there being lay  
8 staff there?

9 A. I don't remember them being there that early, but I do  
10 remember them coming in. I can't remember when they  
11 came in, but yeah, there were definitely lay staff there  
12 but exactly when they arrived, I'm not 100 per cent  
13 sure.

14 Q. Looking to the sisters themselves, did they do chores so  
15 far as you could see?

16 A. I don't recall them doing chores -- except, sorry, there  
17 was in the kitchen, I know there was nuns that used to  
18 do some cooking in the kitchen but other than that  
19 I don't remember them doing anything else.

20 Q. We've talked about the change in regime with  
21 Sister [REDACTED] LHA [REDACTED]. Did the nature of the chores  
22 that you did change after she came on the scene?

23 A. Mm-hm. I think you always still kept your bed space  
24 tidy, but I don't remember, as I got older, doing the  
25 washing of the floors and stuff like that and toilets

1 and things like that.

2 Q. You had a TV room; is that correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Again, did I understand you to say earlier that the  
5 groups had their separate TV areas?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. Was TV readily accessible to you?

8 A. It was in the evenings. Just after when you came home  
9 from school you were allowed to watch TV just before  
10 dinner and after dinner you could watch TV as well. We  
11 tended to watch TV in the winters than in the summer  
12 because in the summer you were always outside playing.

13 Q. That's something you tell us, that there were different  
14 play areas where you could play. You also mention that  
15 you had toys to play with; is that right?

16 A. Mm-hm.

17 Q. Can you tell me what sort of toys you had available?

18 A. It was just basically what was in the toy box, what was  
19 in the room. More than likely it would have been stuff  
20 that would have been either handed in or stuff that  
21 maybe would have been part of Christmas presents or  
22 birthday presents that were there that were there for  
23 everybody to share once they were given.

24 Q. You also touch upon pocket money in your statement;  
25 what's your recollection of how that was managed?

1 A. I remember we used to queue up for our pocket money.  
2 You used to get it -- I think it was a Saturday morning  
3 you would get your pocket money. Obviously, that was  
4 one of the things that if you didn't do a chore or if  
5 you were a bit naughty, sometimes you wouldn't get your  
6 pocket money. But your pocket money, I don't know,  
7 tuppence or whatever it was at the time, would be given  
8 and you'd head off down to the shop in groups, the wee  
9 corner shop not far from the little post office where we  
10 used to go and spend our pocket money.

11 Q. What you say in your statement is that regime was  
12 certainly in place when Sister [REDACTED] LHA was  
13 there, but you don't remember that with  
14 Sister [REDACTED] LFL .

15 A. No, I don't. It may well have been there, but I don't  
16 remember when that started. I remember it more clearly  
17 when Sister [REDACTED] LHA was there.

18 Q. You also give us information in your statement about  
19 what trips you had.

20 A. Mm-hm.

21 Q. You seem to recollect you had a number of different  
22 trips to different places --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- including a [REDACTED] around Scotland?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did you go on that [REDACTED]?

2 A. I was. There was press at that, so there were pictures  
3 of it as well. It was at the time of  
4 [REDACTED], which I don't think exists any more,  
5 and I don't know how they managed to get the trip, but  
6 they organised a trip and [REDACTED] round Scotland  
7 somewhere. We were only [REDACTED] for about half  
8 an hour, an hour, and then we went back to the convent,  
9 but I do remember that trip.

10 Q. Can I ask you about Christmas: was Christmas celebrated?

11 A. Christmas was celebrated, yes.

12 Q. Can you explain what happened?

13 A. There were lots of different things happened at  
14 Christmas. There was always a trip, probably even two  
15 or three trips round Christmas. At times you would go  
16 and see the lights -- there was a bus that would come  
17 and pick you up and take you round, basically drive  
18 round where all the Christmas lights were. You'd head  
19 into town, you would drive round George Square, which  
20 was all decorated, and then eventually you would head  
21 back to the convent. I always remember that trip  
22 because there was always a -- everybody would be handed  
23 out little white mice that you used to have. I clearly  
24 remember that on that trip.

25 There were always the Christmas parties that were

1 held again in town on Argyle Street in one of the big  
2 stores -- it would either be Arnotts or Lewis's or one  
3 of those shops. But I always remember there were lots  
4 of different children there from different homes and,  
5 basically, you would just have a party, Santa would turn  
6 up, you'd get a gift, and then you'd obviously go back  
7 to Nazareth House after that.

8 I think there was the odd occasion we maybe went to  
9 a pantomime, but that was Christmas. So Christmas was  
10 quite good for trips.

11 Q. And birthdays, were birthdays celebrated?

12 A. I remember the odd birthdays being celebrated, uh-huh.  
13 I remember that more when I was older. I don't remember  
14 so much when I was younger but I do remember when I was  
15 older they used to sing "Happy Birthday" and you'd have  
16 a cake and you might have the odd present that you got  
17 from family.

18 Q. Insofar as family were concerned, did your family come  
19 to visit you when you were there?

20 A. I was told that my mother came to visit us before she  
21 died, a couple of times, but my dad used to come quite  
22 regularly. He used to come both at visiting time, which  
23 I think was once a month on a Sunday, and every now and  
24 again my aunt would come, one of my dad's sisters would  
25 come and visit as well. My dad used to come outside

1           visiting hours as well: he used to just turn up out of  
2           the blue.

3           Q.   You mentioned your mother again and I should have taken  
4           from you that your mother died shortly after you were  
5           born in 1962.

6           A.   That's right, she died in [REDACTED] of 1962.

7           Q.   You tell us in your statement that your father paid  
8           money to Nazareth House on a monthly basis --

9           A.   Yes.

10          Q.   -- and your understanding was he was paying that money  
11          so that you'd be kept together within Nazareth House;  
12          is that right?

13          A.   Yes.  I mean, again, having had conversations with my  
14          sisters through my life, I was advised that dad used to  
15          sort of -- he paid money to Nazareth House -- it was  
16          either a donation or whatever, to the convent, and there  
17          was clear a understanding that mum had said, no matter  
18          what, the girls have got to stay together, I don't want  
19          them to go anywhere else.  Dad followed that through to  
20          make sure that we stayed together as a family whilst  
21          we were in the convent.

22          Q.   Because you were different ages then some of your  
23          siblings would have been leaving as time was moving on;  
24          is that right?

25          A.   Yes, that's correct.

1 Q. You also tell us that you were taken out by a particular  
2 lady to her home. Would that be for a weekend?

3 A. It used to happen -- I think it was about once a month  
4 I'd be taken out by this lady, who, I believe, and  
5 I fully believe, that she was probably wanting to adopt  
6 me because it was always me she took out, she never took  
7 anyone else, and I remember exactly what we used to do.  
8 It was the same routine every weekend. We'd go back to  
9 her house -- she lived with her mum and dad, she and her  
10 boyfriend.

11 I used to stay there at the weekends. She'd come on  
12 a Friday, we'd watch Bonanza -- that was the sort of the  
13 thing that was on on a Friday night, I remember that.  
14 Then we would do something during the day on a Saturday,  
15 and on a Sunday I'd go back to the convent after we'd  
16 been to Mass.

17 Q. One thing you do say in your statement is that you  
18 looked forward to going back to the convent.

19 A. I did, I enjoyed being out, being taken out, because you  
20 were kind of spoiled, so I quite liked that. But  
21 I always wanted to go back because that's where my  
22 family were and that's all I knew, really, that's where  
23 my sisters were, that's where my friends were. I wanted  
24 to go back because I had a funny feeling that she wanted  
25 -- and I didn't want to be away from my family.

1 Q. You mentioned friends. Were you able to make friends,  
2 leaving aside your sisters, in the convent?

3 A. Yes. Everybody in your group were friends. Obviously,  
4 when you're mixing with lots of children, there was  
5 always children there that were nice to you and others  
6 that weren't so nice to you. So you had different  
7 relationships with friends, as you do anywhere, really.

8 Q. What about official visits, let's say from what one  
9 might see as a social worker or someone in an official  
10 capacity? Do you remember any such visits?

11 A. No, we weren't -- we didn't have a social worker.

12 Q. Is that because of the arrangement you told us about?

13 A. I think so. I don't ever recall our family being under  
14 the social work system at all.

15 Q. Can I then move on, Tess, and ask you about discipline  
16 and how discipline was managed. Can you give me an  
17 overview as to what your recollection of that aspect of  
18 life is?

19 A. Again, as I said earlier on, it was quite strict. If  
20 you did anything wrong, in the younger years I do  
21 remember getting the odd clip round the head and the odd  
22 cane, but not -- I didn't get the cane that much.  
23 I knew other children were getting the cane, but I did  
24 get the cane and I got the cane a lot at school because  
25 I was quite cheeky and boisterous, I was a bit of

1 a tomboy, I was always getting up to no good.

2 Predominantly the punishments I remember getting for  
3 me was getting sent to bed early, but there was the odd  
4 occasion I got a clip round the ear.

5 Q. On those occasions who did the clipping?

6 A. My recollection would have been Sister [REDACTED] LFL at that  
7 time.

8 Q. And the cane?

9 A. Again, Sister [REDACTED] LFL .

10 Q. Just so I can understand what the cane was, what was it?

11 A. Just a stick, a long thin stick, but at school it was  
12 a belt.

13 Q. Yes. Was there a particular part of the body that the  
14 cane was used to hit?

15 A. Just generally the hands.

16 Q. You do say that there were others who got more of the  
17 cane than you did?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Are you talking about others within your group?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What knowledge did you have as to how discipline was  
22 being managed in the other groups?

23 A. Generally, I didn't see a lot of the other groups other  
24 than when you were out playing. So when they were in  
25 their groups, you didn't see what was going on in those

1 groups. It's only within your confined group that  
2 I would sort of say I could speak on because I wasn't  
3 sure what was going on in the other groups.

4 Q. Can I ask you about bed-wetting --

5 A. Mm-hm.

6 Q. -- because you do tell us about that in your statement?  
7 Did you ever wet the bed?

8 A. I recall one incident of wetting the bed. I may have  
9 done it more than once, but I definitely recall one time  
10 wetting the bed.

11 Q. What is your recollection of that particular incident?

12 A. I remember waking up in the middle of the night and  
13 realised that I'd wet the bed and got into a bit of  
14 a panic because I knew that bed-wetting wasn't  
15 acceptable and that if you got caught wetting the bed,  
16 it wasn't good for you because you'd have to hold your  
17 sheets and stand in the corner, et cetera. So I got out  
18 of my bed and I went over to my sister and told her that  
19 I'd wet the bed and she stripped my bed, she knew where  
20 there were clean sheets, so she put a clean sheet on my  
21 bed and she hid the wet sheet behind a cupboard, and  
22 basically I got away with it.

23 Q. So you weren't caught?

24 A. I wasn't caught, no.

25 Q. But there were children who were caught?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What happened to them?

3 A. Generally, you had to wash your sheets, but you tended  
4 to sort of either -- you were put in a corner, you'd  
5 stand in a corner for a bit.

6 Q. With your sheets?

7 A. With your sheets, so everybody knew you'd wet the bed.  
8 Again, that was in the early days. I don't ever  
9 remember that happening with Sister LHA.

10 Q. But that particular procedure would result in the  
11 children standing there for a little bit of time and  
12 others would know they were children who had wet the  
13 bed?

14 A. Mm-hm.

15 Q. How did you feel about that at the time?

16 A. I think that's what you were always a little bit nervous  
17 of making sure you didn't wet the bed. I don't really  
18 understand why that happened, I don't know whether they  
19 thought that would train you to not wet the bed, but it  
20 probably had the adverse effect and made you more  
21 nervous.

22 Q. What you say in your statement -- this is at  
23 paragraph 52 -- is that:

24 "Serious discipline from the nuns meant the cane and  
25 that is when somebody did something wrong, such as

1 bed-wetting."

2 Were children caned for bed-wetting?

3 A. Yes, I think so.

4 Q. Running away. You never ran away?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Were you aware that there were children who did run  
7 away?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Can you say how regular an occurrence that was?

10 A. I couldn't say how regular but it wasn't overly regular,  
11 but I do remember at least two of the children that were  
12 in your group who were regular runners. They'd just run  
13 away.

14 Q. Do you know why they were regular runners?

15 A. Just being either rebellious or had been naughty and  
16 just didn't like what was -- you know, living there.  
17 I think they'd come from sort of hard backgrounds and  
18 they just didn't like the place. As I say, there were  
19 children that were sort of treated worse than I was, so  
20 therefore they may well have been in that position and  
21 left for that reason.

22 Q. Do you know what would happen to them on their return?

23 A. Not really. You just knew that they were there, they  
24 came back.

25 Q. You touched upon something there, actually, that there

1           were children who may have been treated differently from  
2           you.

3           A.   Mm-hm.

4           Q.   That's something you do talk about in your statement,  
5           because what you say is that there were lots of kids  
6           from lots of difficult backgrounds:

7                     "My family's situation was unique."

8                     Can I just understand what you mean by that?

9           A.   I think it was -- when I look back on things, I think it  
10           was unique from my perspective because we were kept  
11           together.  We were -- I think dad paid a contribution to  
12           the convent so I think they wanted to, you know -- he  
13           wanted to make sure that we were looked after and that's  
14           probably what was happening.  That's my only assumption  
15           on that.  I can only make an assumption, I can't say for  
16           definite.

17                     But I was mischievous when I was there, but  
18           I wasn't -- I don't consider myself to be ...  I wasn't  
19           naughty to the point of constantly getting punished, but  
20           other kids were naughty in different ways, but at the  
21           same time I think we were just being children, as you  
22           do.

23           Q.   Looking back then on your time at Nazareth House, one  
24           thing you say is that what may have been considered  
25           discipline then may now be seen to be abuse.

1 A. Mm-hm.

2 Q. Can you help me with that? What do you mean by that?

3 A. I think this goes -- you know, when I look at the whole  
4 picture of schooling and Nazareth House and places like  
5 that, it was ... Bearing in mind I didn't know anything  
6 else, I didn't have a life outside Nazareth House until  
7 I had gone 11 years of age, so that was all I knew.  
8 When I went to school, people got the belt -- it wasn't  
9 just the convent children that got the belt it was  
10 everybody that was naughty at school if they didn't do  
11 their homework, if they didn't do anything they got the  
12 belt, so therefore to me that was the sort of corporal  
13 punishment that was delivered in schools and obviously  
14 in Nazareth House as well.

15 So it was all I knew. As time's rolled on and  
16 systems have changed and the schoolings have changed,  
17 you know, you start to understand actually that was not  
18 the right way to sort of manage children. If you want  
19 to ensure children behave, you educate them, you work on  
20 their behaviour.

21 Q. You do tell us -- and you've already touched upon this,  
22 Tess -- that from your perspective there were two eras  
23 at Nazareth House: there was the Sister [REDACTED] LFL [REDACTED] era  
24 and the [REDACTED] LHA [REDACTED] era. What you say is:

25 "They were like night and day."

1 A. Mm.

2 Q. Again, perhaps you could just elaborate upon that.

3 A. It was ... From my recollection of it, it was just  
4 I just seemed to have a more relaxed time. I wasn't as  
5 nervous when I was older because I wasn't ... When you  
6 were in the Sister [REDACTED] LFL era, you were always  
7 conscious of what you were doing and how you were doing  
8 it because you knew that if you did something wrong, you  
9 know, you weren't -- it wasn't favourable for you. But  
10 then within Sister [REDACTED] LHA time, I remember  
11 I didn't have that feeling. Therefore, for me, it was  
12 a different sensation and care.

13 Q. Can I take you then to when you left. You left in about  
14 1973 when you were about 11. When you left, did you  
15 leave with any other siblings or were you the last to  
16 go?

17 A. No, no. We left when my sister that's two -- the last  
18 three, the younger three, when the third was oldest,  
19 when she turned about 15/16, we were taken back to the  
20 family home at that point in time. I don't know whether  
21 it was the sisters had said, right, it's time for you to  
22 go home, or whether it was dad, but I've got a funny  
23 feeling it was the sisters and not dad, because dad  
24 always worked away and I would imagine he would have  
25 preferred us to stay where we were, because it would

1           have meant he was going to have to start looking after  
2           us again.

3           Q.   What you do tell us is that, for example, one of your  
4           sisters who you mention in your statement -- we don't  
5           have to mention her name -- she hated Nazareth House.

6           A.   Yes.   My sisters had different recollections of it.

7           I think they have different recollections because they  
8           lived at home before mum died, so they knew what family  
9           life was like and they've kind of got that comparison to  
10          living at home where you've got a mother and father and  
11          love, albeit that it was strict because dad was strict  
12          and he was the disciplinarian in the house.   But  
13          I didn't know anything else.

14          So I know, having spoken to my different sisters  
15          over the years, I know that my sister that was next to  
16          me wasn't happy there at all.   She wore glasses when she  
17          was younger and back then it was the old corporation  
18          glasses that weren't very pretty.   She had a bit of

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          I remember one particular time -- and I'm sure it  
          was this sister that this happened to because I remember  
          the conversation where I think she'd done something  
          wrong that day and she got sent out to go up to the

1 choir in the church and get some hymn books and bring  
2 them back to the group, the choir.

3 The church -- it was winter, so it was dark, and she  
4 went up the stairs to the choir and the church was only  
5 lit by the moonlight, so all she could see was the light  
6 coming through the windows. She picked up the books and  
7 as she was going out of the church, she noticed that  
8 there was a coffin, an open coffin down at the front  
9 at the altar, with four candles, and that freaked her  
10 out. I remember her getting really upset about that.

11 Q. Do you think that was something that was done  
12 deliberately?

13 A. She certainly thinks that and I can only go from what  
14 she says, so I believe what she said, that she felt that  
15 they knew she was going somewhere and she was going to  
16 possibly see something that would stick in her memory  
17 and she does remember it to this day.

18 Q. In any event, your position is you have fond memories,  
19 although I think you're telling us that your sisters  
20 would have different memories --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- and possibly bad memories?

23 A. Yes. I think one of my other sisters might have had --  
24 I mean, she probably has mixed views, but I know she was  
25 quite popular when she was there, so she might not have

1 had the same recollections as some of the others --  
2 that's my second sister to me. She was quite popular  
3 when she was younger.

4 Q. In paragraph 72 you sum up those years of your life and  
5 you say it was strict but there were still lots of happy  
6 memories.

7 A. Absolutely.

8 Q. As far as life after care was concerned, without looking  
9 at the detail of that, I think you went and developed  
10 a career in the British Transport Police.

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. "Lessons to be Learned" then, if we can look at that.  
13 What do you think you missed, if I can put it that way,  
14 from your time in care?

15 A. It's probably worth pointing out that -- you knew them  
16 as lay staff, I just knew them as people that looked  
17 after us when they were there. I didn't have any  
18 recollections of any sort of times where I was unhappy  
19 when they were there. There was that sort of care,  
20 which I thought was good compared to what would happen  
21 with some of the nuns and I do remember those people  
22 quite fondly.

23 I would say that, going forward, there has to be  
24 some sort of training regime. I think a lot of the --  
25 possibly the reason why things weren't the way they were

1 because there didn't appear to be maternal instinct,  
2 which I think, when you're looking after children, there  
3 has to be some form of care, affection, one-to-one  
4 conversations, you know, if you're not happy, that you  
5 get -- that they understand why you're not happy and try  
6 and resolve that in some shape or form. I don't think  
7 that was happening. I think it's really important that  
8 you have one-to-one care of a child and that training  
9 around health and the well-being of children is really,  
10 really important if anybody's to look after children,  
11 and no matter what case, be it in foster case, be it in  
12 a children's home, be it at schools.

13 I think possibly in some respects we maybe go too  
14 far to the one point where teachers aren't allowed to  
15 give a child a cuddle when they're upset because of fear  
16 of being accused of things. So I think in some respects  
17 we might have gone a bit too far in that area because  
18 sometimes all you want is a cuddle and a little bit of  
19 affection just to calm you down if you're feeling upset  
20 and I think we've kind of lost that a little bit.

21 Q. One thing you also say is:

22 "Children who come out of care, for them there has  
23 to be a plan as to how they move on from that."

24 A. Yes. It's one of the things I do remember, when we came  
25 out of Nazareth House, although my gran didn't live far

1 away from us -- I used to go to my gran's after school,  
2 but I didn't live with my gran, I lived at home, and  
3 although we did do chores, it still didn't really set us  
4 up for living in a house where you had to do the  
5 cooking, you had to do your own cleaning and all that  
6 sort of stuff, your own shopping, because dad wasn't  
7 really there, it was just me and my two sisters -- the  
8 others had left by then, they'd gone, and I was still  
9 sort of 11/12. I left that school and went to a primary  
10 school in Dennistoun, and then went to secondary school.  
11 So I got all my secondary schooling at home and really  
12 was kind of left to our own devices.

13 Q. And that sort of life training you didn't get when you  
14 were in the convent?

15 A. No.

16 MR MacAULAY: Very well, Tess. Thank you very much indeed  
17 for coming to give your evidence. I have asked all the  
18 questions I want to ask and all the questions I have  
19 been asked to put to you.

20 LADY SMITH: Can I check whether there are any outstanding  
21 applications for questions of this witness? No.

22 Tess, there are no more questions for you. Could  
23 I just thank you for responding to our request to you to  
24 engage with us and for providing the written statement  
25 that we have and coming along today to give your oral

1 evidence. It has been really helpful to hear from you  
2 about your experience in Cardonald and I'm now able to  
3 let you go. Thank you.

4 A. Thank you.

5 (The witness withdrew)

6 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.

7 MR MacAULAY: My Lady, the next witness is programmed to  
8 start after the break, at quarter to, but it may be if  
9 she's here we can start a bit earlier and perhaps  
10 your Ladyship would consider adjourning.

11 LADY SMITH: If we have a short break now and you can check  
12 the position.

13 (11.04 am)

14 (A short break)

15 (11.30 am)

16 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay, do we have the next witness now?

17 MR MacAULAY: We do, my Lady. The next witness is an  
18 applicant and her name is Paula Chambers.

19 PAULA CHAMBERS (sworn)

20 LADY SMITH: Paula, please sit down and make yourself  
21 comfortable. If you need to move around to get the  
22 chair in the right position, do feel free. One thing  
23 that's important is to make sure you're in a good  
24 position for the microphone. It will make it easier for  
25 you. It also means that everybody can hear you,

1 particularly the stenographers who actually pick up what  
2 you're saying through the sound system and will be able  
3 to make it all out. I'll pass over to Mr MacAulay and  
4 he will explain what happens next.

5 Questions from Mr MacAULAY

6 MR MacAULAY: Hello, Paula.

7 A. Hello.

8 Q. The first thing I want to confirm with you is your date  
9 of birth. Can I confirm that you were born on

10 [REDACTED] 1973?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In the red folder in front of you, you'll find your  
13 statement. Can I ask you to look at that? I'm going to  
14 give the reference of it to the stenographers and that's  
15 WIT.001.001.9096.

16 If I could ask you to look at the very last page,  
17 and that's page 9134, can I ask you to confirm, Paula,  
18 that you've signed the statement.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. If you look at the last paragraph of the statement, do  
21 you say there:

22 "I have no objection to my witness statement being  
23 published as part of the evidence to the inquiry"?

24 Is that right?

25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you also go on to say:
- 2 "I believe the facts stated in this witness
- 3 statement are true"?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Paula, can I begin by looking briefly at your life
- 6 before care. Before I ask you questions about that and
- 7 about other matters in connection with your evidence,
- 8 can I say this to you, that if I ask you a question and
- 9 you can't remember -- let's say it's about a date, for
- 10 example -- just say, "I can't remember". There's no
- 11 problem with that. Do you understand that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Likewise, if something comes to mind when you're giving
- 14 your evidence that you haven't mentioned in your
- 15 statement and you think it might be relevant, then just
- 16 feel free to tell us about that.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. I think you come from a large family; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Before you were taken into care, you were quite badly
- 21 treated by some members of your family; is that fair to
- 22 say?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Indeed, your mother also was not particularly nice
- 25 towards you.

1 A. No.

2 Q. Was that the background then or part of the background  
3 at least as to you ending up in care?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. I think from what you tell us in your statement, the  
6 first place you went to was a place called Coylton  
7 Children's Home in Ayrshire; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Were you from Ayrshire?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What age do you think you were at that time?

12 A. About 6 or 7.

13 Q. What you tell us in your statement at least is that you  
14 thought you were there for about a couple of months or  
15 so; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. After that, did you go back home?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Again, when you went back home, were you again being  
20 badly treated by members of your family?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Because of that, did you end up in foster care?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I think you say in your statement that may have been  
25 when you were about 8 or 9 years of age.

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. You may have had more than one foster care placement; is  
3 that correct?

4 A. Yes, two.

5 Q. Against that background, did you end up being sent to  
6 Nazareth House in Cardonald?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When you were sent there, Paula, from your foster  
9 parents that you were then with, did they give you some  
10 items to take with you to the home?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can you tell us about that?

13 A. They gave me some, like, new pyjamas, wee bits of  
14 toiletries, stuff like that, a hairbrush, little bits  
15 and pieces in the suitcase, wee books, a couple of play  
16 toys, and things like that.

17 Q. And were these foster parents kind to you?

18 A. Very.

19 Q. You have good memories of them?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Can I just say this to you: these are dates that we can  
22 take from the Sisters of Nazareth records and, according  
23 to the records, you were admitted to Nazareth House  
24 Cardonald on 18 November 1983. I'll come back to that  
25 date in a moment. You left on 20 December 1984, when

1           you'd be aged about 11.

2                   Let's look at the last date, so far as leaving  
3           Nazareth House Cardonald would be concerned, do you  
4           think you were aged about 11 when you came to leave?

5           A.   Maybe about 12.

6           Q.   You think 12?

7           A.   Eleven, 12.

8           Q.   What about when you got there?  What age do you think  
9           you were when you got there?

10          A.   Nine.

11          Q.   That would mean that you'd be there in about 1982?

12          A.   Yes.

13          Q.   When you got there, what's your first memory of being  
14          there?

15          A.   I was very kind of like frightened because, like,  
16          driving in, in the big building, was quite kind of  
17          like -- not like a big castle, but ...

18          Q.   Did you find it intimidating?

19          A.   Aye.  It was like: what's this place?  Because I'd come  
20          from a normal house, like a children's home, to this big  
21          kind of haunted house.

22          Q.   Who took you there on that first day?

23          A.   Jill Evans.

24          Q.   Was she a social worker?

25          A.   Yes.

- 1 Q. Was she a social worker that you had contact with over  
2 the period that you were in Nazareth House?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. When you then got into the building itself, did  
5 Jill Evans go in with you?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And who did you meet when you got there?
- 8 A. Sister [REDACTED].
- 9 Q. Was Sister [REDACTED] somebody that was in charge of you  
10 over your time in Nazareth House?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Can I ask you a little bit about the set-up then? Can  
13 you remember how many children there were at  
14 Nazareth House at the time you were there in the early  
15 1980s?
- 16 A. About 18.
- 17 Q. Because I think by then the numbers had been dwindling  
18 down; there had been many more before that. Were you in  
19 a particular group?
- 20 A. No. It was just like a lot of the children were  
21 brothers and sisters or, like, two sisters. I was the  
22 only kind of single person there without a family  
23 member --
- 24 Q. So far as Sister [REDACTED] was concerned -- sorry,  
25 I interrupted you.

- 1 A. A couple of others I forgot. There was a handicapped  
2 girl there was there on her own, a couple of other  
3 people on their own, but it was mostly groups, couples.
- 4 Q. So far as Sister **LHW** was concerned, was she in charge  
5 of the children?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. At that time was there a mixture of boys and girls?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What about the age range? Can you help me with that?  
10 What sort of age ranges are we talking about?
- 11 A. Any age from about 9 to 15 or 16.
- 12 Q. You were one of the youngest?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Can I ask you about the sleeping arrangements? Can you  
15 help me with that? What was the set-up there?
- 16 A. It was like, as I say -- what do you mean, sorry?
- 17 Q. Did you have a dormitory or a room to yourself?
- 18 A. It was bedrooms with two and three beds in them. There  
19 were two parts to the bungalow, so there were rooms up  
20 one end all the way down to, like a T-shape, all the way  
21 down to the bottom.
- 22 Q. You've referred there to the bungalow; was this  
23 a building that was separate from the main building?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. You've mentioned that the main building was an imposing

- 1 or intimidating building.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. But the building that accommodated the children was  
4 a newer building, is that right, that had been built  
5 some time after the old building had been built?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. On your first day there I think you've told us that you  
8 had the items that were given to you by the foster  
9 parents; did anything happen to these items?
- 10 A. Yes, Sister [LHW] -- when the social worker left,  
11 Sister [LHW] had brought me into her office and she  
12 took the stuff off me, said I wouldn't be needing them.
- 13 Q. Did she tell you why you wouldn't be needing them?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. What about the pyjamas? Did she take the pyjamas?
- 16 A. Yes. I was given a pair of pyjamas from them with  
17 a label inside it.
- 18 Q. How did you react to these items being taken from you?
- 19 A. I thought it was strange because they were given to me  
20 and there was no harm in the stuff, it wasn't anything  
21 bad. I was upset.
- 22 Q. Were you crying?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Did Sister [LHW] say anything?
- 25 A. No.

1 Q. What were your first impressions of Sister **LHW**

2 A. I was terrified. She was very scary. There was like no  
3 emotion on her face. A very kind of strict, angry  
4 looking face. No smile at all. As I say, she just  
5 didn't look a nice person, like nice to be around, kind  
6 of thing.

7 Q. Okay. Just to go back to the sleeping arrangements,  
8 I think you told me that you shared a room with other  
9 girls; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How many girls did you say?

12 A. Two other girls.

13 Q. Were these girls of a similar age to yourself?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did that remain the position during the time that you  
16 were in Nazareth House?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What was your understanding about the sleeping  
19 arrangements for other children? Was it a similar sort  
20 of set-up with a number of children in different rooms?

21 A. Yes. The boys, the two brothers would be in a room,  
22 there'd be other -- down my end there would be, say, two  
23 sisters across the way, then up around there would be  
24 like people with their own bedroom kind of thing, like  
25 the twins had their own bedroom. Stuff like that. So

1           there'd be either people coupled up in the bedrooms or  
2           they would be sharing -- as I say, there were two rooms  
3           with two, three beds in the room.

4       Q.   You mentioned in passing the twins, so there was at  
5           least one lot of twins there when you were there?

6       A.   ██████████ and ██████████.

7       Q.   And they shared a room?

8       A.   Yes -- no, no, sorry. They had -- one of the sisters  
9           shared a room with another girl and the twin had her own  
10          room separate.

11      Q.   Can I ask you about some aspects of the routine and  
12          perhaps look first to mealtimes. How did you find the  
13          food?

14      A.   Oh, terrible.

15      Q.   Can you explain? What was so bad?

16      A.   I wasn't like really a fussy eater because, obviously,  
17          at home I wasn't used to a lot of brilliant food, great  
18          food, so I was grateful for, obviously, what I got to  
19          eat because it was still something to eat, but I hated  
20          this stuff. It was like peppered egg flan stuff with  
21          a kind of biscuit base and these big huge Scotch eggs,  
22          spicy Scotch eggs. I'm not trying to sound like  
23          ungrateful because it's still food, but it made me  
24          retch, it made me sick, and I was forced to eat it.  
25          I absolutely hated it.

1 Q. When you say you were forced to eat it, can you tell us  
2 what happened?

3 A. Obviously I wouldn't eat it and tried to refuse to eat  
4 it, and the staff would go out of the dining room and go  
5 and get Sister [LHW] at her office, because  
6 Sister [LHW] didn't really come and be in around us at  
7 mealtimes. She had the staff that would be working  
8 there, maybe supervising. So she would go and get  
9 Sister [LHW] and tell her I was refusing to eat my  
10 dinner and then Sister [LHW] said I would sit there and  
11 eat it until -- I wasn't moving until I ate it, so I had  
12 to eat it.

13 Q. Did she do anything to you to make you eat it?

14 A. No, she just -- sorry.

15 (Pause)

16 LADY SMITH: We can have a break. No problem.

17 (11.47 am)

18 (A short break)

19 (11.57 am)

20 LADY SMITH: Are you okay to carry on, Paula?

21 A. Yes, I'm very sorry about that.

22 LADY SMITH: No, there's no need to apologise. It's not  
23 easy talking about things that happened in your life  
24 a long, long time ago in difficult circumstances;  
25 I quite understand that. If you need another break,

1           that's okay. Just let me know.

2           A. I'm sorry.

3           LADY SMITH: As I say, you don't need to apologise. All  
4           right?

5           I'll hand back to Mr MacAulay.

6           MR MacAULAY: Before we had the break, Paula, I was asking  
7           you about food and mealtimes at Nazareth House, and  
8           I think you told us there was one particular type of  
9           food that you did not like; is that correct?

10          A. A couple.

11          Q. Yes, you mentioned the Scotch eggs and the other egg --

12          A. Egg flan -- egg custard.

13          Q. You told us about how the staff went to get

14          Sister **LHW** to persuade you to eat the food; is that  
15          what happened?

16          A. Yes.

17          Q. Can you tell us what Sister **LHW** said or did?

18          A. She was just shouting at me saying that I was to eat the  
19          food and stop being so ungrateful, I wouldn't be budging  
20          off the spot until I finished the food. Even though  
21          I was holding it in my mouth and kind of thingummy --  
22          retching and stuff like that, she said that I'd -- I'm  
23          not moving until I ate the food, so I had to force  
24          myself to eat it and I was sick.

25          Q. When you say sick, did you vomit?

- 1 A. Vomited up the food.
- 2 Q. And what happened after that?
- 3 A. I was just sent to my room.
- 4 Q. How often did this happen?
- 5 A. I had to eat it all the time. I hated it. I had to eat  
6 it all the time. She knew I hated it. If they could  
7 just take that away and give me something else, even  
8 just a sandwich or something, I would have been happy  
9 with that. I wasn't looking for anything fancy; I just  
10 hated those two things.
- 11 Q. Were these dishes regularly on the menu?
- 12 A. Yes. You never got, like -- there was no choice of  
13 different foods, what you get today. It was like the  
14 basic food, like Scotch eggs and chips, maybe one night,  
15 that flan stuff the next night, and fish one night  
16 a week. I honestly can't remember what other foods.
- 17 Q. Do I take it then that you just ate it because you had  
18 to do that? That was the position?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. You're not suggesting that anything physical was done to  
21 you to make you eat it?
- 22 A. No, it was just Sister **LHW** -- the way she put the  
23 fear in me, you know? I thought, well, what would  
24 happen if I didn't eat it, kind of thing. So I wasn't  
25 waiting to find out or answering back, I just done as

1 I was told to do it.

2 Q. Did you see if any other children had difficulty eating  
3 the food?

4 A. I think there were a couple of other people, but  
5 I wasn't really making heed of it, it was just my own  
6 situation, my own self kind of thing, that was upset and  
7 that.

8 Q. You tell us in your statement that from the very  
9 beginning of your time at Nazareth House you went to the  
10 local school; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can I ask you about that when you were getting ready to  
13 go to school. Were you given clothes to wear?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can you tell me about that? What happened?

16 A. Sister LHW brought me in to her office and said that  
17 I was to wear a jacket -- it came from the big house, it  
18 was clothes, I think, that were either handed in or they  
19 belonged to the retired nuns or whoever was in the big  
20 house, like the older people, what I believed was  
21 obviously the retired nuns and stuff. But the jacket  
22 was, like, for an old person and shoes. So I had to  
23 wear them two items. I can't remember what colour of  
24 the uniform was. I know I maybe wore a skirt and jumper  
25 and blouse, but I can't remember.

1 Q. Wearing these items, did they cause you some concern?

2 A. They did.

3 Q. Why?

4 A. Like I was only a young lassie -- I was only, do you  
5 know what I mean, like 9 years of age, and I was wearing  
6 stuff that maybe a woman of maybe 70 would wear, around  
7 her. Old-fashioned, like really -- things that I'd  
8 never been used to be wearing like that before.

9 Q. Were you also wearing glasses?

10 A. Oh, they were horrible National Health things.

11 Q. What colour were your glasses?

12 A. Pink or blue or brown -- you had a choice and I think  
13 mine were brown.

14 Q. How did this make you feel, the types of clothes you had  
15 to wear and also the glasses?

16 A. I would like to use a word, but I don't know ...

17 LADY SMITH: Just go ahead, please do.

18 A. I looked like a gomeril, I looked stupid. I don't want  
19 to do it in the term -- anything to do with people with  
20 disability, but I looked like a fool. I looked out of  
21 place. Just ugly. I felt ugly because, obviously,  
22 I wore the big ugly glasses with the rims and the old  
23 woman's coat. It would be like the old woman's shoes  
24 kind of thing. I didn't look like the other weans at  
25 the school, I looked like horrible, stupid.

1 MR MacAULAY: I was going to ask you about the reaction of  
2 the other children about the way you looked.

3 A. Oh, laughing, and saying look at the cut of that. You  
4 know what I mean? Saying like -- slugging and nasty  
5 names, a lot of bullies and people just mocking me and  
6 laughing and stuff like that. I was just sat out of the  
7 road on my own. I was embarrassed, but that's what  
8 I had to wear.

9 Q. So far as chores were concerned, I think you had to do  
10 some chores when you were at Nazareth House; is that  
11 right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. One of the things you tell us that you did was to go to  
14 what you called the big house --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- to help in particular the sister in the kitchen.

17 A. Sister Philip, yes.

18 Q. How did you get on with her?

19 A. Oh, she was amazing. Absolutely amazing woman.  
20 Sister Philip, probably in my bad years of  
21 Nazareth House, like her time there, she was like  
22 a light, you know, to me. I just felt like she was  
23 a mother figure. She'd bring me into the kitchen to  
24 help her and she'd give me little gifts when I'd go in  
25 in the minibus with her to Marks & Spencer for the

1 weekly shop and stuff like that, she'd give you little  
2 gifts, but she was such a kind, loving woman and she'd  
3 give you a cuddle and stuff like that. She was a  
4 really, really lovely nun.

5 Q. Can I ask you about birthdays. Was your birthday  
6 celebrated?

7 A. Not that I remember.

8 Q. What about Christmas? You spent at least one or two  
9 Christmases there.

10 A. Yes. It wasn't really a Christmas was celebrated, you  
11 went to Mass and stuff like that and you done your  
12 prayers and stuff like that, because there was a chapel  
13 just round the corner -- sorry, out the side gates of  
14 Nazareth House. So you went round there and you done  
15 the -- the night before Mass, Christmas thingummy. You  
16 done all that kind of thing but you never actually --  
17 there was no like parties in the homes and stuff like  
18 that. But we were took to the STV studios where the  
19 people of the STV studios gave us some presents.

20 Q. Right. But did you get any other presents in the home  
21 itself?

22 A. No, no.

23 Q. Visits. Were you visited by your social worker?

24 A. No. Very -- she just came to pick me up -- like, every  
25 second weekend I'd get home leave, but she never

1           actually come in to visit apart from that, just to come  
2           and drive me to Maybole, to my mother's.

3           Q.   Would you spend the weekend at home or at least part of  
4           the weekend?

5           A.   I would spend Friday after school until maybe Sunday  
6           lunchtime and she would bring me back to Nazareth House.

7           Q.   Was she kind to you?

8           A.   She was, very.

9           Q.   Can I ask you now about another matter and that's to do  
10          with bed-wetting, if I can just explore that with you  
11          for a moment or two.  The first thing I want to ask you  
12          is this: did you wet the bed before you went to  
13          Nazareth House?

14          A.   No.

15          Q.   Did you start to wet the bed while you were there?

16          A.   Yes.

17          Q.   How long had you been there before that started?

18          A.   A few months.

19          Q.   Can you tell me what happened?

20          A.   I just, obviously, went to bed and just -- obviously, if  
21          I wet the bed, I had to get up and take the dirty bed  
22          sheets up to the kitchen, to the woman that was there.  
23          Sister LHW would be very angry that I'd wet the bed.  
24          I got some kind of punishment, but I don't know what it  
25          was, it wasn't like ...  I think I got not to watch TV

1 or something like that, but it was nothing like too  
2 extreme. But I was embarrassed because I had to walk  
3 up -- see, the kitchen in the bungalow, it was  
4 open-plan, so you had the kitchen with a big kind of  
5 counter and then you've got the dining room where the  
6 actual tables and chairs were where the kids would sit  
7 and eat their breakfasts, so they would see me going in  
8 to give Rose the wet bedding and stuff like that. It  
9 was quite embarrassing to do and very hard to do that  
10 because all the kids' eyes would be on you knowing that  
11 you had obviously given your sheets to the woman because  
12 you had peed them and because normally what would happen  
13 would be a cleaner would come round and strip all the  
14 beds, but you were made to do that, you know, if you wet  
15 the bed, take your own covers up, so the woman didn't  
16 need to carry them.

17 Q. How often did this happen to you during your time there?

18 A. I must have wet the bed about four nights out of seven.

19 Q. Did Sister **LHW** say anything to you?

20 A. She was just always angry at me. She'd like, do you  
21 know what I mean, say I was disgusting and there was no  
22 need for it. Obviously I wasn't to get any drinks after  
23 a certain time, but I don't think it was the drinks that  
24 was making me do that, wet the bed. She was always very  
25 cross at me.

1 Q. Can you remember what sort of things she'd say to you?

2 A. Just that I was a dirty child, do you know what I mean,  
3 I was to stop doing that, do I want everybody to know  
4 that I'm filthy. Just like -- I can't remember a lot of  
5 the stuff, but I know that she was always really, really  
6 angry about it, like over the top angry about it.

7 Q. Did you see if any other children wet the bed?

8 A. I think a couple of others did wet the bed, but I never,  
9 like, as I say, watched them. Again, you know, you'd  
10 just see them going into the kitchen again to give the  
11 stuff to that Rose or Elsa or sister ... Because they  
12 liked to take them away kind of thing. I don't know  
13 where they got took to. I don't remember if there was  
14 a washing machine in the kitchen or if they got took  
15 away to the big bit.

16 Q. Can I look more generally with you at how you say you  
17 were treated at Nazareth House. Particularly, I think,  
18 in the first instance by Sister [REDACTED] LHW . How would you  
19 say you were treated by Sister [REDACTED] LHW ?

20 A. Oh, terribly. She absolutely hated the sight of me.  
21 I thought I would get on the -- I would maybe get some  
22 kind of -- what's the word I'm looking for -- some kind  
23 of niceness out of her because Sister [REDACTED] LHW [REDACTED] and  
24 so am I, and I thought, like, okay, she'll see that I'm  
25 [REDACTED] Obviously at that time I had a very stronger

1 [REDACTED], I came from [REDACTED], so I'm thinking  
2 this woman's kind of got the same accent as me -- she's  
3 [REDACTED] -- so  
4 I thought me and her could maybe make a connection,  
5 because obviously when I was in [REDACTED] I used to go to  
6 help the nuns and my mum used to go up for food and  
7 stuff like that, they were quite fond of me and stuff  
8 like that. They said I was a lovable child.

9 I just thought if I got on this woman's good humour  
10 or good side that she would -- I don't know, she would  
11 be, like, nice to me.

12 I thought once she would [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED] and a good Catholic wee  
14 girl, and stuff like that, I told her about the stories,  
15 how I'd met the Bishop of [REDACTED] and this and that, like  
16 he patted me on the head -- I thought this is what this  
17 woman wants to hear, so she'll be good to me. She  
18 absolutely hated me. She hated the ground --

19 (Pause)

20 Q. So you're telling us then that, notwithstanding your  
21 expectations, the reality was different?

22 A. I thought I could charm, as I say, this woman, but she  
23 absolutely hated me.

24 Q. How did that manifest itself? How did that show itself?

25 A. She ... She'd just tell you, say if I tried to speak to

1 her, she'd say, "Go away, stupid child, go away". She  
2 didn't want to act in conversation with you. She was  
3 like, just fierce and mad looking and like kind of, "Get  
4 out of my sight, away you go". You were bugging here.  
5 She wanted you away. She wanted me to go away because  
6 I was persistent. "Can I do anything for you and can  
7 I go and do this?" She wasn't for having it. She just  
8 wanted me out of her sight.

9 Q. One of the things you say in your statement is that:

10 "Sister **LHW** made me feel worthless."

11 A. Oh, she did.

12 Q. In what way?

13 A. She just told me that I was in there because I was a bad  
14 child, my mother couldn't cope with me. That's why  
15 I was in there and, like, I was evil. She said to me --  
16 on a few occasions she said that I wouldn't be getting  
17 out of there until I was better, but I was confused  
18 because, like, before I went in there, obviously I was  
19 hit and stuff like that, but then I thought when I went  
20 in there, things would be really good and sister would  
21 maybe be, like, what's the ... She would feel like ...  
22 what's the ... she would feel like ...

23 LADY SMITH: Somebody who's comforting?

24 A. Sympathetic for the -- reading the file about the  
25 beatings I had before I went in there and I thought

1 she'd be like comforting and maybe ... I don't know the  
2 word. She would show emotion --

3 LADY SMITH: I don't want to put words into your mouth, but  
4 it sounds as though you were hoping for comfort,  
5 reassurance, warmth, and that wasn't what you found in  
6 Sister [REDACTED] LHW

7 A. No, oh no. Oh no.

8 MR MacAULAY: Can I ask you this, Paula: did Sister [REDACTED] LHW  
9 ever hit you?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Can you tell me about that?

12 A. I was in the cloakroom in the bungalow and I was told to  
13 polish shoes. I was given a box with all these brushes  
14 in it and all these different shoe polishes and I was  
15 told to -- well, I was shown obviously what to do with  
16 the cloth, put it on the shoe and then once it would  
17 kind of dry a bit ... So I was in there anywhere, cut  
18 a long story short, and then Sister [REDACTED] LHW came in,  
19 swung the door open and said, "I want to see you",  
20 shouting, and I was like -- I can't remember for the  
21 life of me what I'd done wrong. Maybe I had done  
22 something like fallen out with one of the other kids  
23 in the playroom, but she drew her hand back and gave me  
24 an almighty slap right across the jaw.

25 Q. How did you react to that?

1 A. Oh, I was howling, I was like shocked, getting hit by  
2 a member of staff, shocked by getting hit by someone in  
3 a place that you didn't think done those things because  
4 they'd get into trouble from the social work.

5 Q. Was that the only time you were hit by her?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. I think at that time, at least, there would be review  
8 meetings --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- during which your case would be reviewed --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- by the social work.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Is that right?

15 A. Mm-hm.

16 Q. Did you complain?

17 A. I did. In the review meeting -- I think at the weekend  
18 I'd told my mum, my weekend home, I told my mum what  
19 happened, and her words to me was -- I don't like to say  
20 this, but she says, "If she ever hits you again, hit her  
21 back", and I thought I can't do that, you can't do that.  
22 Do you know what I mean? So they had a review meeting  
23 in the home and it was mentioned in the thing, my mother  
24 said, "That woman hit my child, Paula told me that woman  
25 hit her", and Sister **LHW** says, "Oh no, that never

1           happened, no, definitely not, Paula's been making  
2           stories up, we've been finding this recently about her  
3           that she's been making up stories and telling lies about  
4           people and stuff like that and we are finding her a bit  
5           of handful", things like that.

6           Q. But you say in any event, Paula, that was the only time  
7           you were hit by Sister [REDACTED] LHW

8           A. Aye, it was the only time I got hit, but obviously she  
9           got me in other ways. I don't know, because, like, see  
10          my mother was a very strict woman herself. She went  
11          in -- I don't know whether she frightened Sister [REDACTED] LHW  
12          by voicing her opinion in the meeting and saying, "Don't  
13          be hitting anything belonging to me, she'll hit you  
14          back", kind of thing.

15          Q. You've been telling us about Sister [REDACTED] LHW's attitude  
16          towards you and that's I think what caused you the  
17          greatest concern, that she behaved towards you in  
18          a particular way --

19          A. Yes.

20          Q. -- and essentially made you feel worthless, as you've  
21          told us.

22          A. Oh yes.

23          Q. One other thing you tell us is that you would help with  
24          food trolleys; is that correct?

25          A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. What did that involve?

2 A. We were sent over to the big house to help, like if  
3 someone needed maybe a hand in particular. I don't know  
4 if other kids -- I know kids took leftover dinners round  
5 to the big bins and stuff like that, said it was for the  
6 pigs. But you were to go in and do other jobs. As  
7 I say, sometimes I would go in and help Sister Philip,  
8 maybe in the kitchen, you know, to do bits and pieces,  
9 but then I had to go and help Sister **LJS** to take the  
10 meals round to -- I think that was part of the kitchen  
11 thing, obviously I was sent to help Sister Philip in the  
12 kitchen, so Sister **LJS** would come in with her trolley  
13 to take the food round to the older people and I would  
14 give her a hand with that.

15 Q. I think you tell us on occasions you'd see older men and  
16 they wouldn't be fully clothed.

17 A. Yes. When Sister **LJS** would open the bedroom door and  
18 say, "I'm here to bring your tea", because it was the  
19 trolleys with the big round lid things on the thing,  
20 and, "Oh what have you got tonight?" Like, on one  
21 occasion I saw the old man with just a shirt on, but  
22 he had nothing at the bottom.

23 Q. That was just once that happened?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You also tell us in your statement that you went on

- 1 a trip to Lourdes.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Was there a reason for that trip?
- 4 A. Sister **LHW** told me that I had to go to Lourdes to be
- 5 cured.
- 6 Q. Did she say what --
- 7 A. She said it was a holy shrine where a lot of people go
- 8 that's got handicaps and they've got things wrong with
- 9 them and I said, "So what's wrong with me, sister?" and
- 10 she says, "You've got a mental illness", kind of thing,
- 11 "and if you go to Lourdes then obviously you'll get
- 12 cured there".
- 13 Q. So how did you feel about that?
- 14 A. Just a bit confused, because I thought I was like, all
- 15 right, you know, like kind of ... Just again, I didn't
- 16 question what the nun was saying to me because she was
- 17 important and what she was saying, it must have been
- 18 right.
- 19 Q. Well, did you go to Lourdes?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And did you go there with a group?
- 22 A. A pilgrimage of people that had something wrong with
- 23 them.
- 24 Q. You mentioned earlier the fact that there were twins in
- 25 Nazareth House at the time. I think you tell us in your

1 statement that there was a contrast between the room  
2 that one of the twins of and your bedroom. Can you tell  
3 me about that?

4 A. What was that, sorry?

5 Q. You mentioned earlier there were twins living in  
6 Nazareth House when you were there and that in your  
7 statement you make a contrast between one of the  
8 bedrooms that the twins had and your bedroom.

9 A. What does "contrast" mean?

10 Q. If you look at --

11 LADY SMITH: They were different.

12 A. Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: There were differences.

14 A. Oh aye, yes.

15 MR MacAULAY: What you say in paragraph 76, it's on the  
16 screen, is that the twins' rooms were lovely.

17 A. They were.

18 Q. Whereas you're comparing your room to their room;  
19 what was your room like?

20 A. Oh, my room was very basic. It was a room with three  
21 beds in it. You had a wee brown locker thing at the  
22 side of your bed, a wee cupboard that opened, and  
23 I think there was a sink in the room. I'm not sure but  
24 I think there was just the three beds and the crucifix  
25 on the wall and that was it.

1 Q. You do tell us in your statement about an episode when  
2 you were 9 or 10 that involved an older boy.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Can you remember what happened on that occasion?

5 A. Me and one of the girls that I shared the room with --  
6 [REDACTED] was her name -- we were like playing in the  
7 playroom in the home, the bungalow, and this boy, [REDACTED],  
8 he was about 15 or something at the time, asked me and  
9 [REDACTED] to come, he had something to show us. So  
10 opposite the playroom, there was like your cloakroom and  
11 then there was a little toilet -- like the kind you get  
12 (inaudible) a toilet on its own, so both could use, girl  
13 or boy. He brought us into the toilet and pulled his  
14 trousers down and pulled his private parts out and asked  
15 us to hold it.

16 Q. And what did you do?

17 A. Oh, we were screaming, we were feart. We screamed and  
18 told the staff, who then related it to Sister [REDACTED] LHW .

19 Q. And what happened?

20 A. He was gone the next day.

21 Q. You also --

22 LADY SMITH: I'm just going to ask, if we get the microphone  
23 moved a little bit back. You are obviously comfortable  
24 sitting --

25 A. I'm sorry, I just can't sit back and relax like that, I

1           have to sit forward.

2       LADY SMITH: No, no, we can sort this out for you. Sit  
3           forward if you're comfortable like that. Let's see if  
4           that's the best position for the microphone for you,  
5           shall we?

6       MR MacAULAY: You also tell us in your statement about one  
7           of the volunteers who worked at Nazareth House, a man by  
8           the name of Joe Duffy.

9       A. Yes.

10      Q. What did you understand his position to be?

11      A. Joe Duffy was a person who drove the minibus. He took  
12           us on outings and helped -- no, Sister Philip took the  
13           minibus herself when she got messages. He done things  
14           in and around the home and stuff like that with the  
15           kids.

16      Q. Was he there on a full-time basis?

17      A. Yes.

18      Q. You tell us he had a front door key so he could go in  
19           and out.

20      A. Yes.

21      Q. I don't think you yourself were directly involved with  
22           him, were you? You weren't directly involved with  
23           Joe Duffy?

24      A. No. I was in his company, but obviously not directly  
25           involved.

1 Q. But did you see how he behaved towards some other girls?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What did you see?

4 A. Oh, he was ... He was touching the girl, one of the  
5 [REDACTED]. We were took to the swimming pool --  
6 this would be about the weekend that I didn't go home --  
7 and myself and maybe seven other children would go to  
8 the swimming pool. He was kissing and touching the  
9 lassie in the pool and her legs was wrapped -- her legs  
10 was wrapped round him, sorry, but I couldn't understand  
11 it because, again, he was supposed to be an adult in the  
12 home and he had a full grown man's body. You know what  
13 I mean? The lassie was only wee, like.

14 Q. Did you see any behaviour of that kind in the home  
15 itself?

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. What did you see in the home?

18 A. Kissing and touching all the time and that in the living  
19 room.

20 Q. How obvious was that to people?

21 A. Oh, everybody seen it. Everybody knew it was going on.

22 Q. What about any of the adults? Do you think the  
23 adults --

24 A. Oh aye, definitely. They would have seen it. The women  
25 staff -- as I say, if Sister [REDACTED] LHW wasn't about, say

1 she was maybe over doing her prayers in the big house,  
2 or wherever she went, the other ones was there.

3 Q. And I think, much later on, much more recently, you gave  
4 evidence at a criminal trial --

5 A. Mm-hm.

6 Q. -- where Joe Duffy --

7 A. I think as well, there would have been occasions, sorry,  
8 that Sister Philip would have saw as well.

9 Q. Sister Philip?

10 A. Sorry, I'm sorry, Sister [LHW]. Sorry about that. I'm  
11 just getting ... Sister [LHW] would have seen this  
12 because the place was very open, a load of windows and  
13 stuff like that. It was very -- for it -- it had been  
14 going on for a long time and for nobody to notice, it  
15 just -- I don't know. I wasn't the only one that seen  
16 all that, though.

17 Q. I think what I'd moved on to ask you is that it is the  
18 case that, much more recently, you gave evidence at  
19 a criminal trial --

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 Q. -- in connection with Mr Duffy.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And he was convicted of abuse?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Of more than one person.

- 1 A. Five -- acquitted of two, but five.
- 2 Q. Do you know if any others he may have abused were at  
3 Nazareth House?
- 4 A. Yes, one boy killed himself. One of the boys of the two  
5 brothers, [REDACTED] he has had  
6 a stroke and can't speak on his own, and -- what did you  
7 say, sorry?
- 8 Q. I just asked you the question whether you knew if there  
9 were other children from Nazareth House who were abused  
10 by Joseph Duffy.
- 11 A. I was the only one out of the seven that wasn't.
- 12 Q. Can I then take you, Paula, to when you came to leave  
13 Nazareth House. Can we move on to that point in time?  
14 I think you went back home after you left; is that  
15 correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. I think, so far as leaving was concerned, I think you  
18 thought it was about 1984 when you were about 11 years  
19 of age.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. At that time, is it right to say, that Nazareth House,  
22 as far as accommodating children would be concerned, was  
23 closing down?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Again -- and you tell us this in your statement in

1 paragraphs 94 to 95 -- was life at home unhappy?

2 A. Very.

3 Q. Were you --

4 A. Unhappy, did you say?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. Yes, very unhappy.

7 Q. Did you require again to be taken into care?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You provide us with some detailed evidence in your  
10 statement about your life in care after you were taken  
11 back into care and in particular you were back into  
12 Coylton Home in Ayrshire and you also went to the Good  
13 Shepherd Centre in Bishopton; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I think you're aware today we're just concerned with  
16 your life in Nazareth House; we have your evidence in  
17 connection with these other establishments, which  
18 we will not lose sight of, but today we are just  
19 focusing on Nazareth House. Do you understand that?  
20 I think you've been told that; is that right?

21 A. Mm-hm.

22 Q. Can I then look at life after you left care? Did you  
23 then go back to stay with your father?

24 A. I went to stay with my father, left Bishopton, went to  
25 stay with my father when I was about 14, but it broke

1 down after a while.

2 Q. Were you backwards and forwards then, after that broke  
3 down? Did you go back to your mother?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Again, were there difficulties there?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You tell us, from paragraphs 142 through to 149, quite  
8 a lot of detail about your personal circumstances and  
9 how life has been for you and in particular that you've  
10 had children over those years; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. But at the moment, you're in a stable relationship and  
13 you have a young daughter?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can I ask you about the impact you think that having  
16 been in Nazareth House has had on you? Can you help me  
17 with that? What do you think the impact of being there,  
18 being in Nazareth House, has had on you?

19 A. Oh, a very, very bad one.

20 Q. Can you summarise that for us?

21 A. What do you mean?

22 Q. Can you tell us what you think the impact has been?

23 A. Nazareth House has left me with ... God, this is  
24 difficult.

25 Q. We don't need details because you've set it out in your

1 statement. If I can --

2 A. It's destroyed my life. I'm left with mental health,  
3 you know ... That I can't control, but obviously with  
4 the help of doctors and stuff like that, thingummy --  
5 I've got a personality disorder, unstable personality  
6 disorder where I just feel like I can never do anything  
7 good in life. You say I've got one child, I've got  
8 four. I've never had any -- my family -- my brothers  
9 and sisters isolate me. They've never bothered with me  
10 because they say that I'm the mad one that was in the  
11 nuthouse, I'm not right in the head. My mum said,  
12 because I had meningitis, that this has left me like  
13 a bad child. When I was young, the psychologist said  
14 when I was in Nazareth House there was nothing wrong  
15 with me, I was a happy bubbly child, but now I've got  
16 four or five different things wrong with me and I never  
17 -- I don't know, because obviously everything that  
18 happened in there, in the other place, I just feel like  
19 my life's been stolen from me. Just bad.

20 Q. I don't want you to dwell on it today, Paula, because  
21 you have set this out in detail.

22 A. It's been from January this year, all this carry on --  
23 it's hard for me to be took back there.

24 Q. Okay. I'll stop you there in relation to that. We have  
25 your statement and the detail in your statement.

1           But can I ask you this, and I'm now turning to the  
2           end of your statement where you provide some information  
3           about what lessons could be learned from your time in  
4           care. Do you understand that?

5           A. Yes.

6           Q. One of the things you do say -- this is at  
7           paragraph 185 -- is that:

8           "Children in care need someone to talk to."

9           A. They do. Someone to listen to them, more support, take  
10          on board what they're saying and obviously do something  
11          about it, protect them, like in every way that they can.

12          Q. The other thing you say is that you don't think that  
13          nuns should be allowed to be care providers.

14          A. No, definitely not, no.

15          Q. Just looking in summary in relation to Sister **LHW**,  
16          what you say is that:

17          "[You] think that she caused a lot of pain and  
18          suffering to a lot of people."

19          A. Yes. I just think that she absolutely hated children.  
20          She maybe was in the -- having to look after us, she  
21          avoided the position as much as possible. She didn't  
22          want to do it, she was forced to do it. So therefore  
23          she thought, "Maybe if I have to look after them, I'm  
24          not going to like these weans, I don't want to be here".  
25          So she made it as clear as possible. But it wasn't our

1 fault. It wasn't our fault to be put there.

2 Q. What you say towards the very end of your statement --  
3 and this is at paragraph 190 and it's on the screen --  
4 you say:

5 "I hope children in care will be treated more  
6 humanely. I hope they will be safe, loved, listened to  
7 and looked after."

8 That's your position?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. "I hope life is good for children in care and that  
11 no one has to go through what I went through."

12 That's your --

13 A. That's right.

14 MR MacAULAY: Very well, Paula. Thank you for coming to  
15 give your evidence today. I can see it hasn't been an  
16 easy task for you, but thank you for coming and speaking  
17 to the inquiry.

18 LADY SMITH: Can I check whether there are any outstanding  
19 applications for questions? No.

20 Paula, that's the end of the questions we have for  
21 you here. I'm very conscious of the fact that you've  
22 engaged in more than one way, not just with the inquiry  
23 but also in relation to the trial that you referred to  
24 in retreating back into your time in care, and I do  
25 appreciate that can't have been easy for you. But it

1 has been of enormous assistance to me in the work I have  
2 to do with the inquiry for you to engage with us in your  
3 written statement and in coming along today to give us  
4 your oral evidence. So thank you for that and I'm now  
5 able to let you go.

6 (The witness withdrew)

7 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.

8 MR MacAULAY: My Lady, we probably have time to read one of  
9 the shorter statements into the transcript.

10 LADY SMITH: Let's do that then.

11 Witness statement of "SHERYL" (read)

12 MS RATTRAY: My Lady, this applicant wishes to remain  
13 anonymous and use the pseudonym "Sheryl". Her witness  
14 statement can be found at WIT.001.001.8919. She was due  
15 to give evidence orally tomorrow, but is now no longer  
16 able to come due to health reasons.

17 "My name is Sheryl. I was born in 1961. My contact  
18 details are known to the inquiry."

19 My Lady, at paragraphs 2 to 10 she provides some  
20 background information about her family and her life  
21 before she and one of other older brothers were admitted  
22 to Nazareth House in Kilmarnock. She doesn't recall how  
23 old she was, but she had already gone to school and made  
24 her first communion. She thinks she was there for about  
25 four years. The Nazareth House records state she was in

1 care in Kilmarnock for about a two-year period from  
2 around 1968 to 1970.

3 Turning to paragraph 11 on page 8920:

4 "A social worker called Gwen Chapman took us to  
5 Kilmarnock. I recall driving through the big gate and  
6 hearing the crushing of the white pebbles as we drove  
7 over them. There was a big statue of the Virgin Mary,  
8 then I recall seeing this massive building. It looked  
9 rather daunting.

10 "We were taken into what was called the parlour,  
11 which was carpeted and had pictures of Jesus on the  
12 wall. Sister [LHZ] then spoke to the social worker and  
13 me and my brother and then the social worker left.

14 "I don't really remember what happened next. The  
15 only thing I recall was seeing the big long corridors,  
16 the dormitories, and lots of children and the fact that  
17 the nuns took our toys off us and put them in a big  
18 cupboard.

19 "There were two groups of children in the home, each  
20 with a nun in charge of it. Me and my brother were put  
21 into Sister [LHZ]'s group. I think it was a yellow and  
22 a blue group. We were then separated with me going with  
23 the girls and my brother went with the boys. He was  
24 three years older than me.

25 "There was a Mother Superior who died when we were

1           there. I remember them putting her body in the chapel  
2           and we had to see it. Then there was Sister [LHZ] and  
3           another nun whose name I don't recall but I seem to  
4           recall she was nicer than Sister [LHZ]. There were also  
5           civilian staff.

6           "On the first level there was an old folks' home and  
7           our dorms were on the floor above this. I remember we  
8           had to pass the old folk when going to bed and I was  
9           always scared of them.

10          "On the ground floor there were male and female  
11          dining rooms and a recreation room where we had to do  
12          the full rosary every Monday and Friday. There was also  
13          a washroom with old-fashioned sinks.

14          "I would say there were 20 to 30 girls and the same  
15          amount of boys. I think the age group went from three  
16          or four up to 16.

17          "There was between ten and 15 girls in my dorm and  
18          we would get up at about 6 am. We would then get  
19          washed, dressed and go down to chapel. We would then go  
20          for breakfast before walking to school, which was  
21          nearby; it was called St Columba's. We stayed at school  
22          for lunch, then at 4 pm we would walk back to the home.

23          "We would have tea, then play in the recreation  
24          room, which would sometimes be partitioned, either to  
25          separate the boys from the girls, or to allow some to

1 watch a film. I can't remember supper but I think  
2 bedtime was about 8 pm.

3 "The food was terrible. They used to give you bread  
4 that had been dipped in fat and I hated it. I told my  
5 teacher in school this, but she must have told the nuns  
6 because later that night Sister [LHZ] stood up in front  
7 of us all and told us all what I told the teacher.

8 I was sent up to the dorm to kneel in the hallways.

9 I waited there for a few hours until Sister [LHZ]  
10 finished her prayers. She then punished me with a bat.  
11 I don't recall how often she hit me but it was a lot.  
12 This was done over my clothing.

13 "I didn't like the food and, while I can't actually  
14 remember what it was, I just recall not liking it.  
15 I remember that I used to eat and steal a lot of  
16 cornflakes.

17 "On several occasions I would refuse to eat what was  
18 put down in front of me and they would force it into my  
19 mouth. Sometimes I would vomit but I don't recall what  
20 happened when I did. Before they did that, they would  
21 make you sit at the table on your own to see if you  
22 would eat it.

23 "I remember one occasion when they were forcing food  
24 into my mouth. My brother was very protective of me and  
25 got involved, but he just ended up getting into trouble.

1           "On a Friday after school, we had what was called  
2 a 'strip-down wash'. It was all boys and girls together  
3 and we had to strip naked. Some would be as young as 3  
4 or 4, while the oldest was 15 or 16. I could never  
5 understand why boys and girls couldn't eat together yet  
6 we had to stand naked together at wash time.

7           "We had to stand in a queue and I just remember  
8 trying to hide myself and being very embarrassed. We  
9 then got washed at the big sinks using carbolic soap.  
10 It was Sister **LHZ** who washed all of us, boys and  
11 girls.

12           "There were baths on the second floor, which I think  
13 we used at the weekends. I recall the water being very  
14 cold, but I don't recall it being dirty. Again, we all  
15 lined up to take our turn. Sometimes you were in the  
16 bath with another child. I think a home help washed us  
17 if Sister **LHZ** wasn't there.

18           "We had a uniform for school and clothes for  
19 a Sunday, which were called our Sunday best, though they  
20 were all second-hand. There was a big box from which  
21 they would give us all clothes for the week. This is  
22 what you got changed into when you got back from school.  
23 I recall we all had our name tabs sown on to the  
24 clothes.

25           "I liked school because our teacher was a really

1 nice young woman, though it was her I told about the  
2 bread and who must have told the nuns what I said.  
3 I remember her cuddling me and that was the first time  
4 I'd ever been cuddled.

5 "On a Saturday there was a baker down the road who  
6 used to donate cakes at the end of the day. Two of us  
7 would get picked to go and collect them and I was one of  
8 those picked now and again. The only other trip  
9 I recall was the annual outing with the tax drivers to  
10 Troon which I enjoyed.

11 "Our own toys were taken off us when we first  
12 arrived at the home. There was a play park out the back  
13 which had swings and I think they put hobby horses out  
14 there. They might also have put out some toys, but  
15 really the only thing I remember about toys is seeing  
16 ours in a big cupboard and not being allowed to play  
17 with them. There was a TV in the recreation room but  
18 you could only watch it at certain times. There was no  
19 record player or radio and I have no recollection of  
20 books or comics.

21 "On one birthday Gwen Chapman, the social worker,  
22 bought me a leather school bag but the nuns took it off  
23 me as soon as she left. I don't recall which of my  
24 birthdays it was, but it's the only thing I remember  
25 about birthdays in Nazareth House. I have no memories

1 at all of Christmas or whether or not it was celebrated.

2 "The only chores I remember is that at the weekend  
3 we had to go down on our hands and knees and polish the  
4 lino in the big hallways.

5 "I never got any visits from family. Gwen Chapman,  
6 the social worker, came to see me maybe twice a year.  
7 There was something that stopped me telling her what was  
8 happening in the home. I think it might have been  
9 because the teacher had told the nuns what I had told  
10 her.

11 "If there were any official visitors, then I was not  
12 aware of them.

13 "I have no recollection of ever seeing a doctor or  
14 a dentist while at Nazareth House.

15 "I didn't ever run away while at the home. My  
16 brother did once but was quickly caught. I didn't see  
17 him get beaten for doing this, but I certainly heard him  
18 screaming in agony when they beat him for running away.  
19 It broke my heart listening to his screams.

20 "The use of a bat to hit us was the main form of  
21 discipline used on us. I seem to recall a small cricket  
22 bat and a tennis racket being used. I have no idea how  
23 often I was punished but I just recall kneeling in the  
24 corridor waiting to be punished a lot.

25 "I was a bed-wetter nearly every other night. If

1           they discovered that you had wet the bed then at teatime  
2           that evening your name would be read out and you would  
3           have to go upstairs and kneel in the hallway and wait  
4           until Sister **LHZ** came along to beat you. Of course  
5           this meant you spent the whole day knowing you were  
6           going to get a beating.

7           "When they discovered you had wet the bed, you had  
8           to take a cold bath. I remember smelling of urine  
9           because the cold water wouldn't take away the smell.  
10          They would strip the bed but I don't recall what  
11          happened to your pyjamas. You weren't punished at that  
12          point.

13          "I used to try and hide the fact that I'd wet the  
14          bed, but when I did it meant my sheets and pyjamas would  
15          still be wet when I went to bed that night.

16          "You were never called by your first name. There  
17          was a permanent sense of fear, especially a fear of God.  
18          I had a picture of Jesus by my bed and always believed  
19          he could see everything I did because the nuns said so.  
20          It was terrifying.

21          "My brother told me years later that a priest raped  
22          him at Nazareth House but he didn't tell me the priest's  
23          name.

24          "There was one time in the middle of the time when  
25          Sister **LHZ** was at my bed. She said I had something

1 wrong with my private parts and told me to lift up my  
2 nightie. She then put cream on my private parts.  
3 I don't recall having anything wrong with my private  
4 parts and wonder if this was a sexual assault. Why  
5 would she do that in the middle of the night? Surely  
6 that sort of thing would be done during the day.

7 "Other than the fearful atmosphere there was, as  
8 I've said, the continual beatings, often for nothing.  
9 Probably the worst thing about that was the fact that  
10 you had to kneel in the hallway for what seemed like  
11 ages knowing what when the wait was over, you were going  
12 to get a beating."

13 My Lady, from paragraphs 52 to 97, Sheryl tells us  
14 of her unhappy experiences in a foster placement with  
15 her brother. Ultimately, the children were returned to  
16 their parents who were separated. Sheryl chose to live  
17 with her mum and her brother chose to live with her dad.  
18 She describes her life after care and growing up as  
19 a nightmare and has suffered from problems with her  
20 mental health.

21 Moving now to page 8934 at paragraph 98, where  
22 Sheryl speaks of the impact on her of her life in care:

23 "I feel that the first 12 years of my life, all  
24 those years in care, have ruined my life. It has never  
25 left me. There's not been a day in my life that

1 I haven't thought about it. I've been ridiculed about  
2 it and told none of it ever happened.

3 "I've always felt sorry for myself and have a chip  
4 on my shoulder. I have never had anybody that stuck up  
5 for me other than when I was in one relationship. He  
6 stuck up for me when he was good. When he was good, he  
7 was good, but when he was bad, he was bad.

8 "I seem to move from one volatile relationship to  
9 another and I think I was just simply looking for  
10 somebody to love and who would love me in return.  
11 I have never fitted in anywhere and have moved all over  
12 Dundee all my life.

13 "I have always felt that I was never a good mum as  
14 both my children became heroin addicts and my son had  
15 died through it. I sometimes feel that if I hadn't gone  
16 through the care system at a young age I would have made  
17 a better mum and my children wouldn't have taken to  
18 drugs.

19 "Sister **LHZ** has stayed in my nightmares all my  
20 life and was one of the reasons I ended up seeing  
21 a psychiatrist. In the 90s there was an article in the  
22 News of the World and it was about a woman who was the  
23 first person who came forward to talk about her time at  
24 Nazareth House.

25 "When I saw the article, I realised that I hadn't

1           been imagining what had happened to me and that it had  
2           happened to others. I contacted her and we got talking.  
3           I gave a statement to the police about my time in  
4           Nazareth House."

5           My Lady, now turning to paragraph 106 on the  
6           following page, 8935:

7           "I hadn't tried to get hold of my records, but  
8           Future Pathways are supposed to be helping me get them.

9           "I really think that social workers should be giving  
10          more care as to where they are putting children. They  
11          should be doing more checks because that never happened  
12          to us.

13          "In fairness to Gwen Chapman, I was always too  
14          scared to tell her what was happening to me so maybe she  
15          couldn't act on it, but I'm sure my brother's behaviour  
16          must have given cause for alarm.

17          "I have no objection to my witness statement being  
18          published as part of the evidence to the inquiry.  
19          I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are  
20          true."

21          The statement was signed by Sheryl on 21 May 2018.

22          LADY SMITH: Thank you.

23                 I take it that you are suggesting that I rise now  
24                 for the lunch break?

25          MS RATTRAY: Yes, my Lady, and this afternoon we will have

1 at least one, if not two, read-ins.

2 (12.51 pm)

3 (The lunch adjournment)

4 (2.00 pm)

5 LADY SMITH: Ms Rattray, when you're ready.

6 Witness statement of "ELLA" (read)

7 MS RATTRAY: This is a read-in from a witness who wishes to

8 remain anonymous -- the pseudonym "Ella" will be used.

9 Ella is unable to give oral evidence for health reasons.

10 Her witness statement can be found at WIT.001.001.8723:

11 "My name is Ella. I was born in 1948. My contact  
12 details are known to the inquiry."

13 In paragraphs 2 to 4, Ella describes her family  
14 background and the lead-up to her going into care at  
15 Nazareth House Kilmarnock. In short, she has little  
16 memory of life before care.

17 Moving now to paragraph 5 on page 8724:

18 "Nazareth House was run by nuns. The two nuns  
19 I recall that were the main carers for us were  
20 Sister **LKK**, who was all right, and Sister **LQM**  
21 who was the main instigator of the abuse. There were  
22 a couple of civilian staff but I cannot recall their  
23 names. The civilian staff stayed separately from the  
24 nuns and would mainly work in the kitchens. The nuns  
25 looked after the children.

1           "There were separate dormitories for older girls.  
2           The first dormitory was on the same floor was the  
3           nursery. The nursery was sited at the end of this  
4           corridor. Another dormitory was on the top floor above  
5           the nursery. I started in the dormitory on the top  
6           floor. When I moved there, I was at the bottom of the  
7           social order and there was a lot of bullying from the  
8           older girls.

9           "It was mainly girls that I recall residing at  
10          Nazareth House. I have a video showing some of us  
11          dancing. On the video is a voice in the background  
12          telling us it was bedtime. When we went to the nursery,  
13          it shows some boys there. I never recalled there being  
14          boys, but they are definitely on the video. I suspect  
15          they transferred when they started school.

16          "I have memories of the day I was admitted to  
17          Nazareth House when I was around 2 years old."

18          My Lady, Ella recalls being admitted to  
19          Nazareth House at the age of 2 and we shall hear that  
20          she recalls leaving when she was almost 14 years old.  
21          This would be from approximately around 1950 to 1961 or  
22          1962.

23          The records for Nazareth House Kilmarnock give an  
24          admission date of 1951 and a leaving date of 1955.  
25          There is possibly a readmission date later in 1955 that

1 might apply to Ella, but nothing further:

2 "I have memories of the day I was admitted to  
3 Nazareth House when I was around 2 years old. I recall  
4 it being a big building. I was holding on to a man's  
5 hand as we walked up the gravel footpath. There was  
6 a large front lawn and I remember a gardener planting  
7 flowers.

8 "My first memories after arriving are when I was  
9 around 4 years old. In the nursery I remember I would  
10 rock the babies there to sleep. That seemed a safe  
11 place.

12 "In the dormitories we had our own beds. There were  
13 no bunk beds. In the upper dormitory there were around  
14 20 beds. In the other dormitory there were many more  
15 beds. The dormitories housed girls of all ages.

16 "I recall the time of leaving the nursery and being  
17 taken to the main dormitory. One of the civilian staff  
18 held my hand as we walked downstairs. There were a row  
19 of girls and they were chanting my name and shouting,  
20 'You will be one of us soon'. I was holding on tight to  
21 this woman's hand and remember being really afraid.

22 "The nuns occupied a self-contained room within the  
23 dormitory. They would observe you from their room  
24 through the curtains of the door. Sister **LQM**  
25 stayed in the lower dormitory and Sister **LKK** the upper

1 dormitory. For some reason, I was moved from the upper  
2 to the lower dormitory. My bed was the one allocated  
3 directly beside Sister [REDACTED] LQM 's room.

4 "We were woken between 5.30 and 6 o'clock, seven  
5 days a week. The nuns would pull back the bedclothes to  
6 waken you. You were expected to kneel on the stone-cold  
7 floor for prayers. You would be expected to recite  
8 prayers in unison and loudly. If the prayer was called  
9 out wrongly or you were not loud enough, you started  
10 again. Sister [REDACTED] LQM would whack you with her hand  
11 or with an instrument she held and state, 'Speak up,  
12 child'. You would repeat the prayer and, if not correct  
13 before school was due, you would leave and miss out on  
14 breakfast. I missed breakfast on many occasions.

15 "After prayers, we would get washed and put on our  
16 clothes for school. It was always cold within the  
17 dormitories and as we entered the hallway, I tried to  
18 warm myself near the pipes and radiators.

19 "In the evening, between 6.30 and 7, the nuns would  
20 have their own routine with singing and reciting their  
21 prayers. During this, we were made to stand on the  
22 stairway for long periods. When they were finished, we  
23 said our prayers and went to bed. It did not matter  
24 whether it was a school night or weekend, there was no  
25 such thing as a late night.

1            "We had chores to complete and this took place on  
2 Saturdays. The long hallway had radiators with pipes  
3 with metal grates. We had to lift the grates and clean  
4 the channel out with our bare hands. The rats were  
5 still running along those channels. We would scrub the  
6 floors of the dormitories and clean the bathrooms. If  
7 you did not feel fit to or did not want to do the  
8 chores, you were made to do them by yourself.

9            "The chores would take us up to lunchtime. If it  
10 was not raining, we would be allowed out to play after  
11 chores. While playing, the nuns would watch over us  
12 and, more often than not, it was Sister **LQM**.

13           "On Sundays we would be still up at 6 o'clock.  
14 We would go to Mass, then back for breakfast. After  
15 breakfast we were kept in the playroom and made to  
16 listen to Sister **LQM** pontificate about religion.  
17 I tried to tune her out as I sat near the window. All  
18 the children were made to be there.

19           "We were never allowed to have any outside  
20 activities like Brownies or anything similar. There was  
21 no interaction with the children on the outside. The  
22 only thing I was ever allowed to do outside was an  
23 occasional visit to a swimming pool in Kilmarnock.

24           "Breakfast always consisted of porridge with lots of  
25 sugar. You were so hungry all the time you tried to

1 make sure you ate in the morning. It was the same every  
2 morning, whether a weekday or weekend.

3 "I don't recall having lunch at the school. I must  
4 have walked back to the home and returned to school.  
5 The walk would be about half an hour in each direction.

6 "Before the evening meal, we had benediction,  
7 usually around 5 o'clock. This was at the chapel and we  
8 knelt on the wooden benches. If you were late, you were  
9 hit with the belt from Sister LQM. She would just  
10 lash out with the belt and you were hit wherever it  
11 landed. If it was not just from her uniform, she would  
12 also produce a belt from her pocket.

13 "Benediction was every day and lasted for about  
14 30 minutes and then we went for tea. The only part of  
15 the meal I recall was it was always contained potatoes.  
16 There may have been other foods, but never fruit.

17 "We were not allowed in the kitchen except when it  
18 was our turn to wash the dishes. If you were not in the  
19 kitchen, your job was to clean out the dining room.  
20 Sometimes the other nuns were present and you were able  
21 to have a conversation with them. This was a good deal  
22 because it was not as difficult as cleaning out the  
23 grates.

24 "During primary school I attended St Columba's  
25 School, Kilmarnock. There were a couple of children

1 with learning disabilities and they were sent to  
2 a special school.

3 "On my first day at school I was taken there by the  
4 same lady who transferred me from nursery to the older  
5 girls' dormitory. I went into a panic and was screaming  
6 all day and found it a really terrifying experience. My  
7 feelings were the school had no experience in how to  
8 handle someone who was terrified and screaming.

9 "There was a large turnaround of girls. A lot were  
10 only in Nazareth House for about six months to a year  
11 before they either moved on or returned to their  
12 families. To my recollection, I was the only permanent  
13 resident. The girls arrived with many issues and I felt  
14 insecure in their presence. Because of their problems,  
15 it was difficult to form any relationships.

16 "Although I settled, no one took time to teach me  
17 social skills or show me affection. Because of this,  
18 I did not know how to interact with other children.

19 "After being accompanied to school by staff, I was  
20 about 6 years old when I was allowed to go on my own or  
21 in the company of two or three of the other girls.

22 "I remember the school reported me to the home for  
23 misbehaving. When I returned to Nazareth House,  
24 Sister LQM was waiting on me. She made me go to  
25 the attic where the water tank was. I was told to stay

1           there until she was ready and she locked the door.  
2           There were rats in that room, which were running around.  
3           I was screaming and I passed out. Only when I was no  
4           longer screaming did she open the door and pull me out.  
5           That was not enough for her as she produced her belt and  
6           hit me all over the body with it. I was around 8 years  
7           old.

8           "When we were home from school, we would change into  
9           play clothes. Depending on the mood of  
10          Sister **LQM** we were allowed to play on the swings  
11          in the garden. If the weather was bad, we played inside  
12          in what they considered to be a playroom. There were  
13          not many toys in the playroom.

14          "Clothes were issued to each of the children from  
15          a large cupboard in the locker room. You were lucky  
16          in the clothes fitted you. Most of the time it was  
17          either smaller or larger and the nuns told you to wear  
18          them anyway.

19          "Secondary school was at St Joseph's Academy.  
20          I enjoyed my time there as I had a sense of freedom.  
21          I was able to walk there unattended and I did a lot of  
22          exploring around the area. I was there until second  
23          year.

24          "The only breaks from Nazareth House were during the  
25          school summer holidays. We were fostered out to various

1 families. My first visit during my primary school years  
2 was to the Highlands. I stayed with the sister of the  
3 school principal in [REDACTED] and for some reason I was  
4 there for about six months or longer. She was a single  
5 lady with no other family.

6 "She rented out her spare room to a gentleman and  
7 from records I read, I had to share the bed with her. I  
8 recall nosing around the house when she was out. When  
9 she discovered this, she was so irritated and punished  
10 me by making me strip naked. She made me stand in the  
11 kitchen sink while other kids from the area played in  
12 the gardens outside.

13 "One day the man who rented the room was running  
14 around the house in his underwear. I got such a fright  
15 I ran away. She telephoned the Social Services.  
16 Miss Winthrop was on her way to collect me when she  
17 found me walking on the main road.

18 "I reported the abuse at Nazareth House to the  
19 Social Services including the incidents at [REDACTED].  
20 A few years ago, I saw some of the my Social Services  
21 records. Within those records was a copy of a letter  
22 from Miss Winthrop to the lady in [REDACTED]. The letter  
23 apologised to the woman for my behaviour. Despite what  
24 I had reported, they still blamed me.

25 I also saw within the records relating to this woman

1           that a boy was placed in her care for a time. I found  
2           this wrong as Social Services were putting another  
3           person in danger."

4           In paragraphs 39 and 40, Ella provides some further  
5           information about her holiday experiences staying with  
6           other foster families, in connection with one particular  
7           family she goes on to say:

8           "My relationship with them continued into adulthood  
9           and I still see them to this day. They were a very  
10          caring couple. You could talk to them and they would  
11          comfort you if you fell or if you were ill. If they  
12          were in Kilmarnock for any reason, they called at  
13          Nazareth House to see me. This was the first piece of  
14          goodness I found in my entire life.

15          "At Christmas we were given a brown bag containing  
16          some fruit. This was great because we were never fed  
17          fruit during the rest of the year. There was only one  
18          year I recall a tree being decorated.

19          "Sometimes some Americans attended at the home and  
20          took some of us out in a bus and we would visit  
21          Prestwick for the day. I only remember one Easter when  
22          a really large egg arrived for the children which we  
23          shared. Birthdays were not celebrated at  
24          Nazareth House. The only thing that happened was one of  
25          the nuns would announce so-and-so's birthday and that

1 was it. I did get a cake one year from my mother, but  
2 this was shared with everyone."

3 In paragraphs 45 to 47 Ella provides information  
4 about persons who visited the home and I'm now moving to  
5 page 8731 and paragraph 48:

6 "Throughout my early life, I was quite ill a lot.  
7 I have not been able to find out what was wrong. On one  
8 occasion I recall being in Kilmarnock Infirmary and  
9 being surrounded by a group of student nurses and  
10 I panicked.

11 "While at Nazareth House there were many occasions  
12 when I suffered from vomiting. Now matter how ill  
13 I was, it was always my responsibility to clean up the  
14 mess. I would use whatever cloths were available.

15 "When I was 9 or 10 I had an issue with bed-wetting.  
16 If I wet the bed, Sister [REDACTED] LQM made me stand with  
17 the wet sheet over my head. I would have to stand there  
18 until the sheet had dried.

19 "When I was around 10 years old, I was in a bed with  
20 some material around the bed like curtains. As I was  
21 getting out of the bed, I could see someone through the  
22 curtains. One of the older girls with an Irish accent  
23 approached the bed. She was about 15 or 16. She pulled  
24 down the bed covers and was pulling up my nightie.  
25 I was shouting for her to leave me alone. I kicked out

1 at her and my resistance was enough that I was able to  
2 run away. Sister [REDACTED] LQM [REDACTED] was watching all this as she  
3 stood at the door. At no point did she try to intervene  
4 or stop the girl in any way. She never spoke to me  
5 about it. I'm not sure what happened to the girl;  
6 I never saw her again.

7 "Within Nazareth House there was a lot of bullying.  
8 Normally, I could stand up for myself and look people in  
9 the eye. While playing outside, a group of the girls  
10 would throw stones at me and jump on top of me.

11 Sister [REDACTED] LQM [REDACTED] watched this happening but would not  
12 assist. She would somehow blame me for this and punish  
13 me. She shouted I was a sore point on her side. There  
14 were many occasions the others were outside playing and  
15 I would be made to stay indoors.

16 "Sometimes when Sister [REDACTED] LQM [REDACTED] was annoyed, she  
17 would make me stand in a corner facing the wall and  
18 a blanket was placed over my head. I was not allowed to  
19 speak and the girls would not be allowed to speak to me.  
20 This was a common occurrence on a Saturday. I was not  
21 the only one and observed other girls being punished in  
22 this manner.

23 "Sister [REDACTED] LQM [REDACTED]'s punishments varied depending on  
24 whether other were present. If there was no other  
25 adults she would make you stand in the corner, use the

1 belt on you, or just hit you. On one or two occasions  
2 she locked me in the attic where the water tanks and  
3 rats were. She was very sneaky with her punishments.

4 "Bath times were once a week on a Saturday. We were  
5 all stood in line naked. One by one we used the tub to  
6 get washed. The water was never changed, so if you were  
7 at the end you bathed in everyone else's dirty water.  
8 The windows were always open and it was extremely cold.  
9 If you misbehaved at any time, Sister **LQM** would  
10 hit you with the belt across your ankles.

11 "Some of the assaults of Sister **LQM** included  
12 pulling my hair, dragging me on the floor and frequent  
13 use of the belts and instruments. The fear was  
14 constant. They did not realise the problems it caused.  
15 I became a fearful and nervous child. There was no  
16 safety net, no one to speak to, or anywhere to go for  
17 relief.

18 "If the nuns had to attend a service or were busy as  
19 a group, the older girls were left to supervise us.  
20 They never knew any better and, if anyone misbehaved,  
21 they would punish you in the same manner they witnessed  
22 from Sister **LQM**.

23 "It seemed that the daily routine was more  
24 structured to a religious order than to childcare. If  
25 they did not fall into this order, there were

1 consequences.

2 "Miss Winthrop approached my aunt, who was already  
3 fostering children, to see if she would take me because  
4 my mother was attempting to take me to her house.

5 Everyone was concerned about me going to my mother's  
6 house. This was the first time my aunt knew I existed.

7 "During my last year when I was nearly 14, my aunt  
8 came to see me. She had got in her car and drove to  
9 Nazareth House. She spoke to me and told me about my  
10 mother, cousins and wider family. My aunt went back to  
11 Renfrewshire and spoke to my mother. She told her she  
12 had visited me. This was the first time my mother  
13 realised other people knew of my existence.

14 "The day I left, I was dressed in play clothes but  
15 there was something different about the atmosphere.  
16 Sister LKK asked me if I wanted to stay with the  
17 foster family or with my mother. I wanted to stay with  
18 the foster family because I never knew my mother. Later  
19 that same day, a woman I later found out to be my mother  
20 came to Nazareth House and took me away. I thought  
21 I was going to another foster home as I did not know  
22 this woman.

23 "I remember going on a bus to Renfrewshire. When  
24 I arrived at the house, there was an older lady sitting  
25 in a chair."

1           In paragraphs 63 to 65, Ella describes her  
2 relationship with her mother and I'll continue at  
3 paragraph 66 on page 8734 where Ella says:

4           "Despite the Social Services being involved with me  
5 from the time I left hospital at 18 months, other than  
6 transporting me to the foster homes in the summer, they  
7 never visited me or checked up on me while I stayed in  
8 Nazareth House. There was no channel for children to  
9 report anything to."

10          In paragraphs 67 to 70 Ella describes some aspects  
11 of her life after care. Moving to paragraph 71 on  
12 page 8735, Ella speaks about the impact on her of her  
13 life in care:

14          "From my life in Nazareth House, I had difficulty in  
15 maintaining relationships with family and friends.  
16 There was no one you could talk to, no family  
17 connection. Because of the constant change of girls  
18 in the home, you could not build any friendships.  
19 Nobody taught you how to converse with others and this  
20 impacted on my early adult life as I would have problems  
21 speaking to people and expressing myself. I have worked  
22 through the difficulties and I am a much more confident  
23 person today.

24          "Whenever a teacher or anyone outside in the town  
25 spoke with you, they would always say, 'Oh, you poor

1 child'. This continued into my adulthood. I recall  
2 meeting a lady at the airport who was from Kilmarnock.  
3 After striking up a conversation with her, I revealed  
4 I had been a resident at Nazareth House. She came out  
5 with the same expression, 'Oh, you poor child'. There  
6 was never anything special about you; you were just  
7 a poor girl.

8 "As a result of my time in Nazareth House, it has  
9 taken time to build a positive identity of myself and  
10 a feeling of self-worth.

11 "When I was about 35 or 36, I went for counselling.  
12 Through that, I was able to understand myself better.  
13 I was an avid reader and read up on self-help books.  
14 I used those tools to self-manage and it helped me to  
15 build confidence and that I was a person of worth. I am  
16 aware of my fears but I can now manage them.

17 "I put myself through school and obtained  
18 a bachelor's degree. The counselling and education was  
19 a great benefit to me.

20 "I have seen some of my records from Inverclyde but  
21 not all. I have written to Nazareth House in London to  
22 see my records, but was only supplied with limited  
23 versions. I would like to see my medical records to  
24 fill in why I was initially in hospital as a child and  
25 for a time during my stay at Nazareth House.

1           "I have written to Future Pathways with a view to  
2           accessing my records, but to date I have not received  
3           any response from them.

4           "Later in life I found out that my mother was paying  
5           10 shillings a week to Social Services during the whole  
6           time of my life in care. They were taking money from  
7           parents but weren't providing a safe haven for children.  
8           I would assume that, like my mother, most parents  
9           trusted that Social Services were protecting their  
10          children. I'm left wondering what Social Services were  
11          doing with the money. If Social Services had taken  
12          their responsibilities seriously, I believe many of  
13          these abuses would not have happened. As I see it,  
14          Social Services is the key link to all of these homes.

15          "I hope the inquiry can make some requirements on  
16          organisations by compensating the victims, not just  
17          monetarily, but by provide a platform for counselling  
18          and help get their self-worth back. Perhaps Lady Smith  
19          would be able to provide a platform for children to  
20          report any abuse and that they are not alone and that  
21          someone is there to listen to them.

22          "I have no objection to my witness statement being  
23          published as part of the evidence to the inquiry.  
24          I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are  
25          true."

1           The statement was signed by Ella on 16 May 2018.

2       LADY SMITH: Thank you.

3       MS RATTRAY: My Lady, if we can move on to the final read-in  
4           for today.

5       LADY SMITH: Yes.

6           Witness statement of "ANGELA" (read)

7       MS RATTRAY: My Lady, this is a statement of an applicant  
8           who was a child in care at Nazareth House, both in  
9           Aberdeen and Cardonald. She now lives in Australia and  
10          has chosen to send the inquiry a signed statement that  
11          she prepared herself. The inquiry's legal team decided  
12          that it would not be necessary for her to give oral  
13          evidence, which would otherwise have been given by live  
14          link; instead, parts of her statement are to be read in.

15          This applicant wishes to remain anonymous and to use  
16          the name "Angela". Her statement can be found at  
17          WIT.003.001.2918.

18          My Lady, before I read parts of the statement I'll  
19          say something about admission dates. Angela was born in  
20          1968. In her statement she says she was admitted to  
21          Nazareth House Aberdeen in 1972 when she was aged 4.  
22          She says she doesn't now how long she was there before  
23          her dad took her back. She thinks she had started  
24          school. She then says that she returned to  
25          Nazareth House Aberdeen after a short time when she was

1 aged 5, which would have been in around 1973 or 1974.

2 She says that she stayed there until she was aged 12  
3 when she moved to Nazareth House Cardonald.  
4 Accordingly, this would have been in around 1980 or  
5 1981.

6 Angela says she stayed at Cardonald for six months  
7 before returning to Nazareth House Aberdeen. She then  
8 left Aberdeen when she was fostered at the age of 13,  
9 which therefore would have been around 1981 or 1982.

10 The admission records for Nazareth House give an  
11 admission date to Aberdeen in 1974 and a leaving date  
12 some seven to eight months later in 1975. The next  
13 dates shown are for a period of about 13 to 14 months  
14 from 1980 to 1982.

15 So there appears to be a large gap, but I think the  
16 inquiry is aware from other sources of evidence that  
17 this applicant was certainly in Aberdeen probably during  
18 the periods she says.

19 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

20 MS RATTRAY: "I was 4 years old when my siblings and I were  
21 first placed in care. It was a children's home in  
22 Glasgow, I think. It was really scary. The kids ran  
23 wild and did whatever they wanted. We weren't there  
24 very long before we placed in Nazareth House. It was  
25 1972. I remember it being a scary experience as I don't

1 recall ever having been around nuns before and they were  
2 scary in their long black flowing robes and the house  
3 was huge and I guess to a young child it was very  
4 overwhelming and strange."

5 Angela then provides some information about her  
6 family background in Glasgow where she and her older  
7 brother and sister were living with her grandparents and  
8 her dad before her dad decided to place her and her  
9 siblings in care.

10 I'll continue from the start of the third paragraph  
11 halfway down the page:

12 "Fast forward a short while and we ended up at  
13 Nazareth House Aberdeen. I have spent many years  
14 getting over the stigma of being brought up in  
15 a children's home. The feelings of worthlessness and  
16 never being the same as the other kids at school or the  
17 feelings of not belonging and feeling unwanted.

18 "In many ways, Nazzy was a safe place. You got to  
19 stay in bed all night and never got dragged out a window  
20 and had to spend hours up the steps in the close waiting  
21 for everything to calm down before you could go back  
22 inside.

23 "In other ways, Nazzy was a hard place. There were  
24 lots of older kids and they could be rough and bully  
25 you, particularly if, like me, you were tiny for your

1 age and what they called one of the good girls who never  
2 got into trouble.

3 "I think I learnt from a very young age to stay  
4 under the radar and try and not to be noticed. I was  
5 placed with my siblings in the care of  
6 Sister [REDACTED] LJI [REDACTED]. There was a young sister there,  
7 I think she was in training, Sister Brenda, who  
8 I remember being kind and reading me stories at bedtime.  
9 She made it less scary at the time.

10 "I shared with room with my sister and two older  
11 girls. They weren't very nice and they didn't seem to  
12 be there that long. I remember something happened, I am  
13 not sure what, but I do recall Sister [REDACTED] LJI [REDACTED] coming  
14 out of a room and closing the door behind her, her veil  
15 was all pulled out of place and she was busy organising  
16 it and getting herself back to normal. At the time it  
17 was thought that one the girls had done this to her.

18 "Sister [REDACTED] LJI [REDACTED] had her favourites and they  
19 seemed to get whatever they wanted, but I don't remember  
20 feeling upset about this; it was just the way it was.

21 "It was scary at night. I'm still terrified of the  
22 dark because of the group. It was so big and we were  
23 in the bottom bedroom and if you wanted to go to the  
24 toilet at night, it was a really, really long walk down  
25 a hall. You then had to open a door halfway down and

1 then down the rest of the hall to the toilets at the  
2 bottom on the right. It was really dark and I remember  
3 being really scared.

4 "I remember there was sometimes a kid at the bottom  
5 of the hall who would be standing there and be in  
6 trouble for wetting the bed. I guess they felt the way  
7 to stop him wetting the bed was to humiliate him and  
8 make him stand there like that, down near the toilets  
9 instead of being in bed. I have always felt sorry to  
10 what we called the 'wee-the-beds' as they seemed to have  
11 it rough.

12 "I don't ever recall wetting the bed but I recall  
13 being so scared and not wanting to get out of bed in the  
14 dark to go to the toilet and by the time I got out, I'd  
15 almost wet myself on the way trying to get there.

16 "I don't know how long we were there before my dad  
17 came and took us back to Glasgow. It must have been  
18 a little while as I think I'd started school."

19 My Lady, Angela then describes how life hadn't  
20 changed for her in Glasgow and describes herself and her  
21 older sister running away from home to the Social Work  
22 Department, so they could return to the convent where  
23 they felt safer.

24 Moving now to page 2919 and the start of the second  
25 paragraph there:

1           "So back to Nazzy we went. I had to have my teeth  
2 seen to while I had been in Glasgow as I had had an  
3 accident and had smashed my front teeth. The dentist  
4 would come into the home. He had his own room set up in  
5 our group. To this day, I fear anyone in white coats  
6 and I'm terrified of doctors, dentists, hospitals and  
7 have panic attacks at being in a hospital.

8           "I don't know why no one talked to you at the time  
9 and explained what was happening. I had a metal thing  
10 with all the pink gunk shoved in my mouth and I felt  
11 that my mouth was going to split apart. This happened  
12 many times over the years as my plate often broke and  
13 the front tooth would either fall off or I'd swallow it  
14 while eating food. As a result, I have a massive  
15 overbite to my jaw because of this and have for years  
16 lived with the effects of bad dentistry.

17           "I think this is a thing that most kids in care can  
18 relate to. I don't remember there ever being any advice  
19 about brushing your teeth and dental care. Years later  
20 when I finally got to meet my birth mother I met my  
21 younger sister and brother and I remember my sister  
22 telling me how she'd had problems with her teeth and how  
23 mum had fought to get her proper dental treatment. She  
24 has perfect teeth and to this day I feel that if only we  
25 had been brought up by my mum I would have great teeth.

1 It sounds silly but to me it's significant.

2 "From the very first sign of a tooth coming through,  
3 my children's teeth were brushed and cared for.

4 I remember back then we would queue up outside the  
5 dentist's door waiting to our time to go and then you'd  
6 wake up in the playroom where you'd been dumped to come  
7 round after the gas. This was just terrifying and you  
8 always seemed to wake up with a big filling or a tooth  
9 missing.

10 "There were good times. We would go on holiday to  
11 Tombae during the summer holiday and this was when my  
12 birthday was. I remember a big long table, lots of  
13 kids, and feeling special as it was my birthday. I'm  
14 sure there was a cake. I have beautiful memories of  
15 Tombae and today it is one of my favourite places in the  
16 world.

17 "We would be given cartons of juice and then we'd be  
18 off out with the staff and walk over the hills and  
19 countryside. It was so beautiful and free.

20 "I have memories of Sister [LJ] having ripped  
21 up old sheets and wrapping our hair so we would wake up  
22 in the morning with ringlets. It made you feel special  
23 to have this treat and as I was usually the scruffiest  
24 kid on the block it made you feel pretty.

25 "We also got to use our pocket money in the shop at

1 Tomintoul and buy a little souvenir for our family. The  
2 nuns also had some chalets at the beach in Aberdeen and  
3 during the summer we would spend time down there.

4 "At Christmas there would be children's parties and  
5 we would all stand in a queue for a present. As my  
6 brother hadn't returned to Nazzy with us, I often  
7 worried about him and missed him. He did come back to  
8 Nazzy eventually but it seemed to be after some  
9 considerable time. He'd got into trouble in Glasgow and  
10 I think he'd spent time in borstal.

11 "When he came back, we had a different nun,  
12 Sister [REDACTED] LMQ She was very different from  
13 Sister [REDACTED] LJL and I don't really remember liking  
14 her very much. She didn't seem to like us and would  
15 often talk about her other girls from wherever she was  
16 previously and how they were so nice and she often  
17 threatened she would send them all our hair bobbles and  
18 slides as they would appreciate them much more than us,  
19 that we wouldn't need them and she had a big thing about  
20 cutting girls' hair.

21 "One of the girls couldn't find other hairbrush or  
22 hadn't brushed her hair enough one day and the nun just  
23 grabbed her really roughly by the hair and pulled it  
24 into a ponytail and then just cut it off in one go  
25 and sent her to school like that. She was one of the

1 Proddy or Protestant children. They were always sort of  
2 less in the home as they weren't Catholics. I'd never  
3 use that phrase nowadays, as I really have no interest  
4 in whether people have a faith or what they believe in.  
5 But definitely in those days there was always  
6 a difference between the Prods and the Catholics.  
7 I think it's just how it was.

8 "I personally couldn't care less who or what you  
9 believe in. I think it's about being a decent person  
10 and if you're decent to those around you then, if there  
11 is anyone up there when you pass, then at least you've  
12 been decent in life and no one can be blamed for that.  
13 Personally, I gave up on religion a long time ago.

14 "This poor girl was just little and it was so awful  
15 and her hair was just hacked. It was a mess. Then soon  
16 after I remember my sister talking to Sister [REDACTED] LMQ  
17 and telling her not to cut my hair or she'd tell my  
18 granny and I still to this day am not quite sure how she  
19 managed it, whether my sister just couldn't believe it  
20 was happening, but Sister [REDACTED] LMQ basically told her if  
21 she didn't cut my hair, she would cut hers and  
22 Sister [REDACTED] LMQ did just that.

23 "My poor sister had a job of working down at the  
24 parlour with the parlour nun. When the nun saw her she  
25 was shocked and asked what happened. My sister refused

1 to go to school until it was sorted. She's the only  
2 girl I remember being taken to a hairdresser's.

3 "There is a photo of some of us kids out the front  
4 of the house with one of the Mother Superiors. She had  
5 had her leg broken, I think, in a car accident. My  
6 sister's hair must have been cut not long before this as  
7 it is very she short and up until then we always had  
8 very long hair.

9 "I remember mostly being very scared of  
10 Sister **LMQ** and trying to keep out of her way.  
11 Although I do remember that she had a nice thing about  
12 making gypsy skirts with little frilly hems and  
13 I remember she made me one of those. It was nice and  
14 I really liked it. She also loved 'The Little House on  
15 the Prairie' and we would all sit and watch this in the  
16 TV room.

17 "I got through most of my life at Nazzy by staying  
18 under the radar and trying very hard not to get into  
19 trouble and spent most of my time reading anything  
20 I could get my hands on. I lived my life through those  
21 books, travelling up the Faraway Tree to magical places  
22 and, as I got older, going on adventures with the  
23 Secret Seven and the Famous Five.

24 "Sister **LMQ** is the nun that I find difficult to  
25 think about as I feel she caused the disconnection

1 between my brother and my sister and myself. Some of  
2 that is to do with the fact that, when my brother  
3 returned to Aberdeen, she wouldn't let him be in our  
4 group. This decision affected my relationship with my  
5 brother and though I have tried many times over the  
6 years to get a relationship with him, it has never been  
7 maintained and I blame this decision for the start of  
8 a very tough road for my brother.

9 "After Sister LMQ left, I have memories of  
10 being moved to a different part of the house. It was  
11 along past the laundry and it was downstairs in a modern  
12 part of the house. It was where Sister LDX  
13 had used to be with her group of children in the home.  
14 They were like an elite group in the home, they got the  
15 best of everything: they went to different places on  
16 holidays and they even went to different schools from  
17 the rest of us. I don't know what happened to  
18 Sister LDX, but she just left. They even had  
19 a . They were the lucky kids.

20 "Our group had been, I guess, the middle of the  
21 pecking order and there was also Sister LRB, I think,  
22 who had been upstairs from our group, and then there was  
23 Sister LSI's group, which was on the street to the  
24 side of Nazzy. This was where my brother was put with  
25 the big boys.

1           "The nun in this new group, I recall, was  
2 Sister [LJS]. She was lovely, so friendly and very  
3 different from Sister [LMQ]. [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]

6           "I thought things were going to be good with this  
7 new group and it was much more relaxed. I remember fun  
8 times like decorating the tree at Christmas and the tree  
9 being so big that they had to chop off some of the top  
10 to make it fit. However, as things were, they weren't  
11 always good. It was I think the scariest experience  
12 I had in Nazzy. The problem was that when Sister [LJS]  
13 went to bed and shut her door, the big boys ruled the  
14 group. I remember one night I was in the same room as  
15 my sister and her friend and the big boys were roaming  
16 the corridor outside and knocking on the door trying to  
17 get into the girls' room. They ended up waking up one  
18 of the younger kids so it was screaming and I recall my  
19 sister and her friend shoving me out of the door to go  
20 and see to the little kid so that it would be okay and  
21 telling me that I'd be okay, that I was too little and  
22 the big boys wouldn't hurt me.

23           "There's lots of stuff from that time that I have  
24 blocked and I have never been able to look at despite  
25 counselling sessions. I think that's the mind's way of

1 dealing with things and I have no way of telling you  
2 what occurred, but I do remember being in a room with  
3 older boys and I remember being scared and my mind  
4 closes and I cannot go past that point.

5 "As an adult, I feel like it wasn't okay that  
6 we were put in the situation of being at the mercy of  
7 these older boys. I don't even think some of them were  
8 meant to be in the group as they seemed to be only there  
9 on a night. I recall that some boys, as they got to be  
10 older, would live in little rooms to the side of the  
11 house, opposite the kitchens, near where the mortuary  
12 was, as I remember. As my brother got older, he had one  
13 of these little flat room places.

14 "Another night I remember that a man came and sat  
15 rocking on the wall outside our bedroom window. He just  
16 rocked back and forth, back and forth. It was scary.  
17 But the gates were usually left open and often I guess  
18 homeless people would come in and sleep in the Variety  
19 Sunshine Coach Van. For a time I think there must have  
20 been some issue as I recall police were doing drive  
21 rounds to check on things.

22 "When I was 9, my sister left to go to Glasgow for  
23 the weekend and never came back to Aberdeen. I wish  
24 someone had sat me down and explained to me all that was  
25 happening but they didn't.

1 "I think that was one of the hardest things, that  
2 decisions happened around you which had an enormous  
3 impact on your life, yet you were never given any idea  
4 of what, why or when; it just happened that one day you  
5 were going to be doing this and the next day those  
6 people who had come to mean so much to you weren't there  
7 any more. It was hard.

8 "When I was 12 years old I was moved to  
9 Nazareth House Cardonald. I don't really remember much  
10 about this time other than I was very unhappy and  
11 I think this was when I first really showed signs of  
12 going in on myself, as I call it.

13 "By then my sister and brother had both left  
14 Nazareth House and it was thought that it'd be better if  
15 I was back in Glasgow and nearer to my family. I can  
16 see the reasoning for this, but it didn't work out and  
17 I requested to go back to Nazzy in Aberdeen as that was  
18 the only place I'd ever really considered to be home.  
19 I only stayed in Cardonald about six months and then  
20 I was back in Nazzy Aberdeen.

21 "There were fewer kids when I returned to Aberdeen  
22 and it was Sister [REDACTED] LHA who was in charge of  
23 the group. She was a lovely kind lady and I remember  
24 times of walking alongside the river in Tombae with her  
25 listening to her saying her rosary and prayers. She was

1 a good lady and I enjoyed the time of being back in  
2 Aberdeen.

3 "There were hardly any children left at all by then.  
4 I didn't realise that the convent was closing its doors  
5 to kids and that we were all due to be moved out. Of  
6 all my experience of childhood, it was this decision to  
7 foster me out that was the one to have the biggest  
8 impact on my life.

9 "People often ask do I blame the nuns and, apart  
10 from Sister [REDACTED] LMQ I don't. I mean, yes, I think  
11 that we could have been better cared for emotionally.  
12 I don't think anyone ever really thought back then about  
13 the damage and impact that trauma and adversity can have  
14 on children in those days.

15 "The label of 'delinquent' and the stigma of being  
16 a kid in care was forever with you. I can still hear  
17 the echo from the past of, 'Who'd love you? Even your  
18 own mother left you'. It was cruel and no one ever made  
19 it better. But then that was the life we lived, things  
20 happened, and you just moved with it and tried to  
21 understand the best that your brain could at the time.

22 "For instance, one day we were all at the swimming  
23 baths in [REDACTED], Aberdeen. We would often go  
24 there with the staff. On this day there were two young  
25 boys who were new to the home. I'm not sure what they

1 were really doing there as they didn't live in the home  
2 but they were there with us for that day. One of the  
3 little boys died, he drowned. I think he was sick as he  
4 jumped in and choked on it. I had nightmares for years  
5 afterwards about that little boy. No one ever asked us  
6 if we were impacted by that experience, no one ever  
7 hugged us and told us it was okay to feel sad and  
8 scared.

9 "I will never forget the sight of that little boy  
10 lying by the side of the pool and the colour of his  
11 skin. It was so awful. I'd seen dead people before  
12 in the convent. When one of the old people died, they'd  
13 sometimes have an open coffin in the church and that was  
14 scary enough, but they were old people, not a young kid  
15 who had been alive and breathing a few minutes before.

16 "No one was able to talk about it. It was  
17 a horrible time with us all being warned not to say  
18 anything if we answered the phone in case it was  
19 a reporter or someone wanting to ask us questions. We  
20 didn't really understand what was wrong, just that  
21 something bad had happened and that the little boy was  
22 dead and that his family were very unhappy and somehow  
23 it was our fault because he had been with us. That  
24 memory stirs up other feelings of unease."

25 Angela then describes staying with a woman who

1 worked at Nazareth House, that she didn't like the woman  
2 and she felt unsettled and uneasy. Soon after, she  
3 stopped staying over.

4 I'm now going to move to page 2922 and the second  
5 paragraph near the top of the page:

6 "Things were changing at Nazzy and there were not so  
7 many kids left and they would eventually stop having  
8 children and instead only have old people. So the  
9 decision was made that I was to be fostered.

10 Apparently, my photograph was put in the local paper  
11 asking for people to foster me. I don't know if this is  
12 true, but it's what my first foster parents told me.  
13 I have always hoped it wasn't true as I can't believe  
14 people would really treat you like this, advertising you  
15 as if you were a stray dog."

16 She describes an unhappy fostering experience when  
17 she was aged 13, which lasted for about 18 months. She  
18 says she was fortunate as there were social workers in  
19 Aberdeen who came to talk to her and ask her how she  
20 was. She was able to phone a social worker who listened  
21 to her and arranged to move her to a two-week emergency  
22 placement. She says this was a significant moves as the  
23 people she was placed with became her parents and  
24 grandparents to her children today.

25 I will not return to page 2923 and the second

1 paragraph where Angela speaks of the impact on her of  
2 her life in care:

3 "I still struggle with feelings of inadequacy at  
4 times but work hard not to let this show to the outside  
5 world. I feel I'm able to use my experience of my  
6 childhood in a way that helps others, as I work within  
7 the child protection industry and my role is to recruit,  
8 train and support foster carers.

9 "It is hard to do my job at times as it can be  
10 emotionally draining and you really have to give of  
11 yourself in this role and at times I struggle with  
12 whether the system really works or continues to abuse  
13 the children who are in the system in ways that we are  
14 only recently coming to understand, particularly the  
15 damage that emotional abuse can have on children and the  
16 impact of not maintaining the sibling relationship can  
17 be catastrophic, as has been proven in my case, as  
18 I have never been able to heal the relationship with my  
19 brother.

20 "I count myself as one of the lucky ones. I have  
21 grown up, had children, and now have grandchildren and  
22 have a life where I have always worked and supported  
23 myself independently. I currently live in Australia  
24 with my two sons and my two grandchildren.

25 "There are things I struggle with from the past.

1 The constant buzz in my head from having learned from  
2 a young age to keep everything inside of me and not talk  
3 out. I apologise for everything, whether it's something  
4 I've done or not. It has taken so long to try and get  
5 over the shame and embarrassment of having been brought  
6 up in care. Now it's like it's all here again as it's  
7 in the media.

8 "I can't say I never saw people being humiliated, as  
9 I did. The emotional abuse is the toughest thing to  
10 bear as it's something you can't see, yet leaves scars  
11 that never heal. The fear of the dentist and anyone in  
12 white coats is something I have never managed to  
13 conquer.

14 "I wish I could have been brought up by my mum and  
15 have a proper relationship with my birth family as  
16 I feel like I have never fully belonged anywhere.  
17 I think in life we're always searching for the place  
18 where we belong. I thought I'd found it in marriage,  
19 but after 20 years that broke down and I still struggle  
20 to find where I fit in the world and what my purpose in  
21 life was for. It's like you never really truly belong  
22 anywhere.

23 "Did I grow up blaming the nuns for all the wrong in  
24 my life? No. Do I wish that it is acknowledged that  
25 things weren't the best and that we young kids were not

1 treated the best? Yes, I do. But I blame the Social  
2 Services also. Until I was transferred to Aberdeen  
3 Social Work Department, I do not recall any  
4 social worker coming and talking to me about what was  
5 happening in my life or asking my opinion or for me to  
6 be involved in any decisions that were about my life.

7 "No one has ever explained to me why they never got  
8 in touch with my mum and told her we were in care.  
9 I was 38 before I was able to have any relationship with  
10 my mum; she died the week I turned 40. Do I have  
11 regrets that no one ever thought to get in touch with  
12 her? Yes, I do. She had no idea we had been placed in  
13 care. She thought we had been brought up with my dad  
14 and she was sure that he had never hurt us like he did  
15 her.

16 "I felt like we were abandoned at the convent and  
17 that no one cared. I did not feel worthy of care or  
18 that I mattered. Am I bitter about the care that  
19 I received at a child and young person? No. I refuse  
20 to let my childhood define who I am today. It was  
21 something that happened to me but it is not who I am.

22 "The system was wrong. It hurt and damaged children  
23 but we got through and I'm proud of who I am and how far  
24 I have come and, in all honesty, when I look back to  
25 Nazzy and the nuns I mostly remember the positives: the

1 feeling of safety and being cared for and happy times of  
2 kids grabbing all the cushions off the sofa and placing  
3 them along the hall in high piles and running and  
4 rolling over these cushions. I remember climbing trees  
5 in Tombae and wandering for many hours through the  
6 Highlands. Whenever I hear the song 'Flower of  
7 Scotland', I remember going in the minibus with the  
8 kitchen nun to Marks & Spencers to pick up the food that  
9 was all beginning to go out of date and we always had  
10 treats on that day and we would sing along with her in  
11 the van on the way there and home.

12 "There was good alongside the hard times. It has  
13 been a challenge writing this and, sadly for me, the  
14 rawness of opening doors to things that I don't like to  
15 talk or think about has caused me some emotional  
16 upheaval and I have had to seek support from my doctor  
17 to help with anxiety. It is not easy to think about  
18 these times. It is not easy to grow up never knowing  
19 where you belong or where you fit in. To have people  
20 look at your children as babies and say they look like  
21 their dad, but no one can say that for you, as who knows  
22 what you looked like as a baby. There are no photos of  
23 that time. When I was 38, I saw my first ever baby  
24 photo. It was quite overwhelming.

25 "We have learned much over the years about child

1 protection and how to care for children better. An  
2 understanding of the impacts of trauma on children and  
3 the impacts of abuse and neglect and the importance of  
4 building connection and positive self-esteem with  
5 children. Life in care had a significant impact on who  
6 I am, but it's also about the individual and their inner  
7 strength and resilience."

8 The statement was signed by Angela on 23 April 2018.

9 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

10 MS RATTRAY: My Lady, that concludes the evidence for today.

11 I will now hand over to Mr MacAulay, who will update  
12 your Ladyship about tomorrow's programme.

13 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

14 MR MacAULAY: Yes, my Lady.

15 Coming on to tomorrow's programme, we know,  
16 of course, that Helen Holland is coming back for the  
17 afternoon, at 2 o'clock. In the morning, at 11 o'clock,  
18 there is to be a video link with Aberdeen. It has been  
19 set for 11 o'clock because of the logistics in setting  
20 it up.

21 Before that, as presently advised, the plan is to  
22 have another witness. There is a slight question mark  
23 over that at the moment. That will be clarified after  
24 4 o'clock.

25 LADY SMITH: Very well.

1 MR MacAULAY: So perhaps my learned friends can look at the  
2 emails after 4 o'clock and they will be told.

3 LADY SMITH: And the website will be updated?

4 MR MacAULAY: It will be on the website as well, yes.

5 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much. I'll rise now until  
6 tomorrow morning at either 10.00 or 11.00, but that will  
7 be confirmed later today.

8 (2.52 pm)

9 (The hearing adjourned until

10 Friday 1 June 2018 at a time to be determined)

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