

1 Thursday, 25 October 2018

2 (10.00 am)

3 LADY SMITH: Good morning. We start with an oral witness

4 this morning, is that right, Mr Peoples?

5 MR PEOPLES: Yes, my Lady, good morning. The first witness

6 this morning wishes to remain anonymous and has chosen

7 the pseudonym "Troy".

8 LADY SMITH: Just before Troy comes in, as yesterday,

9 I think it likely that this witness and other witnesses
10 may mention the names of people who were alleged to have
11 been abusers in Quarriers. The restriction order,
12 of course, is still in place: they can be mentioned
13 within the hearing room but they cannot be disclosed in
14 any way outside the hearing room. And the same if there
15 happens to be any mention of the names of other children
16 who were in care. Thank you.

17 "TROY" (sworn)

18 LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.

19 Just take your time and make sure that you feel the
20 chair is in the right position for you.

21 Troy, you'll find that microphone really helps you
22 to be heard, and if you get too close to it, it all
23 blurs. Sometimes witnesses drift away from it. If you
24 do, I'll ask you to get closer to it. I know we're not
25 all used to speaking into microphones every day but it

1 really will help us to hear you as well as the
2 stenographers who listen to you through the sound
3 system. I will now pass over to Mr Peoples and he'll
4 explain what's going to happen next.

5 Questions from MR PEOPLES

6 MR PEOPLES: Good morning, Troy.

7 A. Good morning.

8 Q. Before I begin -- and I'm going to ask you some
9 questions today based on a statement you've provided to
10 the inquiry -- I think you have just been told that
11 a copy of your statement is in that red folder in front
12 of you. I will also put the statement up on the screen
13 in front of you, so if you find it easier simply to look
14 at the screen, then choose whichever way suits you best.

15 Just take your time and relax. If at any point you
16 feel you need a break, just say so.

17 A. Thank you.

18 Q. For the purposes of the transcript, can I indicate that
19 your statement has been given a reference number:

20 WIT.001.001.9005. It's now up on the screen, I hope.

21 Troy, if I could ask you --

22 A. The number you were saying, I can't see that here.

23 Q. I think in fact if we scroll up you can see it in the
24 top right-hand corner.

25 LADY SMITH: Troy, don't worry about reference numbers. You

1 may be asked to look at other documents with reference
2 numbers in them. It helps us if the numbers are in the
3 transcript when we're going back to check documents.
4 That's all. You're not getting anything wrong if you
5 don't spot where the numbers are.

6 MR PEOPLES: That's my problem. I will try and get the
7 numbers for you. As her Ladyship said, I'll direct you
8 to the parts of the statement that I might want you to
9 tell us a little bit about today.

10 Before I look at what's in the statement, can I ask
11 you to look at your red folder and go to the final page
12 of your statement, which I think for the record is
13 page 9022.

14 Have you got that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you confirm for me that you have signed your
17 statement?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. Can you also just confirm again that, just before your
20 signature, you have indicated you have no objection to
21 your witness statement being published as part of the
22 evidence to the inquiry, and that you believe the facts
23 which are stated in your statement are true.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Thank you very much.

1 Can I begin by just getting a few details about you.

2 Can I first of all confirm your year of birth. I don't
3 want your date of birth, I just want the year.

4 Am I right in thinking that you were born in the year
5 1951?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. By way of background to what you're going to tell us
8 about today, I think the situation is that -- and
9 correct me if I'm wrong -- that your mother worked in
10 Quarriers Homes and initially she worked in the [REDACTED]
11 in Quarriers Homes. Is that correct?

12 A. Yes. As far as I know, my mother worked -- it was
13 a [REDACTED] which was part of Quarriers. My
14 mother did suffer from bad health. And she started
15 working actually in the [REDACTED] As far as I know,
16 she was a [REDACTED]

17 Q. So she started off in the [REDACTED] but then for
18 health reasons she gave up the [REDACTED] and
19 became -- I think they're sometimes called [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] is that what you
21 understand?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And I think indeed, if we go to page 9006, that's the
24 second page of your statement, we see at paragraph 8
25 that that's what you tell us in your written statement.

1 Just so that we understand your relationship to the
2 Quarriers Homes, you have told us your mother was
3 working for Quarriers Homes. I think that there came
4 a point when you attended William Quarrier School.

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Can you tell me a little bit about that? What age were
7 you when you went to the William Quarrier School?

8 A. I was 5 years of age when I first started school at
9 Quarriers.

10 Q. Was that your first school then?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. I know you're going to tell us there came a point when
13 you stayed in Quarriers at Bridge of Weir, but I think
14 when you started school you were living nearby; is that
15 right?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. Was that in [REDACTED]?

18 A. It was just outside of [REDACTED] It was between
19 [REDACTED], [REDACTED] -- nearer the [REDACTED] side. It
20 was roughly about [REDACTED] from Quarriers where I was born
21 and brought up.

22 Q. So you were there for a while and you were going to
23 William Quarrier School from age 5?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. I think you tell us in your statement, and I don't need

1 to go to the paragraph -- I think it's actually
2 paragraph 13 -- I think for a time you were going for
3 lunch when you were at school to one of the cottages at
4 the village. Do you remember that?

5 A. That's right, yes.

6 Q. Then did there come a point where you began to stay
7 overnight at Quarriers in one of the cottages between
8 Sunday night and Friday?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. If we look at paragraph 14, which is on page 9007 -- and
11 I'm just referring to this because I want to get it into
12 the transcript, so forgive me if I keep referring to
13 these, it helps us to note where you've said some of
14 these things.

15 At paragraph 14, you say that when you were 7 years
16 of age, which would make it about 1958, I think, you
17 went to stay --

18 A. I went to stay, yes.

19 Q. And I think, as you point out, your mum's health wasn't
20 great at that time, so that was maybe one of the main
21 reasons you had to spend your weekdays in Quarriers;
22 is that right?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Indeed, your father was working at that stage as well,
25 so it was difficult, I suppose in the circumstances, for

1 obviously upsets you; am I right about that?

2 A. Yes.

3 LADY SMITH: You're going to tell me no doubt about your
4 experience, but does having to think about the number
5 cause memories or anything like that?

6 A. Mm-hm.

7 LADY SMITH: Right, okay. Don't worry. As I say, if you
8 need a break, we can have a break.

9 A. Thank you.

10 LADY SMITH: It's not unusual sitting where you are to find
11 it really quite hard to cope with all the emotions that
12 are coming to the front of your mind. I'm well used to
13 that.

14 A. Yes, thank you.

15 LADY SMITH: You tell me what you need, all right?

16 A. Thank you very much.

17 LADY SMITH: Okay.

18 Mr Peoples.

19 MR PEOPLES: I'll try and help you. If you find it
20 difficult to tell us about some of the things you've
21 told us about in the statement, please say so and if
22 I can help, I'll do so. So it doesn't have to be -- you
23 don't have to say it, but obviously we would like to
24 hear your words if we can. It's very important because
25 we want your voice to be heard.

1 You have said to us you went to cottage 24 and that
2 was a boys' cottage. They were all boys staying when
3 you were there?

4 A. When I was there, yes.

5 Q. Can you give us an idea of the sort of numbers of boys
6 that were in the cottage?

7 A. There were about 16.

8 Q. I think you maybe mention that it's 18 in your
9 statement, but it's a lot of boys?

10 A. 18, yes.

11 Q. A lot of boys in one place.

12 A. Eighteen, sorry.

13 Q. What sort of ages were they, these boys? Age range.

14 A. Starting school age to about 14, 15. There were some
15 boys in the cottage who left. At that time, most of the
16 children when they were 15 years of age, that was it.
17 Quarriers would -- as far as I knew, Quarriers got them
18 somewhere in Glasgow at that time, set them up in a flat
19 or in accommodation.

20 Q. So when some of the boys were that sort of age they
21 would leave the village and go somewhere else and
22 you think Quarriers had some sort of arrangement that
23 they could go to Glasgow and then maybe go on to other
24 things?

25 A. Yes. I did meet one of the guys that was in my

1 cottage -- this was years and years after -- and he knew
2 me but I didn't know him. I thought he was someone
3 else.

4 Q. You must have left an impression.

5 A. Ah, probably. I met him and he told me that he had been
6 set up accommodations and Quarriers did get him a job
7 and stuff, and it was good.

8 Q. That was good news?

9 A. Yes.

10 LADY SMITH: Had that been in Glasgow?

11 A. Yes.

12 MR PEOPLES: Are you able to tell me who the house parents
13 were in cottage 24?

14 A. It was a [REDACTED] QDC/QDD

15 Q. [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] Were there any cottage aunties
18 in cottage 24 when you were there?

19 A. There were women coming in, I remember coming in,
20 I don't even know her name. I know another woman come
21 in. [REDACTED] QDC/QDD they were called to meetings or
22 whatever, there was someone always there. As I said,
23 this cottage auntie would come in. That happened now
24 and again.

25 Q. The main adults you would see in the cottage would be

1 QDC and QDD ?

2 A. Mostly at that time, it was QDC we seen.

3 Q. What did you have to call him? How did you have to
4 address him when you spoke to him? Can you remember?

5 A. When I went into cottage 24 for the first time and the
6 doors closed behind me, he told me he was my new dad
7 because "you've not got a dad". I said, "I've got
8 a mother and father", and he told me, he goes, "You
9 had". "You had", he goes, "I'm your new father". He
10 goes, "You address me as 'father' or 'sir'". That man
11 was evil. Evil. Pure evil. I'm not going into detail.

12 Q. I appreciate -- I think you've indicated this is
13 difficult for you and I'll see how far we can deal with
14 this matter. But just going back to QDC you have
15 told us how he wanted you to call him. Can I ask you,
16 how did he call you, what did he call you?

17 A. Anything he wanted.

18 Q. Can you maybe help us with the sort of names he used?

19 A. Boy.

20 Q. Was that quite a common way of addressing you?

21 A. For me.

22 Q. Was it a cottage where ...

23 A. Carry on.

24 Q. No, no, take your time. Was it a cottage where there
25 were rules?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How many rules? Were there rules for everything?

3 Can you remember about the rules? What sort of rules
4 they had.

5 A. You didn't do anything wrong. I found out that there
6 were -- there was a rulebook for each cottage. I was
7 told earlier that these rulebooks had went missing and
8 it was -- if you get strapped, slapped, anything, this
9 had to be put in this book. I have never seen one of
10 these books, I've just heard about them, but there were
11 rules laid out for this what you went by.

12 It wasn't all doom and gloom in Quarriers, I want to
13 say that right now. There were many happy times.
14 Quarriers in a way done me good. I had never new
15 clothes in my life until I went to Quarriers. I don't
16 blame Quarriers, I never will, but I do blame the people
17 they employed.

18 Q. These books that you just told us about that -- I think
19 you are maybe describing something that might be
20 described as a log or punishment book that we've heard
21 some information about.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When you were in cottage 24, did you ever see a book
24 like that being used in that cottage?

25 A. No.

1 Q. So even if people have talked about them, you don't
2 remember a book in the cottage and it being written up
3 or anything like that?

4 A. There was a thing that I found, it had been brought to
5 my attention about this, but -- people will tell you
6 stories. I know people that's told stories that's not
7 true, but I know that was true, I do know that was true.
8 There were -- that book.

9 Q. In your statement at paragraph 24 on page 9009, I'm
10 going to read out the last sentence for you. We've been
11 discussing rules and I think what you tell us there is:

12 "We had to do what they told us and God help us
13 if we didn't."

14 Is that really what it came to --

15 A. Yes. Yes.

16 Q. -- when you were there?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. If we go on to the next page of your statement, 9010,
19 I want to ask you just a little bit about mealtimes
20 because you tell us something about how things were at
21 mealtimes. I'm looking particularly at paragraph 26 and
22 about what happened at lunchtime in that cottage. Can
23 you help us, can you tell me in your own words what you
24 remember about lunchtimes and how they were? You can
25 look at your statement if it's easier.

1 A. Yes. At lunchtime, we come out of school at 12 o'clock,
2 we went home for our lunch. You'd have two potatoes --
3 cabbage was a thing we were fed regular. That's another
4 story. You'd have two potatoes, cabbage, and that
5 corned beef stuff.

6 Q. The Fray Bentos you mentioned?

7 A. A tin of that.

8 Q. And that was the sort of thing you got?

9 A. A tin of that between us all, cut. That was our lunch.
10 You had a sweet after it, like a bit of custard or a wee
11 bit of sponge cake. That was it.

12 Q. You mention in your statement tripe. I don't think
13 you're a fan of tripe, are you?

14 A. Oh God, don't even go down that road. To this day ...

15 Q. Is this the reason why you don't like tripe to this day?
16 Is it something to do with --

17 A. The taste of it, the way it was made. Just ... Oh God.

18 Q. How often was that served up to you?

19 A. A lot.

20 Q. Did you manage to eat the food?

21 A. No.

22 Q. So how did you manage to get rid of it if you didn't eat
23 it?

24 A. We learnt, and we learnt quick, wee tricks. We would
25 watch ... I remember when we weren't getting watched we

1 swapped plates. I used to put it in my pocket and get
2 rid of it later.

3 Q. What would happen if someone left some food on their
4 plate? Do you know? Did you ever see what would
5 happen?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What did happen?

8 A. That meal would be kept to another meal if you didn't
9 eat it. It was put down to you until you did. If you
10 didn't eat it, they would get two of the other children
11 to come out and one would be holding your hand out, the
12 other would be down the side doing the same. They'd
13 come at the back of you, grab you by the nose, your head
14 was back, and that food was forced into you.

15 I've seen kids being sick -- and I swear my words
16 are true -- being sick over that meal and they were
17 forced to eat that. That's just -- you don't do that to
18 a kid, you don't do that to any child. That hurts. By
19 Christ, that hurts, you know. That's every day of my
20 life. It's just -- I'm sorry, but ...

21 Q. No, no, don't be sorry; I think we need to know about
22 these things. And the person that was doing this,
23 holding the nose and getting the food down the child,
24 who was that person?

25 A. The cottage father.

1 Q. QDC ?

2 A. Aye.

3 Q. I know this is difficult, Troy, but did that happen to
4 you or did you see -- is it something you saw happening
5 to others?

6 A. It happened to others. It happened to me once.

7 Q. As you say, you learned ways to prevent it happening and
8 you have told us some of the tricks, as you say, to try
9 and avoid this; is that right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. If I could move on a little bit in your statement to
12 paragraph 24 on page 9010, I'm just interested -- you
13 make the point QDC would always be there watching.
14 Can you just tell me how that was and what he was doing
15 and how you felt?

16 A. Every meal we had, basically -- we called it the famous
17 wooden chair.

18 Q. Wooden chair?

19 A. Uh-huh and he would sit in that. Today, I call him "the
20 owl". He would be sitting there watching you and he'd
21 be -- like I'm watching you and go, "You, boy, on with
22 your meal, you". He didn't move his head, but he knew.
23 He knew. He knew.

24 Q. You kind of liken the experience perhaps to a prison
25 environment -- or indeed you say prisoners would have

1 been better looked after. Is that the way you --

2 A. At that time, yes, 100% true.

3 Q. Just on the matter of what I call treats or sweets, you
4 tell us a little bit about that as well because I think
5 you were getting family visits from some of your
6 relatives when you were in Quarriers -- you weren't
7 getting visits?

8 A. No. On a Friday night, after school, I walked home.

9 Q. I see.

10 A. And then I was taken to see my mother on a Saturday.

11 Then I went out to visit -- well, it was my uncle, my
12 two aunts who never married. My grandfather had
13 a smallholding in [REDACTED] and I was taken out
14 there. We spent the evening there and then part of
15 Sunday and then home. But they always -- I don't know,
16 my grandfather ... what I remember was he was an amazing
17 guy. I was the only grandchild he would let sit on his
18 knee and he would always have on a three-piece suit with
19 a wee waistcoat -- and I always remember the wee gold
20 chain. I've got that watch, that's my life, that watch.
21 And he would always go, "Go and see what I've got in my
22 pocket", and I would go in and my grandmother was
23 amazing at making tablet, and I would go in and I would
24 take the bag of tablet out and I'd always take a bit of
25 tablet out and I'd put it in his mouth. Because

1 I realised at a young age -- that was one of my first
2 tricks I learned, if I gave him the first part, he'd
3 always go in and give me one for this hand and one for
4 that hand, so I learned to do that.

5 But when I come home, I always had a big bag of
6 sweets, always had that, always had that from him. That
7 was to give out to the other children in the cottage.

8 Q. So when you went back on a Sunday, you took your bag of
9 sweets with you to give to some of the other children.
10 You say in your statement [REDACTED] QDC would take them away
11 from you from time to time; is that what happened?

12 A. Yes. The first time I went in, I had a bag of sweets
13 with me, and he asked what was in the bag and I told
14 him. He took them off us. I never seen them again.
15 That happened a few times. We got wise to that or I got
16 wise to it.

17 Q. More tricks to make sure that he didn't take the sweets?

18 A. Yes. I hid them.

19 Q. You tell us, if I move on to a little bit, about washing
20 and bathing. I don't want to spend a lot of time, but
21 on page 9011 you tell us that there were a couple of
22 baths in the cottage and:

23 "It was a case of how many can we get in the bath at
24 a time. Baths were always shared."

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And that [REDACTED] QDC or the owl, as I think as you now have
2 told us, was watching. He was watching at bath time as
3 well?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did you have clean water to bathe in?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Was it warm?

8 A. It was okay.

9 Q. So there wasn't a problem as such with the bath, but
10 [REDACTED] QDC was watching?

11 A. Yes, he always was there, you know, watching over you.
12 From the moment you went in to the minute you came out.

13 Q. If I could go to page 9012 of your statement, where you
14 tell us a little bit about what is headed up "Trips and
15 holidays". You told me earlier on that Quarriers wasn't
16 all bad.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And is this one of the good memories for you, the trips?

19 A. Amazing.

20 Q. And the leisure activities and things of that kind, was
21 that good?

22 A. Oh, yes. You used to get taxi drivers coming down from
23 Glasgow. The taxis would be done up with balloons and
24 streamers. All done up. They always gave you sweets
25 and stuff. Those guys were amazing. They looked after

1 so many kids. Looking back now as an adult, you just
2 realise just what the guys did for kids was amazing.
3 I couldn't thank them enough.

4 It was one of the nice things that Quarriers did,
5 you know, to do things like that. As I say, it wasn't
6 all gloom and doom. They done a lot of many good things
7 for many children.

8 Q. I think you obviously enjoyed things like football and
9 going to camps and you tell us about that in your
10 statement.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. These were happy times --

13 A. Oh yes.

14 Q. -- for you?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You tell us, and I just wonder whether this is -- I know
17 you've got an interest in music.

18 A. Aye. One of my passions is music. I've been lucky
19 enough in that side of life as well.

20 Q. I just wonder, because you've told us a little bit in
21 your statement about life in the cottage. Under
22 the heading "Religious instruction", you tell us that:

23 "Every night in the playroom QDC we all took
24 turns reading the Bible and there was a piano and [you]
25 could play a bit."

1 So was that when your interest in music was first
2 developed or did you have that before you went to --
3 A. My father was known round about my local area and during
4 his lifetime, he raised a lot of money for charities and
5 stuff. My father used to run a children's Hallowe'en
6 party every year in the local village, and he held a
7 Christmas party for pensioners every year. Each
8 pensioner would come down, they would get a meal and
9 a present as they left, plus stuff to take over
10 Christmas and stuff. My dad did a song, had a wee song,
11 and it was called [REDACTED]
12 It's known in our local area that my father raised more
13 money off that song than the person that recorded it
14 did.

15 So my mother was amazing on keyboards, piano and
16 stuff. We had a piano in the house. There was also an
17 old foot organ, I remember pressing -- you had to
18 press ... You could get a tune out of it. My mother
19 taught me basic, you know, keyboards. I'm not
20 brilliant, I've got a couple of fingers I can't use
21 at the present moment, but I'm hoping one day through
22 one of the groups, one of the amazing groups, that is
23 sorted and I can get back into that again. I would love
24 to just ... I'm much older, if I can do that again, I'd
25 love to do that.

1 Q. You tell us about visits to Quarriers by people -- there
2 would be people who would come there from time to time.
3 In paragraph 39 you say, and I think we understand, you
4 didn't need a visit because you were going home at the
5 weekends. That was generally --

6 A. Yes, I was going home.

7 Q. But there were children that received visitors who
8 weren't in that situation?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. You say:

11 "Our meals changed when someone came to visit.
12 A lot of falsifying went on in that place. If someone
13 came, we were told by **QDC** to say we loved it and to
14 be on our best behaviour."

15 Can you remember him saying things like that to you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Why would he feel the need to tell you to say that?

18 A. To make it out better than what it was, you know. If
19 people outside only just knew at that particular time --
20 I mean, and I stress again, at that time it was bad.
21 Today, Quarriers what they're doing is amazing. We've
22 been working with Quarriers lately and things -- I'm not
23 going into detail, but they are making fantastic
24 progress. I'm so proud of what they're doing. They're
25 doing things right now, but that should have been done

1 years ago. The present people running Quarriers --
2 there's a certain fella who we met with in Bridge of
3 Weir, a guy -- he's kept his word so far. And that
4 means a hell of a lot.

5 Q. Okay. If I can ask you about another matter. At 9013
6 of your statement you deal with the subject of running
7 away, because I think you were aware that people would
8 run away from time to time.

9 A. There were people that done that, yes.

10 Q. You didn't do that, I think you said. You didn't have
11 maybe the same reason to because you had your parents
12 and you went home.

13 A. I never had a reason to run away.

14 Q. What would happen to the children that ran away?
15 Do you have any knowledge of how they were dealt with if
16 they ran away and were brought back?

17 A. They were punished.

18 Q. Do you know what punishment they got? Is it something
19 you found out, what happened to them?

20 A. In one cottage ...

21 Q. What would happen to them?

22 A. A guy had a two-pronged leather belt and we could hear
23 screams. We could hear screams. We seen that after.
24 We seen what happened after.

25 Q. So you would hear screams?

1 A. Aye.

2 Q. And you saw things afterwards. Are you able to help us
3 with what you saw, the sort of things you saw?

4 A. I seen kids with marks on their back, bruises on their
5 back, bad bruises on their back. There's things that
6 happened in there, my God, you got punished for,
7 punished hard. Not just one night, two nights, many
8 nights, many, many nights.

9 Q. Can I ask you this as well: when you've been telling me
10 about -- are you okay?

11 A. Aye, yes.

12 LADY SMITH: Just before you move on, you mentioned
13 a leather belt. Did you see the leather belt?

14 A. I seen that belt and I felt that leather belt.

15 LADY SMITH: Are you able to describe it for me?

16 A. It was long, it was thick, and it had two prongs on it.
17 Two long prongs. I always remember that. I'll never
18 forget that belt in my life. I'll never forget it.

19 LADY SMITH: Who used it?

20 A. QDC

21 MR PEOPLES: Can I just ask you about --

22 A. Just a minute.

23 Q. Take your time.

24 The picture I'm getting is that QDC watching
25 the boys all the time and things are happening and he's

1 using the belt on a number of occasions. Where was

2 **QDD** when all this was going on?

3 A. They had a sitting room; she'd be in there. We did see
4 her at times, yes. Meals were getting made, they would
5 be watching you, you know. We made our own meals under
6 supervision. The older you were, as we said, the nearer
7 the cooker you got.

8 Q. Would she know what was going on then? You talked about
9 what **QDC** was doing and watching and belting and
10 things. Would she have known that this was happening,
11 do you know?

12 A. Personally, I would say yes.

13 Q. Would she have been able to hear the screams?

14 A. Everybody heard that. Apart from the outside world,
15 everybody heard them in that cottage.

16 Q. Can I move to something else, and you deal with it in
17 your statement, about bed-wetting. I don't know if that
18 was a problem for you or not. Was it something that you
19 had a problem with?

20 A. No.

21 Q. But you know that there were other children that did
22 have that problem with wetting the bed; is that right?

23 A. That's correct -- not just in my cottage but other
24 cottages.

25 Q. You were sharing -- although you were going home at

1 weekends to your parents, you were sharing a dormitory
2 with other boys?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Were some of those boys bed-wetters?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you ever witness what would happen when it was
7 discovered that they had wet the bed?

8 A. Mm-hm.

9 Q. What did you see?

10 A. They would be taken from their bed, the blankets at that
11 time were taken off the bed. Part of the cottage --
12 part of the building, but we called it a shed.

13 Q. An outhouse or a scullery or some --

14 A. No, it was part of the house --

15 Q. It was still part of the house?

16 A. It was part of the house but we called it the shed.

17 Every kid that's in there, they'll know what I'm talking
18 about. The shed. It's where you come in. It's where,
19 when you come in, your shoes were kept. There was a wee
20 rack underneath. There was a wooden bench with a bit of
21 wood going across with hangers on it and your jackets
22 and that went up there. There were two large sinks, two
23 large sinks, and the blankets --

24 Q. Like a Belfast sink type thing. Do you know what a
25 Belfast sink is?

1 A. I don't know what that is, but they were ...

2 Q. They were big --

3 LADY SMITH: Were they white and deep?

4 A. Yes, aye, that's it. Very deep.

5 LADY SMITH: Sounds like Belfast sinks.

6 A. I'm sorry --

7 LADY SMITH: No.

8 MR PEOPLES: I learn things from others and --

9 LADY SMITH: Before the days of washing machines, that was
10 where a lot of people did their washing: by hand in big
11 Belfast sinks and then the washing was turned through
12 a mangle to try and get the water out of it before it
13 was hung out on the washing line to dry.

14 A. I remember those things.

15 MR PEOPLES: So you were telling us then, if someone had wet
16 the bed, then there was this shed.

17 A. Mm-hm.

18 Q. So what happened? Did they go to the shed?

19 A. If a child wet the bed, the blankets would be put in
20 there. They had to wash them. The mattress, that was
21 taken outside. The child would sleep on the floor that
22 night. No blankets, nothing. They slept on the floor.
23 They got punished for it again. You heard the screams.
24 That was done at close quarters. You never seen
25 a child -- you heard the screams and you seen it

1 afterwards.

2 There were times that children, they had to run
3 a bath in cold water and they were put into that and
4 they didn't dare move until they were told to come out.
5 Again, that's ...

6 Q. Was that something that happened to you then or --

7 A. Not to me. It happened to a few guys I know.

8 Q. And they would tell you what happened, did they? Yes?
9 You wouldn't be present?

10 A. We knew everything that happened to each other. We were
11 brothers.

12 Q. You spoke about --

13 A. To this day, no matter what child it is, they're all
14 brothers, sisters, and we stick by that rule. That's
15 one of the things. Just a fantastic bunch of guys,
16 girls.

17 Q. So you would talk about what was happening to each
18 other?

19 A. Uh-huh. We tried to protect each other.

20 Q. I think in your statement at paragraph 43 you say:

21 "If someone wet the bed, QDC would drag them
22 from the bed and they had to go out to clean the
23 mattress and, no doubt, the sheets."

24 A. Mm-hm.

25 Q. Did you see children being dragged in this way?

1 A. I've seen children being dragged, yes. I did see that.
2 The punishment side. I seen -- don't get me wrong, I've
3 seen kids washing blankets and stuff.

4 Q. I'm going to come on to something that's obviously going
5 to be upsetting for you. You'll probably see on the
6 screen that we're moving to a part of your statement
7 when we're dealing with another type of behaviour
8 involving some sexual abuse that you tell us about in
9 your statement.

10 You've already said you're going to find it
11 difficult to tell us about this. Are you able to tell
12 us a little bit today or not? Can you tell us as much
13 as you feel able to tell us and maybe I can help you if
14 you're not able to go any further with what you've said
15 in your signed statement.

16 A. I was just over 8 years old. I sat at the evening meal.
17 I stood up -- you always stood up after every meal.
18 When we had finished a meal, our knife and fork --
19 there's two numbers in my life I'll never forget: 12 and
20 6. Our fork and knife had to be parallel to each other,
21 facing 12 and 6. He was walking around making sure they
22 were. If they didn't, it was a hand on your face you
23 got. You learned quick to make sure. As it was said,
24 he got a spirit level as well and made sure that was
25 perfect. He would sit down and he would point, it could

1 be anyone.

2 Any time you heard that man speak to us, it wasn't
3 like you're speaking to me, it was, "You, boy". "You",
4 in this deep, deep voice, going through. I can see that
5 right now. I can see that close in front of me. I see
6 it many a time. I see it in my sleep. I see it. I'm
7 making progress with the support I'm getting. I'm not
8 as bad as what I was through the support. I've done
9 daft things in my life that I'm ashamed of. I'm bloody
10 ashamed that I've done other stuff. I was living
11 through this -- every day of my life I was.

12 That night, the finger point. My God. He told me,
13 he told the kids -- I was left behind. I gathered the
14 dishes in. I washed them, I dried them, I put them
15 away.

16 Can I get a wee bit of water please ...

17 Q. Would you like me to continue and read some of this, or
18 are you able to tell us?

19 LADY SMITH: Just take your time, Troy. We can go at your
20 pace, whatever works for you.

21 A. He told me -- I'd done the dishes. He told me my
22 clothes were disgusting, I had to take them off. I kept
23 my pants and vest on. I had to take them off as well.
24 I put my hands ... He told me to put my hands on my
25 side. I put my hands at my side. I was told to

1 kneel -- in front of his wooden chair. I felt his hand.
2 I knelt. I felt his hands on me. I felt his hands go
3 in me. I felt his hands like that. What happened after
4 that was -- my God. I lost everything that night: my
5 childhood, my faith, my dignity, my pride. I lost
6 everything. My school work. Everything I lost that
7 night, what that man done to me.

8 I was thrown onto the kitchen floor and out came the
9 belt. I was flogged on the back. I was trying to
10 protect myself and I also was told -- he had his foot
11 and he put it on us. I couldn't move. And he continued
12 hitting me, continued hitting me. I was screaming,
13 screaming in agony. Every one of those strokes, my God,
14 I felt, I can feel that going down my back. I can still
15 feel that. I can still feel that.

16 I give my word, if that man had been alive today,
17 I wouldn't be here, I'd be in a court of law, I'd be put
18 away for my crimes I would do to that man. I've got
19 some hate for him. I live with that every day. I try
20 to forget, I can't forget. It just comes back. I don't
21 know. I could be travelling, I could be anywhere and
22 it's ... it's like having a recording and you press
23 a button and a wee film plays in your head. I live with
24 that. I don't know when it's coming. I never know when
25 it's going to go off.

1 As I say, with the support I've had, I'm controlling
2 it all better, a heck of a lot better. I done daft
3 things in my life and I give my word, I'll never do
4 those daft things again.

5 Q. Troy, would you have a problem -- you have told us about
6 this and I don't want you to feel you have to go any
7 further, but would you have a problem if I read out the
8 two paragraphs about this matter so we can have them in
9 the public transcript? Would you be okay with that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Because I think you have mentioned this incident and
12 I'll just read it, if I may. It's paragraph 45 on
13 page 9014 in your signed statement:

14 "When I took my clothes off, I had to bend over
15 a chair. I felt his hands on me. He penetrated me.
16 I was screaming, I was begging. I lost my religion
17 through that ..."

18 And so on. You have indicated the hatred is still
19 there.

20 You go on in paragraph 46 to say:

21 "Later that night, after this man raped me, he had
22 a two-pronged leather belt and he battered me, hammered
23 me. He had his foot on my back so that I couldn't move
24 and he battered me and told me not to tell anyone."

25 Is that what happened?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Thank you.

3 You go on in your statement, I think, to say that
4 you reported this matter to the main office.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Can you tell me what happened when you did that?

7 A. I went to the main office. It was the only place we
8 could go. It was the only place any child could go
9 in that place. I told them what had happened. I was
10 a child. He knew what he had done. Now, as an adult,
11 you know more. As a child you're innocent, you don't
12 really know what it's going to do to you through your
13 life, but I reported this.

14 The office at that time, they phoned and they come
15 up and he was in a rage. I was grabbed, I was shaken,
16 I was called a liar. My words were true, my words were
17 not believed.

18 Q. Who was shaking you and calling you a liar?

19 A. **QDC** He told me -- I was made to apologise to that
20 man. He told me: God help you, when you get back ...
21 and I knew what was going to happen to me. Something
22 about ...

23 Q. So the --

24 A. You know, "You apologise to that man right now, you
25 apologise." I thought if I apologised, it would be

1 easier on me, and I did. I said I made that up.

2 I never made it up. The whole -- it was true, my words
3 were true, and for years, they never believed they were
4 true.

5 Q. Troy, are you telling me that it was the people who came
6 down from the office that were telling you to apologise
7 to QDC ?

8 A. Yes. Uh-huh. I was told to apologise.

9 Q. And this was after QDC was shaking you and calling
10 you a liar in their presence?

11 A. It was just happening, you know, it was all happening,
12 "You're a liar, you apologise to that man, you liar, you
13 liar", if you know what I mean, you know.

14 LADY SMITH: Did that happen in the cottage or in the
15 office?

16 A. This was in the office.

17 LADY SMITH: So you went to the office, you reported, they
18 phoned QDC, QDC came to the office?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 LADY SMITH: Got you, thanks.

21 A. I was staying (inaudible) cottage after that.

22 MR PEOPLES: Were these people that you saw in the office --
23 were they people you'd had dealings with before?

24 A. No.

25 Q. There were a couple of people, I think you thought there

1 was a man and woman there --

2 A. A man and woman there.

3 Q. -- who you told this to and then they got [REDACTED] QDC to
4 come down and then what you have told us about happened.

5 A. Mm-hm.

6 Q. And they made you apologise to him?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. In paragraph 48, and maybe I can take this -- you say:

9 "After I reported him, I got it again."

10 Are you saying that what happened to you that night
11 happened to you again, the sexual abuse? No?

12 A. I was sent back to the cottage. I was taken back to the
13 cottage. I was beaten with that leather belt again. He
14 told me, "I told you not to tell anybody". I was
15 a dirty child. I was an evil child. I got the
16 beatings, not once, not twice, many nights, until it was
17 drummed into me. If anybody asked me, I had to tell
18 them I fell out of a tree. There were many kids in that
19 cottage that fell out of a tree that I know of.

20 We were petrified. I'm sorry, but I pissed myself
21 many a times when that man's raised his voice and I ...
22 I got into the habit of grief(?) and everything. I just
23 ... I would wash my clothes so he didn't know I'd pissed
24 myself. Then he'd come back (inaudible).

25 Q. Troy, can I just ask you this. What happened that night

1 A. Yes, thanks for that. Appreciated.

2 LADY SMITH: That's all right.

3 Mr Peoples.

4 MR PEOPLES: My Lady.

5 Just take your time. Can I just move to page 9015
6 of your statement, just to get some dates. I think at
7 9015, there at paragraph 51, you say you left Quarriers
8 when you were about nine, and I think that's what we
9 heard earlier.

10 Before I leave Quarriers, you have told us obviously
11 about how you reported what happened with [REDACTED] QDC and
12 what happened when you did so. Just so I'm absolutely
13 clear, before you left Quarriers, when you were about 9
14 or 10, was that the only time you reported [REDACTED] QDC or
15 the things he did to you to anyone in Quarriers? Was
16 that the one time you tried to?

17 A. At that time, yes.

18 Q. I think later on you may have spoken in more recent
19 times about it to others, but after that, you didn't
20 speak about it again when you were in Quarriers?

21 A. No. I kept it locked away.

22 Q. And you didn't, as I think I can pick up, mention to
23 your mother or father what had happened?

24 A. My mother, my father, my brother, my two sisters, one of
25 my ex-wives, one son didn't know. No one knew. I kept

1 that locked away.

2 Q. For a long time?

3 A. For a heck of a long time.

4 Q. I'm not going to go into the detail of what happened in
5 your life as an adult. We've got the statement and
6 we can read it. We can look at it very carefully after
7 today, but I think you did mention to a doctor, maybe
8 around 2012, what happened.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And that was maybe the first time in a very long time
11 you'd mentioned what had happened to you; is that right?

12 A. Yes. I done something silly. I resent what I done, but
13 it got all too much for me. I was in a psychiatric
14 hospital where I spent seven months rebuilding my life.
15 I wanted to go on the right path in life and that's when
16 I first spoke about it. Not in great depth, I just
17 mentioned it.

18 Q. Life's got a bit better for you since then, I think.

19 A. Oh brilliant, yes. A lot better.

20 Q. Before I finish, Troy, are you able to help us just in
21 your own words with the sort of impact of the
22 experiences you told us about today on your life?
23 Clearly, you've told us about the things that are still
24 very vivid in your memory, but can you help me in your
25 own words what impact that has had on you as an adult

1 and after leaving Quarriers?

2 A. I've done many daft things. Many times I tried to
3 commit suicide. My ex-wife caught me a few times. [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] ... I wanted to die because I believed that if

7 I ended it all, my troubles would end. The last time
8 I done it -- that's another story.

9 From [REDACTED] 2011 to [REDACTED] 2012, I suffered two
10 mini-strokes, three heart attacks. Thanks to Mr ... and
11 the stents that kept me alive, a great job the nurses
12 done, do you know what I mean, and I'm still here today.

13 After my first heart attack, I came out of hospital
14 and I caught my wife cheating on me. I'm not going into
15 detail with this. We had a hell of a fight the
16 following morning. I was only at the hospital two days
17 when I caught my wife cheating on me with a guy younger
18 than my son. I'm 67. God almighty.

19 Q. But did you manage to put your life together after that?
20 I know it was a difficult phase because you have told
21 us --

22 A. I took a load of [REDACTED] I don't drink. A wee
23 bottle of cider -- I like a wee bottle of cider now and
24 again. It was about Christmas, someone gave me a glass
25 of wine and it was "party on". I was well away on cloud

1 nine. Same -- I get happy when I get a wee bit tipsy,
2 you know. I'm not shy to give a song and that. But
3 I done that.

4 But, as I say, I was put into Dykebar. I got my
5 life back and I was determined -- I got involved with an
6 [REDACTED] drumming group from [REDACTED] called the [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]. For anyone that's sitting there, if you've never
8 heard them, go and listen to them. This is for people
9 that's got mental health issues and the first time
10 I heard them was at Dykebar Hospital in Paisley. I seen
11 this A4 bit of paper stating the [REDACTED] was coming
12 and I'd been in there for many months and I never -- the
13 doctors, nurses, the psychiatrists, I wasn't talking.
14 I didn't want to talk to anybody. But I seen this, the
15 [REDACTED] and I thought it was a band. I went up to
16 the nurses' station and I said to an amazing woman,
17 a nurse, [REDACTED] and I said to her about the [REDACTED]
18 coming.

19 Her exact reaction was, "You can speak". I went,
20 yes. She advised me to go. We became very, very good
21 friends. Recently I went back to Dykebar -- this girl
22 means everything to me. I met her in Quarriers, and
23 she's everything to me. We started school together, we
24 became good friends, boyfriend and girlfriends. She was
25 taken home, she's got her own story to tell. I'm not

1 saying anything more about this, but she's got her own
2 story to tell. It'll probably be read -- I don't know
3 what's happening there.

4 I met her again -- 48 years later we met up and our
5 friendship was back on. (inaudible) getting on in life,
6 she'll still be my girl. But that's helped me.

7 I think I get told about a support group, I went
8 with them, they let me down badly. Let me down so
9 badly. They let many people down badly. I didn't trust
10 anybody. I was led to believe what I was coming to
11 today, not just today, but what was set up here today,
12 was evil, don't get involved.

13 I met up with a fella and he was involved with
14 a group -- I don't know if I mentioned them earlier, but
15 it was Future Pathways. I owe them my life.

16 There's a young girl, she's here today. I know
17 she's sitting somewhere, I don't know where. That's the
18 daughter I never had. I'll respect that girl to my
19 dying day. She's been with me. She's supported me.

20 Today I'll leave here, I won't be fully cured, but
21 I've not long to go, and it's all thanks to them. So
22 yes, my life has changed, my life has changed. The
23 experience that I've learned, I've learned a lot through
24 this.

25 I was a child. I didn't know what happened to me.

1 I never asked that man to do what he done, the harm that
2 happened. Today, with all I'm doing, if one child can
3 be saved off the path that I've walked and put their
4 shoes into mine, if they can be saved, then I'll be
5 a happy man. I will be happy.

6 I just hope through this inquiry that mistakes that
7 happened in the past -- and I know in my heart they will
8 be sorted.

9 Quarriers offered homes, as I said. In the past, my
10 God, it was wrong, so wrong. Things were done so wrong.

11 I've worked with Quarriers. One of the greatest
12 days of my life was the first day (inaudible) this
13 inquiry. I came here, I sat up at the back, it became
14 a bit much. I went outside. There was a wee vigil
15 going on at the time. I took part in that. And one of
16 the girls come down and she told me, "Quarriers have
17 apologised and admitted ..." My God, I broke down that
18 day. That's all I wanted. So many of us wanted that
19 apology. Just that. I'm sorry.

20 Because all through my life I was a liar, I couldn't
21 tell anybody, I felt ashamed, I felt embarrassed with
22 myself. I was asked a question today: how many times it
23 happened. God, that tore me apart. That really ripped
24 me up. The girl that's come with me today, she's my
25 life and she's found out today. Bad. I've had a weight

1 taken off me.

2 I hate liars, I hate cheats. I lied to her. I told
3 her it was only once. I'm here today telling it on
4 oath. I lost my religion when I was in there. I've got
5 a terrific friend with me today as well. He's helped me
6 restore that. (Inaudible).

7 Q. Don't worry, we won't --

8 A. I am getting my life back, you know. I am getting my
9 life back.

10 Q. Troy, I'm delighted to hear it.

11 A. To the people that stayed with me, thanks. [REDACTED]

12 Future Pathways. Thanks, just thanks.

13 MR PEOPLES: I know it's been a hugely difficult experience
14 today and I thank you very much for attending. That's
15 all the questions I have of you. I wish you well.

16 A. Thank you.

17 LADY SMITH: Are there any outstanding applications for
18 questions? No.

19 Troy, that is all that we have to ask you. Can
20 I just add my thanks to Mr Peoples' thanks to you for
21 engaging with the inquiry to provide such a detailed
22 written statement and coming along today to share with
23 us your memories of your childhood when you were in
24 Quarriers. They were very powerful and very helpful to
25 me in the work I have to do and I'm now able to let you

1 go with the wonderful people who you've explained are
2 here supporting you.

3 A. Thank you very much.

4 (The witness withdrew)

5 MR PEOPLES: My Lady, I wonder if I could have a short break
6 just to get organised for the next witness.

7 LADY SMITH: Five minutes? We'll have a five-minute break.

8 (11.36 am)

9 (A short break)

10 (11.42 am)

11 LADY SMITH: Mr Peoples.

12 MR PEOPLES: My Lady, the next witness this morning wishes
13 to remain anonymous and has chosen the pseudonym
14 "Arthur".

15 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

16 "ARTHUR" (affirmed)

17 LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.

18 You'll also get the statement brought up on the
19 screen in front of you, but I know Mr Peoples will want
20 you to look at your signature.

21 Arthur, it's quite warm in here, I don't know
22 whether you want to keep your jacket on or not, but if
23 you're more comfortable to keep it off, don't feel
24 you have to keep it on for my sake.

25 Make sure you're in the right position, if you can,

1 for that microphone. It's very important that we hear
2 you through the sound system.

3 Mr Peoples.

4 Questions from MR PEOPLES

5 MR PEOPLES: Good morning, Arthur.

6 A. Good morning.

7 Q. As Lady Smith has just explained, the folder in front of
8 you has a copy of the statement you've provided to the
9 inquiry. Before I ask you to look at it, just for the
10 sake of the transcript, I'll give the reference that we
11 use to identify the statement, which is
12 WIT.001.001.9023.

13 Don't worry about those numbers, it's just to help
14 us. Don't be concerned about them.

15 So far as the statement in front of you is
16 concerned, if you could have the red folder in front of
17 you and turn to the final page of the statement at
18 page 9033. Could you confirm for me that you've signed
19 the statement?

20 A. Yes, that's my signature.

21 Q. Can you also confirm that you have no objection to your
22 statement being published as part of the evidence to the
23 inquiry and that you believe the facts that are stated
24 in your witness statement are true?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. If I could begin by asking you to confirm the year of
2 your birth; I don't want the date. Were you born in
3 1950?

4 A. 1950, yes, that's right.

5 Q. The reason you're here today is that, as you tell us in
6 paragraph 2 of your statement at 9023, you were resident
7 between [REDACTED] 1957 and [REDACTED] 1958, according to
8 your recollection, in Quarriers at Bridge of Weir for
9 reasons that we can maybe just touch upon in a moment;
10 is that right?

11 A. That's correct, yes.

12 Q. Can I tell you that we have had a chance to look at some
13 of the records that Quarriers have and according to
14 their records, I'll just put some dates, they're not
15 very different to the dates you have in your statement.
16 According to the records, your precise admission date
17 was [REDACTED] 1957. You were placed in cottage 6. That's
18 what the records are revealing. You left Quarriers on
19 [REDACTED] 1958. So you were there for a relatively
20 short time.

21 A. Yes, that's right.

22 Q. So far as that period of time is concerned, before I ask
23 you a little bit about your time in Quarriers, the
24 background to your admission -- and I don't need to take
25 this at any length -- is essentially captured in

1 paragraph 7 of your statement at 9024.

2 Essentially, your mother became ill and had to go to
3 hospital and indeed go abroad to recuperate from
4 tuberculosis.

5 A. That's correct, yes.

6 Q. And your father was working and I think there were
7 difficulties because of those situations and you had
8 a spell in Quarriers as a result.

9 A. That's right, yes.

10 Q. So this was an arrangement that essentially was
11 a private arrangement that was made by your parents or
12 by your father to deal with this situation; is that
13 correct?

14 A. That's right, yes.

15 Q. I think you very fairly say in your statement that your
16 memories are to some extent limited because it was
17 a short period and you were quite young. At the time
18 I think you were aged between 6 or 7 or thereabouts; is
19 that right?

20 A. That's right, there are just certain aspects that stand
21 out.

22 Q. And maybe we'll hear from you about those if we may. If
23 I turn firstly to paragraph 14 of your statement at
24 page 9025. I think you say you don't have any clear
25 memories of your first day at Quarriers; is that right?

1 A. No.

2 Q. But you were obviously aware from records that you went
3 to cottage 6 and you have some general memories of the
4 place?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I think perhaps the word "cottage" is a bit of
7 a misnomer at times.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. They're large Victorian properties, these cottages?

10 A. That's right. I've actually been out and I've seen them
11 in recent years.

12 Q. If we move on to page 9026, if I can put that in front
13 of you, just continuing on that paragraph, do we see
14 that that was a house for boys only at the time?

15 A. Yes. As far as I can remember, it was all boys that
16 were there, yes.

17 Q. Can you tell us how many boys you estimate were in the
18 cottage at that time?

19 A. I can remember the dormitory where the beds were and
20 I would say there was probably maybe about 20. I would
21 imagine there must have been roughly around about 20.

22 Q. I think you tell us at paragraph 15, you weren't the
23 only member of your family to go to Quarriers at that
24 time; is that right?

25 A. That's right, yes.

- 1 Q. And you had -- is it a younger brother?
- 2 A. I had a younger brother and two younger sisters.
- 3 Q. So far as your period in Quarriers is concerned, can you
4 tell me, were you put together or were you placed apart?
- 5 A. No, we were placed apart. I can remember seeing my
6 sister, [REDACTED] who's a couple of years younger than me.
7 I seen her occasionally, but I didn't see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
8 I never had a great memory of seeing them -- maybe
9 towards the end of our time there.
- 10 Q. Do I take it from that that obviously if it was a boys'
11 cottage your sisters wouldn't be in the same cottage?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. And your brother that you've spoken about who was a bit
14 younger than you, he was in a different place?
- 15 A. He was just about a baby.
- 16 Q. I think you are not able, after the passage of time, to
17 be able to give us the names of anyone that was in
18 charge of the cottage that you were put into, but what's
19 your memory on that?
- 20 A. I don't remember any names. I've got absolutely no
21 memory of names.
- 22 Q. I think at paragraph 15 you do have a memory that you
23 think it was a male and female who would have been in
24 charge of the cottage when you were there?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Really, in a nutshell, you say that so far as memories
2 are concerned, at paragraph 17, your only real memories
3 about your care at that time are the bad things that
4 happened to you. So I suppose that that's a natural
5 lead-in to you telling me what the bad things were that
6 you still remember.

7 A. The things that stand out -- probably the worst thing
8 was breakfast where they used to give you this porridge.
9 We actually found out in the last few years that it
10 wasn't actually porridge, it was some kind of oatmeal
11 they gave you. It always seemed to be lumpy, in my
12 memory, and that used to -- I couldn't ... It was
13 difficult to eat. I've always got a memory of a person
14 standing behind me, hitting me on the head, telling me
15 to eat it, and I can remember being sick because of the
16 lumps and they continually told me "Eat it!" even
17 although I had been sick. That's something that's
18 always been in my mind, you know.

19 Q. And I think, as you tell us in paragraph 18, about this,
20 that you had to eat the contents, including your own
21 vomit?

22 A. That's right, yes. That's the biggest, probably, memory
23 I've got of the place, you know.

24 Q. When you say they used to stand behind you, I know you
25 can't identify by name the people that --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. But who were they, if you like?

3 A. It was -- I'm pretty sure it was a woman, you know. It
4 didn't just happen -- this was probably a regular
5 occurrence, you know, because you got this stuff every
6 morning.

7 Q. I was going to ask you that: this isn't you describing
8 a single occasion, is it?

9 A. No.

10 Q. This was a regular occurrence?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. That you would have trouble with this piecemeal, as you
13 call it?

14 A. I couldn't eat it.

15 Q. But you had this individual standing behind you tapping
16 you and requiring you to eat it?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Just while we're on it, I'll take it from you just now.
19 Although you mention this matter in paragraph 18, and
20 I don't think we need to go here, but I'll state for the
21 transcript that I think you return to that particular
22 subject at paragraph 33 of your statement, where you,
23 I think, tell us again what you've just said today about
24 breakfast time and the piecemeal that you were served
25 up.

1 Just on the mealtime and breakfast time, were you
2 the only child that had a problem with this piecemeal,
3 do you know?

4 A. I don't know. I don't know, I can't really remember.
5 I don't really remember. I'd imagine not.

6 Q. If I could move away from that subject and go to
7 page 9027 and to paragraph 21 of your statement. It's
8 at the top of the page. You have no memory of having
9 chores other than to tidy your bed and look after your
10 own clothes. Is that your memory of the period you were
11 there?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. But you go on to say:

14 "I felt there was a lot of aggression at Quarriers
15 from the staff with the way they treated the boys.
16 There was no feeling of being cared for or loved."

17 Can you maybe explain why that was your feeling or
18 why that is your feeling?

19 A. I don't know, it always seemed to be mentioned in the
20 mealtimes and ... There was a way they used to strap
21 you if -- obviously if you'd maybe done something you
22 shouldn't have. The memory I've got of that is they did
23 it in front of everybody and if they saw you looking at
24 someone getting strapped, they strapped you as well for
25 watching. You were told to look away or whatever. But

1 obviously being 6 years old, that might ...

2 Q. Have been difficult. Did that happen to you? Did you
3 get strapped for watching?

4 A. I am not sure. I think it did, I'm not 100% sure.

5 Q. Do you remember seeing it happen?

6 A. Yes, yes, oh yes.

7 Q. How often was the strap brought out in the time you were
8 there? Was it quite a regular occurrence?

9 A. It was probably quite regular, I would imagine. It's
10 just hard to ... sort of ... all the occasions.

11 Q. Just maybe trying to get an understanding of the other
12 part of that statement, that there was no feeling of
13 being cared for or loved, can you just explain why
14 that's the view you express in your statement?

15 A. It's just the environment that I can remember of the
16 place. It was a sort of -- you were just ... I don't
17 know. You just weren't treated very well. Everybody
18 seemed to be either shouting at you, or, you know, just
19 that kind of aggressive environment.

20 Q. So it was all shouting is your memory?

21 A. People telling you -- I don't know.

22 Q. In an aggressive tone?

23 A. In an aggressive tone, yes. Maybe not all the time, but
24 it's just what I can remember. Maybe it's because it's
25 just the bad things that stand out for me, you know.

1 Q. But your general impression is that's what you remember?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. That's the atmosphere --

4 A. Yes.

5 LADY SMITH: Tell me about the strap: what was it made of?

6 A. It was just a leather strap, like they used to do at
7 school. When I was in school they -- it was a leather
8 strap, you know.

9 LADY SMITH: Did it have a split at the end, fingers with
10 tails at the end? A tawse?

11 A. Yes.

12 LADY SMITH: Who used it?

13 A. The people that were in charge of the dormitory.
14 I can't sort of put a name to them, but I can remember
15 that it was a person that was ...

16 LADY SMITH: A grown-up?

17 A. Yes.

18 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

19 MR PEOPLES: I know it's hard because it's a long time
20 ago --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- but can you recall there ever being a lot of warmth
23 or affection given to you or the other children in the
24 cottage by the staff or the house parents?

25 A. It's hard to say. I can't really remember. I can

1 remember we used to get taken -- towards the end of my
2 time there, they would take us to a sort of like a room,
3 where they had a television, and they would let us watch
4 the television for an hour, you know. But I think that
5 was kind of later on, nearer to ... I had never seen
6 a television prior to that.

7 Q. Would you have got any physical affection from the
8 people in terms of if you were upset you would get a hug
9 or something like that?

10 A. I don't remember anything like that, no, no.

11 Q. In broad terms, was it a happy or an unhappy time for
12 you?

13 A. I would say, looking back, it was an unhappy time.

14 Q. If I move on in your statement to paragraph 26 at the
15 foot of page 9027, you've already told us there was
16 a lot of shouting and you've mentioned the use of
17 a belt. You describe the regime as strict. Is that
18 a good word to describe it so far as your memory goes?

19 A. I would say so, yes. One of the good things I can
20 always remember, they took you on a Sunday to church,
21 you went to the church in the morning and then they
22 would take you round the countryside around about Bridge
23 of Weir. That was sort of a -- probably the best memory
24 I've got of the place.

25 Q. For a walk?

1 A. For a walk, yes.

2 Q. And would that be the house parents who would do that?

3 A. I'd imagine it must have been. They took us from the
4 church and after you'd been to the church, they took you
5 into the country, and then you went back for your lunch
6 and that.

7 Q. Of course, you were a child in your own home --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- until you had to go to Quarriers for the reasons
10 we've heard. Indeed, once your mother got better, you
11 were able to leave Quarriers and go back home.

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Comparing life before and after Quarriers with the
14 regime that you've described, how do they compare?

15 A. I think once we were back home, we were pretty well
16 looked after because, obviously, being split up for
17 a year -- and I don't know how long my mother was away,
18 so ... It was a good time then, you know. They'd moved
19 to a new house in [REDACTED] which had only been built
20 at the time. So it was quite a good memory, that part
21 of it, you know.

22 Q. And was it therefore different, very different to the
23 time you had in Quarriers?

24 A. Yes. I would think so, yes.

25 Q. Just moving on in your statement at 9028, paragraph 27,

1 you refer again to being -- you got shouted at and you
2 say:

3 "I always felt it lowered my self-esteem. There was
4 a lot of emotional abuse when they told me that I was
5 useless."

6 Is that something you can remember, them telling you
7 those things?

8 A. Aye, vaguely. I think the self-esteem thing was the
9 effect it had on you as you got older. It's a memory
10 that I've always had at Quarriers. It's always been in
11 my mind, certain things come up, like we talked about
12 the porridge thing. People say, do you want some
13 porridge, the first thing that comes into my mind is
14 Quarriers. That's what I meant when it affected your
15 self-esteem, you know.

16 Q. And at the time though, you see being told that you were
17 useless -- you now know that's a form of emotional abuse
18 that you were receiving?

19 A. Aye. Just being a young kid and to be spoken to like
20 that.

21 Q. Do you have any memory of getting any regular praise or
22 encouragement or anything of that kind? Is there any
23 memory of that?

24 A. Not really, no, I can't think of any, no.

25 Q. When you say that you were told that you were useless,

1 can we just be clear -- I know you can't identify
2 specific individuals, but who was telling you these sort
3 of things?

4 A. It was the adults that were running the place, I would
5 imagine, you know.

6 Q. Running the cottage?

7 A. Yes. Whatever else, other people ... I don't know.
8 I can't remember other -- the individual faces or things
9 like that, you know.

10 Q. But you can remember being told these things?

11 A. I can remember being told, you know, behave or ...

12 Q. If I move on in that page, if I can, to paragraph 31.
13 You tell us there that there was one occasion when you
14 ran away when you were quite young with some other boys.

15 A. That's right, yes. I can actually vaguely remember it,
16 running away, running away with some other kids, young
17 boys. Whether it was just a bit of fun, I don't really
18 know, or whether we were trying to escape.

19 Q. I was going to ask you that. It was a long time ago now
20 to be able to work out your reasons, but you remember
21 running away?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. You are not able to remember much more than that?

24 A. Not really, no. I just know that my father said they
25 found us in Paisley. I don't know how we got to Paisley

1 if that's true.

2 Q. Let's assume that your father was telling you something
3 that was accurate. Was there a reason why you'd end up
4 in Paisley? Was your family home anywhere near Paisley?

5 A. No, I don't have any family in Paisley or anything.

6 Q. So you were either having a day out with your pals or
7 you were going away for a reason?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. But it wasn't obviously trying to get back home?

10 A. I don't think so, no. I don't really know.

11 Q. I'm just trying to piece it together. If we move on to
12 something else, I think you've got a memory of attending
13 church.

14 A. Yes, that's right.

15 Q. Can we move on to that at paragraph 32, which is on
16 page 9028 and it goes over to 9029. You have a memory
17 of the minister, I think, at the time you were there.
18 Is that right?

19 A. Yes, I can remember us getting taken to the church and
20 the minister was always very powerful in his speeches,
21 if you like, his sermons.

22 Q. I think you indicate the type of sermon you were
23 receiving at the time. You say he was a frightening
24 character who wore a cloak?

25 A. He seemed that way to me. It was a huge big church and

1 we seemed to be going there quite regular, you know.

2 Q. The way you describe it in your statement is:

3 "He would preach fire and brimstone from the pulpit.
4 He used to threaten us with God. I was terrified of
5 him."

6 Is that --

7 A. Aye, "God will come and get you if you're bad", that
8 kind of stuff. That was the sort of things that I can
9 remember.

10 Q. The idea that what would happen to you if you were bad?

11 A. If you were bad, yes.

12 Q. And that still stands out, does it?

13 A. Aye, even now I can remember. If I hear church bells
14 and things like that, like I said about the porridge,
15 it's a memory that always comes back.

16 Q. Towards the end of the statement you've provided to the
17 inquiry, you tell us on page 9031 -- we'll take this
18 from you at paragraph 43 -- I think you confirm for
19 me -- I think you have told the inquiry that you didn't
20 report this, what happened to you at Quarriers,
21 you haven't done that, other than to the inquiry, is
22 that --

23 A. That's right, yes.

24 Q. But you felt it was important to come here and tell us
25 what your experience was?

1 A. Yes. I always, as I say, had a memory of the place. It
2 wasn't a very nice memory. So when I got nearer
3 retirement, I went out and had a look around a couple of
4 times. I couldn't remember the sort of layout of the
5 place. Then I eventually got in touch, we got a phone
6 number and phoned up and they said we could come out and
7 they would give us some information of our time there,
8 so I went out with my sister, [REDACTED], and we met one of
9 the staff and she gave us a copy of our entrance, the
10 forms that were filled in when we were placed in the
11 home. I was asking her questions about, like we've been
12 speaking about, the force-feeding and getting strapped
13 and stuff like that, but the lady we spoke to just told
14 us that the people who were running the place in those
15 days didn't have any training, they weren't trained to
16 look after children, so it seemed a bit disturbing.

17 Q. When you went back to Quarriers with your sister, in
18 a more recent visit -- an I think you tell us about that
19 in paragraph 52 at page 9032 and going over to 9033 --
20 I think you say that:

21 "[You were] told by someone during the period you
22 were in care the staff were not properly trained."

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you think that's a bit odd to you that they would be
25 looking after you without training?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. But that's what you were told by the organisation?

3 A. That's what I was told by the lady -- Josie Bell I think
4 her name was. She gave us that information.

5 Q. You were not in Quarriers for a very long time.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And it was for reasons that we've already heard about.

8 But you've got a section in your statement about the
9 impact. It seems clear from the statement and what
10 you've said today that your experiences in Quarriers
11 have had a lasting impact on you, that you still
12 remember the bad memories?

13 A. Yes, you just have these bad memories of it. That's
14 probably what stands out, you know.

15 MR PEOPLES: Arthur, I think that really that's all the
16 questions that I would have for you today. I would
17 simply wish to thank you for coming along and giving
18 your oral evidence to the inquiry as well as providing
19 the written statement that we've been looking at.

20 LADY SMITH: Thank you. Are there any outstanding
21 applications for questions? No.

22 Arthur, that's right, there are no more questions
23 for you. It only remains for me to thank you very much
24 for coming forward to the inquiry with your memories and
25 sharing them not just with the team who took your

1 written statement but with us here today. It's very
2 helpful to have had you here. I'm now able to let you
3 go. Thank you.

4 A. Thanks very much.

5 (The witness withdrew)

6 LADY SMITH: Mr Peoples.

7 MR PEOPLES: I think the plan next, given the time, is we
8 could perhaps at this point have a read-in, which
9 I would ask Ms Rattray to perform. It will be in
10 relation to a statement provided by an applicant who
11 wishes to remain anonymous and has chosen the pseudonym
12 "Jenny". If I could hand over to Ms Rattray, I'll take
13 a seat.

14 LADY SMITH: Absolutely. Thank you very much.

15 Whenever you're ready, Ms Rattray.

16 Witness statement of "JENNY" (read)

17 MS RATTRAY: Yes, my Lady.

18 As with previous case studies, the read-ins will
19 involve reading parts of the statement rather than the
20 whole statement in order to highlight certain areas of
21 evidence. Jenny's statement can be found at

22 WIT.001.001.8982:

23 "My name is Jenny. I was born in 1951. My contact
24 details are known to the inquiry."

25 Now moving to paragraph 4:

1 "I know from my records that I was taken from my
2 paternal grandmother and a paternal aunt to go into care
3 at Quarriers. I have no recollection of my early years
4 at Quarriers but I know I was admitted in 1955 when
5 I was three years old.

6 "If you were under a certain age, you went to the
7 baby home, then you moved to the toddlers home when you
8 were about 3 to 4.

9 "I have no idea why I was taken from Dundee, which
10 is over 100 miles away from Quarriers. I was with my
11 brother who was 2 and my sister who would have been
12 a baby. I was in Quarriers from the age of 3 until
13 I was 14."

14 My Lady, Quarriers' records indicate that Jenny was
15 admitted in 1955 and discharged to her father in 1966.
16 Her arrangement in Quarriers was a private one; it was
17 a voluntary admission.

18 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

19 MS RATTRAY: "Quarriers was like a village with maybe 48 big
20 Victorian houses, which were called 'cottages'. It had
21 its own hospital, school, church, store, everything was
22 there. It was all very self-contained. Groups of
23 people would come to visit. It was like a utopia, or
24 sounded like it was.

25 "Some cottages were mixed and some were just boys or

1 girls. The ages of the children would have been between
2 5 and 14. There were three baby homes that had names.
3 I can't remember them now, but they were specifically
4 for babies and toddlers. They weren't cottages.

5 "The records that I have say I was in cottage 1 and
6 then cottage 4, but I have no recollection of that. My
7 earliest memory from Quarriers was when I went to
8 cottage 20. I was 7 or 8 and I remember the house
9 mother was [redacted] QAQ and the cottage auntie was
10 [redacted] QDA . [redacted] QAQ is dead now and
11 [redacted] QDA would have been in her early 20s back
12 then. I'm not too sure of the ages from back then as
13 I was only a child.

14 " [redacted] QDA was just pure evil and everyone knew
15 her. She had that reputation. She was seconded out to
16 other cottages as well but she was meant to be there as
17 a cottage auntie to help the house mother.

18 "It was mixed with both boys and girls. In our
19 cottage, there were 14 of us. We all slept in rooms on
20 the first floor. We had a girls' dormitory and an annex
21 off for the house mother. There were about eight girls
22 aged between 6 and 10 in our dormitory. There was
23 another dormitory for the boys and a room for the older
24 girls.

25 "On the ground floor there was the house mother's

1 parlour, the kitchen and a playroom. Then you went
2 downstairs and there was a place with big huge baths in
3 it and a door to an outside play area. The parlour was
4 an old-fashioned room. It was all neatly carpeted and
5 was like a guest's room. We were only ever in there to
6 be punished.

7 "My sister came into cottage 20 later when she was
8 about 7 and my brother was in a boys' cottage. We
9 called each other brother and sister in the cottages but
10 it was a few years before I even knew my sister was my
11 actual sister. I was maybe 9. It was even later before
12 I knew my brother was my actual brother because he was
13 in cottage 23.

14 "I remember I once waved at my brother when we were
15 out walking to church. I'm not sure when that was but I
16 obviously knew then he was my brother. After church
17 I got the biggest hiding ever for waving at him and
18 I was told I was an orphan and he was not my brother.
19 I was told all my brothers and sisters were in the
20 cottage with me. That was from QAQ

21 "We had to call the house mother 'mummy' and
22 I suppose she was a mother figure, but I did think I was
23 an orphan for a while before I found out I had a father.
24 I was always told I was an orphan and that I had no
25 mother or father.

1 "Once I was in cottage 20 I stayed there throughout
2 and once my sister got there, she was there throughout
3 as well.

4 "There was a bell that [redacted] rang to get us up
5 in the morning. That was about 7.30 am, and then
6 we would tidy the bed, fold the covers up and make sure
7 they were perfect. Then we waited for [redacted] to
8 come and check the beds.

9 "Every morning before breakfast someone would have
10 to learn and recite a bit from the Bible. [redacted]
11 would tell whoever's turn it was what they had to learn
12 about 6.30 pm the night before, just after prayers.
13 Then they had to memorise it and recite it the following
14 morning in the dining room. If they made any mistakes
15 they wouldn't get a breakfast. It could be as many as
16 three verse. Lights went out at 8.30 pm, maybe a bit
17 later for the older girls, so we had wee torches that we
18 used under the covers to learn those verses.

19 "I think [redacted] knew the Bible off by heart.
20 She had an aura about her. She could be very dominant
21 and very strict and sometimes she could be no nice. She
22 wasn't always bad.

23 "We said grace before every meal. A different
24 person would always say it and pity help you if you got
25 one word wrong. [redacted] would give you belt on the

1 hands or she would pull down your pants and smack you on
2 the bare bum. That happened to me quite a few times.
3 It happened to all the kids, all ages, and in front of
4 everyone.

5 "We ate all our meals in the cottage. They were
6 prepared by the older girls. Breakfast was horrible,
7 but if you didn't eat it, what they put down to you at
8 breakfast would be served to you again at lunchtime. If
9 you didn't eat that, it was served to you again at your
10 evening meal. You could go a day and a half without
11 food and then eventually they would force-feed you.

12 "That happened to me. QAQ would get older
13 girls to hold you by the arms so you couldn't move and
14 then she would pinch your nose and force the food into
15 your mouth. If you were sick, she would spoon your sick
16 back into your mouth. She would tell us we should be
17 grateful we were getting any food at all as we were just
18 orphans.

19 "I never had to hold anybody's hand out while they
20 were force-fed. That would have been worse. I don't
21 know how I would have reacted if I had, but I suppose
22 I would have done it or else I would have got punished.

23 "Lunch was meat and potatoes. You always knew in
24 advance what the weekly meals were going to be. I just
25 hated liver, even the smell of it, and I would run away

1 when we had liver. I was force-fed many times and I had
2 to watch it happening to my sister as well. She was
3 also held by the arms and force-fed by [redacted] QAQ .
4 It's not very nice somebody holding your nose and
5 forcing food into you.

6 "The meal plans were much the same in all the other
7 cottages. I knew that from speaking to other kids and
8 some of them were force-fed as well.

9 "We had baths in these two huge metal baths.
10 We would go in three at a time and the older children or
11 [redacted] QDA would help with the bathing. The bathing
12 was from the younger to the older, so if you were young
13 you were lucky and got the clean water; if you were
14 older it would be dirty by your turn. There was no
15 privacy. It was all in the same bathroom.

16 "I remember we wore plastic sandals, a skirt and
17 a jumper. We were clothed and there was even a drapery
18 where you were given what you needed to wear. A lot of
19 the clothes were hand-me-downs.

20 "We had a school uniform, a gymslip and a blouse
21 which was yours, but otherwise the clothing was just
22 what you were given. You didn't have a wardrobe or
23 anything to change into from day-to-day. You could be
24 wearing a dress one day and somebody else might be
25 wearing it the next day. We were only dressed up for

1 the photos and the visits once a month.

2 "School was fine. There were a couple of teachers
3 that might throw a duster at you or give you the belt,
4 but I didn't mind school except for the gym. I sat my
5 eleven-plus and if you passed it you got to move
6 upstairs to the equivalent of high school. That was all
7 within Quarrier's Village. I did pass my eleven-plus
8 and I enjoyed school.

9 "We did weekly chores like polishing shoes, peeling
10 potatoes for meals and scrubbing floors. We always knew
11 what the chores were and they were changed about.

12 "The place revolved around religion. It was
13 a Church of Scotland home. Every Sunday we went to the
14 Mount Zion church, which was in Quarriers. We cooked no
15 food on a Sunday, although the food was prepared the
16 night before.

17 "After church, we would take a walk up through and
18 around the whole village. Then we had to go to Bible
19 study in the afternoon and I also had choir practice on
20 a Sunday night. Wednesday you had Bible study again and
21 you had the Girls' Brigade. As I say, everything was
22 done around religion and I had no idea about religion.

23 "I remember a lovely man, Mr Hodge, who owned land
24 at Turnberry and he offered up these wee chalets he had
25 on his land. We went there every summer for holidays.

1 I remember that was by the seaside and it was lovely.

2 "We also had the Glasgow taxi drivers. They took us
3 for a day to the seaside. I remember those trips. We
4 went to Troon or Dunoon and they covered their taxis
5 with balloons and streamers. That was a lovely day out.
6 We got a shoe box with a stick of rock, a wee bag of
7 sweets and a bag of Smith's crisps.

8 "We had two play areas in our cottage, a big room
9 inside and an outside area. We had our own personal
10 lockers where we could keep drawing books and scraps.
11 We also kept our post office savings book and diaries
12 and I remember I had an [REDACTED]. We had books to
13 read and we eventually got a television. It went in the
14 main dining room and I remember watching Dr Who.
15 I think I was about 10 when the TV came in.

16 "Sometimes it was good and we played with skipping
17 ropes, played hopscotch and all those kind of things.
18 After school we would get out to play and we would be
19 with friends, but the cottage was never home. It was
20 never a place of safety. Sometimes you actually dreaded
21 going back to the cottage.

22 "We got pocket money and half went into a post
23 office savings account. We would then buy sweets at the
24 store in Quarriers. We never had to leave Quarriers.
25 In fact I think the only time I did was when I ran

1 away."

2 Now moving to paragraph 37:

3 "I don't remember ever getting a birthday present
4 but Christmas was really good and I got a lot of things.
5 **QAQ** would ring the bell and we would go
6 downstairs to see what Santa had brought you. There was
7 a pillowcase on your chair in the dining room and it was
8 full of all different toys and things. There were lots
9 because people donated things, but most of it went into
10 the playroom so they could be shared. I remember asking
11 for roller skates one year and getting them. And then
12 a bike another year and I got that as well. I also got
13 things like a diary and colouring books, so that was
14 fine. It's strange because there were some good times
15 and it's a shame they don't stay at the front of your
16 mind.

17 "I don't remember Christmas dinners. I just
18 remember being in church and then getting the presents.

19 They had a parents' day every month at Quarriers.
20 For the 12 years I was there, they used to always say to
21 the children who didn't see parents, so me and my sister
22 'If you had a wish, what would it be?' I always said
23 the same thing, 'To see my daddy or mummy'. My sister
24 would say the same. In all that time we didn't see our
25 father. He may have visited once, but I don't know. As

1 far as I am aware, there was nothing. He would write to
2 Quarriers and say he was coming to visit but he never
3 showed up. I would watch other dads arriving to visit
4 and wonder which one might be my daddy.

5 "I remember being taken out sometimes, but I can't
6 remember why, who it was that took us out, or where we
7 went. Me and my sister and other girls would get taken
8 out by these complete strangers. It was weird. They
9 would just take us away for a weekend or a few days. It
10 happened maybe five times. Twice I went with my sister
11 and the rest I was on my own. It could have been
12 completely innocent, but it just seemed so strange.

13 "I remember two of them. One was when I was about 8
14 and I remember this huge big four-poster bed. The other
15 one I remember was a farm, I'm sure it was in
16 Bridge of Allan. I have records from Quarriers that
17 contain letters from people to them asking if they can
18 be supplied with children, for me as a child, for them
19 to look after over a weekend or for a holiday. The
20 names of the people are removed from those letters, but
21 they've written to Quarriers and they actually ask for
22 specific ages and sexes of children and provide dates
23 when they would be available to look after the children.

24 "There was also Women's Guilds or organisations like
25 that that would visit Quarriers and be shown around.

1 We would all have to dress up perfectly and stand
2 looking pretty. The older girls would serve them tea
3 and cakes, then the visitors would make their donations
4 and go away. The impression they wanted to give was how
5 well the children were being looked after.

6 "I don't remember anyone ever coming to inspect
7 Quarriers and no one ever came and asked me how I was
8 getting on.

9 "There was a doctor and a dentist in
10 Quarrier's Village. There was even a hairdressers.
11 Everyone had the same sort of bowl-cut hairstyle, boys
12 and girls.

13 "I was given a physical examination twice or three
14 times when I was coming into puberty. I was about 13
15 and nothing was explained to me at all. I was stripped
16 naked in front of the doctor, just me and him in an
17 examination room. Something makes me think it was
18 Dr Davidson but I'm not sure.

19 "As I said, I once ran away when we had liver
20 because I hated it, just the smell of it, and I hated
21 being force-fed. Four of us just decided to run away
22 from the cottage.

23 "We got to a place called Foxbar, but we started to
24 get really hungry. We slept in a graveyard, but finally
25 we were caught by the police. We were all about

1 10 years old. The police just took us back and never
2 asked us anything. [redacted] **QAQ** belted us. I got
3 smacked on my bare bum.

4 "A second time we were caught by the police again
5 and it was just the same as the first time. A third
6 time I slept overnight in a rhododendron tree. It was
7 my den because it was quite spacious and it was within
8 the grounds of Quarriers. I got punished every time
9 I ran away. I always did.

10 "Sometimes the punishment could be not getting
11 a meal or not getting your pocket money, but it was
12 mainly physical.

13 "I was a bed-wetter and a sleepwalker, so my bed was
14 moved further away from the doorway in case I walked out
15 the door and fell down the stairs. I wet the bed from
16 when I was about 7 until I was about 9. It was
17 [redacted] **QDA** who checked the beds. You could try and
18 hide it but if you got caught you had to take the
19 mattress outside, scrub it clean, and then leave it
20 against the wall. Sometimes it wouldn't have dried by
21 night-time when you put it back on your bed, so you
22 would just have to use a wet mattress.

23 "I believe that idea came from [redacted] **QDA** but
24 that she learned it from another cottage auntie,
25 [redacted] **QNZ** Miss [redacted] **QNZ** was [redacted] **QDA** friend

1 and she was really cruel to the kids in her own cottage.
2 She got the kids to strip naked then take the mattress
3 outside to scrub before taking a bath in cold water.

4 [REDACTED] QNZ did that, then [REDACTED] QDA copied her.

5 " [REDACTED] QNZ will still be alive. I saw her in the
6 street one day a few years ago. I went up to her and
7 asked her if she had been at Quarriers and she said no.
8 Then she said she had been and that she worked for
9 Dr Davidson at the hospital. I said she didn't and then
10 she said she was a secretary. She wasn't though, she
11 was an actual cottage auntie. [REDACTED] QNZ ended up

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 "Sometimes it was okay and you weren't punished for
15 bed-wetting, but sometimes you were and that happened to
16 me. Many girls wet the bed and some got worse than
17 I got. Some of them got a good walloping across the bum
18 and then got the belt and still had to walk outside with
19 the mattress. Some had to do that stripped naked and it
20 didn't matter, boys or girls, all ages.

21 "I have already spoken about a lot of abuse. It
22 really just went on all the time. It's not just
23 happening to you: it's having to watch it happen to
24 other people.

25 "I hate [REDACTED] QDA so much. She would take girls

1 to her room and she would touch you sexually and then
2 make you touch her. She did that with me and many other
3 girls. We would have been aged between 6 and 10.
4 I feel as if I'm bad for doing that and for letting her
5 do that. It happened a lot, too many times.

6 "I remember when I was about 9 I saw an older girl,
7 about 13 or 14, touching a wee boy where she shouldn't
8 have been touching him while he was standing on a bed.
9 I can't remember his name, but he was only about 6.

10 "The older girls used to get into your bed and you
11 couldn't do anything. It was just one of those things.
12 They would touch you where they shouldn't have been.
13 They would be 13 or 14, and they would be with younger
14 girls, maybe 9 or 10.

15 "The PE teacher at Quarriers was a man called
16 **QDB** He wasn't old or young, but I hated him so
17 much. His little trick was to put his keys down your
18 blouse, then put his hand down inside your blouse and
19 knickers and have a little fumble to get his keys.

20 "I had seen other girls being kept behind after gym
21 to help tidy up the soft toys, beanbags and hula hoops
22 that went into a cupboard. One day he told me it was my
23 turn to help tidy up. He came into the cupboard after
24 me and locked the door. He took out his penis and told
25 me to touch it. He pulled my down pants and told me he

1 liked little blonde girls and I was his favourite.

2 **QDB** touched me in between my legs and he said when
3 I grew up I would be quite excited by seeing what he had
4 in his hand.

5 " That was the first time. It happened quite a few
6 times. He would play with himself and make things
7 happen to himself. I don't like to talk about it.
8 I was just 8 or 9 years old when that started and it
9 happened about seven times over a period of about a year
10 and a half. It wasn't just me though; it happened to
11 other girls as well.

12 "I do remember one or two girls talking, after he
13 left, saying the same thing about the keys and the
14 fumbles in the cupboard.

15 "He once went to grab my sister in between her legs
16 and she fell on a beam in the gym. She split her mouth
17 open, hitting it off the beam while she was trying to
18 get away from him. They wrote that she had been
19 involved in an accident in the gym but she hadn't. She
20 was trying to get away from that horrible man. It
21 wasn't long after that that **QDB** wasn't around any
22 more.

23 "My sister was taken to the Elise Hospital in
24 Quarriers after that fall as she had smashed in her
25 front teeth. While she was waiting to get it fixed, the

1 gap in her teeth started to close so she had to have her
2 teeth broken again to put in a plate. That was all
3 covered up because all it says in her records is she had
4 an accident in the gym.

5 "In fact, when my sister went to the hospital for
6 that fall, she told the doctor that [REDACTED] QDB had went
7 to touch her in between her legs and that's how she had
8 fallen, trying to get away from him. I think it was
9 Dr Davidson. He was the doctor we always saw.

10 "The first time I went back to look round Quarriers
11 with my pal, we met another girl who was at the home
12 when we were there. So we went round Quarriers together
13 and she went to the cottage she was in but she didn't
14 come back so we went round to find her and she was
15 standing with her arms against the window ledge crying.

16 "She said to us that many a time she used to look
17 out that window and pray someone would look in and see
18 what he was doing to her. That was cottage 24 and she
19 was talking about her house parent, [REDACTED] QDC He and his
20 wife stayed in that cottage. She was the same age as us
21 and that was the exact same cottage that my pal was
22 abused in.

23 "She turned to me and said I had to face up to what
24 happened to me at the school. She knew about the
25 school. Her sister was abused at the school, she told

1 me, and I know about another eight girls [REDACTED] QDB
2 abused. I can only think of one of my friends and she
3 told me.

4 "I have shown you a copy of a photo [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]

7 There are five children pictured [REDACTED] and two of
8 them are me and my sister. You can see the girls have
9 white gloves on and their hands are clasped to the front
10 while the boys are both standing with their hands behind
11 their backs. That's how we were told to stand.

12 "My sister has her hands to the back like the boys
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] she was standing the wrong way. I had to watch
15 my sister get a beating from [REDACTED] QAA for that. It
16 was in the cottage. There was a man there who was
17 something to do with the photograph, but my sister got
18 belted for that. Every time I look at that picture, all
19 I think about is my poor sister.

20 "It was so false to [REDACTED] make it look
21 like such a perfect place with all us being so well
22 looked after. I only remember one of the boys in the
23 picture. Me and my sister were often used as poster
24 girls, maybe because we had no actual parent visiting us
25 and therefore had no one to tell what Quarriers was

1 actually like."

2 My Lady, at paragraphs 74 to 79 Jenny describes
3 being born with what is described in her records as an
4 abnormality in [REDACTED]. She underwent surgery aimed
5 at making her [REDACTED] appear more normal, but that made
6 her feel abnormal and she would rather they had left her
7 alone. She describes children calling her names and
8 saying cruel things and also [REDACTED] QDA [REDACTED] pointing it
9 out and saying she would not be able to do certain
10 things and that she wasn't normal.

11 I'm moving to paragraph 80 now at the foot of
12 page 8995:

13 [REDACTED] QAQ [REDACTED] had one day off a week, I'm sure it was
14 a Thursday, and [REDACTED] QDA [REDACTED] was left in charge.
15 A bell was running when [REDACTED] QAQ [REDACTED] came back and we all
16 had to line up from the smallest to the biggest.

17 [REDACTED] QAQ [REDACTED] would ask if anyone had misbehaved.

18 [REDACTED] QDA [REDACTED] always said yes and then we would all get
19 smacked on our bare backsides one by one. We hadn't
20 done anything and she knew we hadn't.

21 "I once told [REDACTED] QDA [REDACTED] that the older girls were
22 getting in our beds and touching us. She washed my
23 mouth out with a bar of carbolic soap and told me that
24 I'd go to hell. I didn't tell anyone else because
25 I didn't want my mouth washed out with soap. She was so

1 horrible.

2 "I also know my sister told Dr Davidson at the
3 Elise Hospital that she had fallen and hurt her face
4 while trying to get away from [REDACTED] QDB [REDACTED] as he had tried
5 to touch her in between her legs. I don't know what
6 happened as a result of that.

7 "There was a main office but if you went there and
8 complained about anything, you were a liar and you were
9 told to be more grateful. I didn't report anything
10 after what [REDACTED] QDA [REDACTED] did to me with the soap. When
11 you're a child you just think it's normal at that age.
12 You know nothing else and you have nothing to compare it
13 to.

14 "There's no way [REDACTED] QAQ [REDACTED] couldn't have known
15 what was going on. That was the way of life and there
16 was no one to report anything to. I don't think she was
17 involved in anything sexual, but just because of the way
18 it happened and things that were going on at the time,
19 you couldn't not know.

20 "I have never reported any of the abuse I suffered
21 at Quarriers to the police.

22 "Before we left Quarriers, Mr Dunbar, who was a head
23 person at Quarriers and [REDACTED] QAQ [REDACTED]
24 took me to see my father, stepmother and their children.
25 I remember there was no emotion from my father and

1 I felt I didn't know him. A few days later, we were
2 dumped on them.

3 "Mr Dunbar knows dad didn't want us, he'd never
4 visited us in all those years, and Mr Dunbar had written
5 to him again and again asking him to visit. Those
6 letters are in the records I have.

7 "I think the real reason we went back to my dad was
8 because my dad owed Quarriers £900. My dad had
9 previously written to Quarriers; those letters are in my
10 records as well, saying he wanted us to be adopted.
11 That must have been when I was about 8 or 9. He asked
12 them a few times to put us up for adoption.

13 "It all happened very suddenly. We were told
14 we were going to see our daddy, we were bundled into
15 a car and we left. I never got a chance to say cheerio
16 to any of my friends."

17 From paragraphs 90 to 105, Jenny describes her home
18 life as a child after leaving Quarriers and also aspects
19 of her adult life. She describes her life at home with
20 her dad and stepfamily as being bad times.

21 At paragraph 97, on page 8998, Jenny says:

22 "We only saw Mr Dunbar twice after we went to my
23 dad's. He never asked once how we were doing at my
24 dad's. We actually ran away from my father's once to go
25 back to Quarriers. How sad is that?"

1 Now moving to paragraph 106 on page 8999:

2 "I have mentioned some things, but I do think, could
3 I or should I have said something to stop the abuse
4 happening, especially to other children and to my
5 sister. There was just no one to turn to. I feel so
6 bad. I can't help but wonder if it was something I had
7 done that made **QDB** pick me. I feel as if it's my
8 fault even now.

9 "As a child, you know others are going through the
10 same as you so you think it's normal. Now as an adult
11 I keep thinking, if I'd just spoken up, why didn't
12 I speak up?

13 "There is no doubt that Quarriers failed us, they
14 failed so many. They took us from a man I didn't know
15 and who didn't want us and then they dumped us back with
16 him after all those years. You don't realise but you
17 carry all the things that happened to you in that place
18 for the rest of your life."

19 At paragraph 109:

20 "It impacted on my children as well from me as their
21 mother. I was always very touchy-feely with my kids and
22 there was never, ever an issue with food. They could
23 eat whatever they wanted and I never made an issue over
24 meals. I never wanted anyone to face or go through what
25 I went through. That was horrendous.

1 "I'm the faddiest eater you could ever get. I have
2 my pudding first before I have my meat course,
3 I couldn't eat a whole meal, and I don't like eating in
4 company. I tend to stick to snack foods.

5 "It's affected my whole life. You never lose that
6 vulnerability. You always think that if something's
7 going good, something bad will happen right behind that.
8 I wasn't taught or prepared for life outside as an
9 adult. Quarriers taught me nothing about married life,
10 I didn't have any self-confidence and I didn't have any
11 tools to cope with the outside world."

12 Now moving to the last two sentences in
13 paragraph 113:

14 "Other than my involvement now with Future Pathways,
15 I've not had any counselling or assessments. I'm not
16 part of any of the survivor groups.

17 "Quarriers wanted everyone to be the perfect child
18 and to behave in a perfect way. I'm angry about my
19 [REDACTED]. What gave them the right to think I was
20 abnormal? No one has the right to change you. I don't
21 know if they've done anything to my health that's
22 affected me physically later in life."

23 Now, my Lady, moving to paragraph 116:

24 "I only applied for received records from Quarriers
25 about three years ago. My sister has hers as well but

1 she only had about six pages and just threw them away.
2 My records were just full of stuff about my father and
3 Quarriers. There was nothing about me. I therefore
4 contacted Quarriers again and I went there only last
5 week and got more records from them about me and about
6 my sister.

7 "I can tell you that the records I got from them the
8 second time were very different from the ones I got the
9 first time. I now have much more, so I don't know what
10 that was about. I do feel they were acting in a very
11 guarded manner for some reason.

12 "I was at a meeting last week at the Quarriers main
13 office to do with missing headstones and I saw boxes and
14 boxes of records. They told me there were many more
15 that were still in storage. I got very few papers so
16 there must be many more.

17 "There was a girl who died at Quarriers when she
18 took an epileptic fit. My sister saw her getting buried
19 in their cemetery, but there's no record of her being
20 there and there's no marker in the cemetery either.
21 There was also a baby that died that choked in its cot,
22 but I don't know if it was buried there or not.

23 "There was a letter in my records. Apparently,
24 I wrote it when I was 9 and wrote it to my dad.
25 I didn't write this letter. I talk about him having

1 little ones and I didn't know he had children until
2 I got out. I never wrote to him so I find that letter
3 very suspicious. I would never have called his new wife
4 mummy, so I'm very suspicious about that letter and why
5 it was written. I have no recollection of ever
6 receiving any letter from my dad and I didn't ever write
7 to him.

8 "It's wrong to treat people the way we were treated
9 at Quarriers. It should never happen. I think you've
10 got to treat vulnerable children and adults with
11 respect. You've got to make sure that when they are in
12 care, they're treated properly and respectably.

13 "When they get taken out and go back home, there
14 should always be a follow-up that is without warning.
15 People should be able to just turn up at somebody's
16 house and make sure the children are okay. It should be
17 children and family first, always trying to keep the
18 family together. Now, it's all down to money. You get
19 money for taking kids into foster care and the council
20 also gets money for every child they foster. That's
21 using children. It went on in my day and it still goes
22 on today.

23 "Quarriers were charging parents and donations were
24 being made, but it wasn't a charity. That was all
25 wrong. I ended up feeling like a piece of garbage.

1 There should always be a back-up, someone independent
2 that can come in every now and again, not always the
3 same person but someone that would believe you and care
4 and that you could safely tell things about, knowing
5 that they would act on it. That would have been a big
6 help. All through my time at Quarriers, no one believed
7 me or any of the children and that's why I never spoke
8 about it.

9 "I have no idea if anyone ever said anything about
10 QDB but there were quite a lot of girls that he
11 sexually abused. After the incident with my sister, he
12 just disappeared. All I know is that he went on to
13 teach PE at another school.

14 "A year ago, I said I could never do this and even
15 on my way here today, I felt like turning the taxi
16 round. However, I'm so relieved and proud of myself for
17 coming here. I don't feel ashamed any more. I just
18 hope it's helped the inquiry and that it might help
19 other people to come forward who have suffered at
20 Quarriers. I know there are a lot of other people.

21 "I'm in my sixties now but there are people in their
22 forties now that were abused at Quarriers, so there are
23 a lot of people. I know a lot of the abusers are now
24 dead, but the voices of the victims have still got to be
25 heard. The abuse has got to stop. We know it's going

1 on with children in care and we, the oldies, have got to
2 speak up and tell our stories because the younger ones
3 won't speak up."

4 Moving finally to paragraph 132 on page 9004:

5 "I remember my friend and I went to the graveyard at
6 Quarriers a few years ago and I noticed about eighty
7 gravestones were missing. I made enquiry and found
8 a video that showed the graveyard with all these
9 gravestones. Nobody seems to know why but all those
10 gravestones were suddenly missing. They were all for
11 children that had died when they were living at
12 Quarriers and there's no doubt they were deliberately
13 removed. The deaths were from the forties right up to
14 the sixties.

15 "My friend and I decided to campaign to have the
16 graves replaced. Quarriers have plans of the original
17 graves and are helping replace all those graves. My
18 friend and I campaign on behalf of [REDACTED]
19 to help other people who have been abused to come
20 forward. We try to recommend all people to
21 Future Pathways. We have talked with Quarriers -- we
22 want to work with them, not against them -- about the
23 headstones and the records. Quarriers are genuinely
24 horrified with what happened and are now doing their
25 best to help.

1 "I have no objection to my witness statement being
2 published as part of the evidence to the inquiry.
3 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are
4 true."

5 The statement is signed by Jenny on 22 May 2018.

6 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

7 MS RATTRAY: That concludes the evidence for this morning.

8 LADY SMITH: Yes. Where do we go after the lunch break,
9 Mr Peoples?

10 MR PEOPLES: Perhaps I can just say one thing about the last
11 statement. Your Ladyship will recall there was a number
12 of names mentioned.

13 LADY SMITH: Yes.

14 MR PEOPLES: Including QDA **QDA** **QAQ**
15 **QDB** and **QNZ** and of course these names
16 should not be published outwith the -- I wonder if you
17 could just make a reminder.

18 LADY SMITH: Yes. That relates to the reminder I gave this
19 morning. Again, the reminders apply to statements that
20 are read in, just as they do if somebody is giving oral
21 evidence. We think it's better that the names just flow
22 at times, but it doesn't mean they can be repeated in
23 any way outside this room.

24 MR PEOPLES: All these names I have mentioned should not be
25 reported in relation to this statement.

1 LADY SMITH: Indeed. All of them.

2 MR PEOPLES: I think that does conclude this morning's
3 business. We're nearly at lunchtime and I would hope we
4 could begin with another applicant giving oral evidence
5 this afternoon. We'll see how we fare, whether we could
6 possibly get another read-in.

7 LADY SMITH: If we can try and make a sharp start at
8 2 o'clock and see what progress we can make. Thank you.

9 (12.49 pm)

10 (The lunch adjournment)

11 (2.00 pm)

12 LADY SMITH: Mr Peoples.

13 MR PEOPLES: My Lady, good afternoon. The next witness
14 against wishes to remain anonymous and she has chosen
15 the pseudonym "Louise".

16 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

17 "LOUISE" (affirmed)

18 LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.
19 If you can keep the chair in a position that enables you
20 to use the microphone easily, I'd be very grateful,
21 because we need to hear you over the microphone both for
22 everybody's benefit and for the stenographers.

23 A. Is that okay?

24 LADY SMITH: Perfect. I'll let you know if I need you to
25 shift, don't worry.

1 Mr Peoples.

2 Questions from MR PEOPLES

3 MR PEOPLES: Good afternoon, Louise.

4 A. Good afternoon.

5 Q. I'm going to ask you some questions about a statement
6 that you provided to the inquiry. Before I ask you to
7 look at the statement, just for the transcript, I'll
8 provide the reference number of your statement and then
9 we can perhaps have a look at it. The reference is
10 WIT.001.002.1284.

11 Louise, your statement will come up on the screen in
12 front of you and you can certainly read the screen if
13 you want. There's also a copy in the red folder. I'll
14 ask you initially to have a look at the red folder
15 because you can answer a question by reference to the
16 red folder. If you can have the folder open, please,
17 and turn to the final page, which is page 1316.

18 Can you just confirm for me that you have signed the
19 statement?

20 A. Yes, I signed it.

21 Q. Can you also confirm that you state that you have no
22 objection to your witness statement being published as
23 part of the evidence to the inquiry and that you believe
24 the facts stated in your witness statement are true.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Thank you very much. From now on, you can either work
2 from the screen or the folder. I think the screens may
3 be easier for you, but by all means use the folder if
4 you wish.

5 Can I begin by asking you to confirm that your year
6 of birth -- I don't want the date -- was 1954?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. So far as your periods of care in Quarriers are
9 concerned, I think that from the records that the
10 inquiry has seen -- and I think this might accord with
11 what you already know -- is that you were admitted to
12 Quarriers on [REDACTED] 1955 when you were just over a year
13 old.

14 A. That's right.

15 Q. And you were discharged from Quarriers on [REDACTED] 1966
16 when you were about 12, just over 12.

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Can I also say at this stage that you had an older
19 sister who was in Quarriers and who was admitted,
20 I think, before you; is that correct?

21 A. I think we all went in together.

22 Q. Sorry, maybe I got that wrong.

23 A. I thought we all went in together.

24 (Pause)

25 Q. Don't worry about that. We can check that. But can

1 I just take it from you that you're the younger sister
2 of Jenny?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Can I maybe ask you to look at a number of paragraphs in
5 your statement. Can we start by looking at paragraph 5
6 on page 1284, just at the bottom. I think we see that
7 you came from the Dundee area but you were taken to
8 Quarriers in Renfrewshire.

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. I think one of the points you make in your statement is
11 you're not clear to this day why you had to go from
12 Dundee to Quarriers.

13 A. To Quarriers, yes. Dundee City Council couldn't
14 understand why we'd been moved out of Dundee to
15 Renfrewshire.

16 Q. Because I think -- and maybe if we just pass on to the
17 next page at 1285, do we see at paragraph 6 that the
18 records show that the local authority in Dundee had
19 a children's welfare officer called a Mr Judge? I think
20 he was a welfare officer who had an involvement with
21 you; is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Although I think you make the point, and I'll take this
24 from you just now, I don't think you have any memory of
25 seeing him until you had left Quarriers and went back to

1 Dundee?

2 A. Yes, I didn't meet him before that -- well, I have no
3 recollection of him before.

4 Q. So you have not got any recollection between the time
5 you went in and the time you left of seeing either
6 Mr Judge or another person from the Dundee local
7 authority?

8 A. We never did.

9 Q. If I could ask you to move on to paragraph 8 on
10 page 1285. I think you tell us there that you remember
11 living in cottage 20.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Perhaps I could just take this from you at the moment:
14 can you give us an approximate number of children who
15 were in cottage 20 at the time you were there?

16 A. It was about 14, 15. Something like that.

17 Q. Were they all boys or all girls or a bit of both?

18 A. No, we had a mix. There were some boys' homes and some
19 girls' home, but we were mixed.

20 Q. Can you help us, if you can, to estimate the sort of age
21 range of the children that were in cottage 20?

22 A. Yes. From very young, about maybe 3, maybe 2, 3, and
23 then up to, I think, 15, 16.

24 Q. In those days, I think presumably the school age for
25 going to the William Quarrier School would be around 5,

1 would it?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So there were some children that you remember being in
4 cottage 20 who were below school age?

5 A. Below school age, yes.

6 Q. And when you talk about children up to the age of 15,
7 I'm not too sure of my dates, but I think at that stage
8 the school leaving age would be either 14 or 15.

9 A. It was 15.

10 Q. I think it had been 14, but if I remember --

11 A. In my period, it was 15.

12 Q. I think it has obviously gone up since then as well, so
13 forgive me if I don't exactly have the age right. But
14 that was the age that generally the --

15 A. 5 to 15, yes.

16 Q. -- children in Quarriers would leave the school?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Whether they stayed at Quarriers or went somewhere else
19 would depend on what was planned for them.

20 If I could ask you to move to the next page of the
21 statement at 1286. At paragraph 12, I think you tell us
22 a little bit about who was in charge of cottage 20.
23 Can you tell me who the person in charge was in your
24 day?

25 A. QAQ She was the house mother.

1 Q. And was there anyone else that assisted the
2 house mother?

3 A. They always had a cottage auntie, if they were a single
4 parent -- like a single person I mean. Where there was
5 mums and dads, it was just mums and dads, but where it
6 was one person they always had a cottage auntie.

7 Q. You mention one particular cottage auntie that you have
8 a memory of. Who was that?

9 A. QDA

10 Q. From what you've said, I take it that you never had
11 a house father in cottage 20 at any point?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So far as the cottage aunties are concerned, in the case
14 of cottage 20, the cottage auntie, whether it was
15 QDA or someone else, am I right in
16 understanding they stayed in cottage 20 overnight?

17 A. Yes. They had a wee room up to the side of our
18 dormitory that they stayed in.

19 Q. Because I don't know if you can help us, but I think at
20 some point was there perhaps a cottage that was used by
21 cottage aunties where there were house parents?

22 A. Sorry?

23 Q. You may not be able to help us, but was there at some
24 point at Quarriers a separate cottage which was used
25 effectively as accommodation for cottage aunties?

1 A. There might have been. There were houses used that
2 weren't for children, so it could have been. I didn't
3 know all the cottage aunties. I only knew obviously the
4 ones we had.

5 Q. Generally, if I may ask you, in the time you were at
6 Quarriers, how much did you associate with other
7 cottages or children in other cottages?

8 A. Not often. You got kept to yourself. Everybody in your
9 house was your sisters and brothers. You didn't really
10 have much time to do anything because you got up in the
11 morning, had breakfast, school, home, tea, bath, bed.
12 That was basically it. There wasn't really time to mix
13 with others. You did occasionally, but mostly at
14 school.

15 Q. Yes. And the routine you have summarised very quickly
16 there, that was a routine that endured throughout the
17 time you were in Quarriers, essentially?

18 A. That was my whole routine.

19 Q. Did QAQ remain the house parent for the whole
20 of your time or not?

21 A. She was the house parent. She went into hospital at one
22 stage for a while, and then had to recuperate at home,
23 so it was cottage aunties that ran it, but yes, QAQ
24 was the --

25 Q. The house mother?

1 A. The house mother.

2 Q. So there was only one house mother in the time you were
3 there and that was [redacted] QAQ ?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And at times when she wasn't available, either through
6 illness or days off, it would be the cottage auntie who
7 would be in charge?

8 A. Yes, she had a day off every Thursday. And then when
9 she went on holiday, obviously, and when she went into
10 [redacted] at that time.

11 Q. When she had these days off, so I can understand the
12 position, did she come back to the cottage and stay or
13 did she stay overnight somewhere else?

14 A. No, she came back at night.

15 Q. So Thursday was her day off. Would she sleep in the
16 cottage a Wednesday night, have her day off, and be back
17 in the cottage on Thursday evening?

18 A. I am assuming so. We never, ever seen her going away,
19 so I don't know if she went away maybe at night when we
20 were sleeping. But she was always back Thursday nights.

21 Q. Just while we're on paragraph 13, I think you explain
22 the reason why you have a memory of one particular
23 cottage auntie, [redacted] QDA because she treated
24 children so badly. I think that's the reason she sticks
25 out.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Just moving on to paragraph 14, which is on the same
3 page at 1286, if I may. You tell us what you had to
4 call [redacted] QAQ Can you tell me what you were
5 required --
- 6 A. We always called her mummy.
- 7 Q. Whose idea was that?
- 8 A. I don't know. We just always called her mummy.
9 Probably when we went in, maybe we got told, "This is
10 mummy". I don't know.
- 11 Q. Did all the girls and boys call her mummy?
- 12 A. Yes. Everybody.
- 13 Q. Whatever age they were?
- 14 A. Yes. I never heard the word mum; it was always mummy.
- 15 Q. Did anyone ever attempt to call her anything else?
- 16 A. Not that I ever heard. Everybody always -- I don't
17 think anyone would have ever had the courage to try
18 something different.
- 19 Q. Okay. And I think your recollection is you would
20 probably have called [redacted] QDA -- what would she
21 have been, Auntie [redacted] QDA ?
- 22 A. I can't remember calling her [redacted] QDA , but I think it was
23 just auntie. It may have been [redacted] QDA . I don't
24 know, it was just auntie.
- 25 Q. Just help us with the situation about how the

1 children -- what you were told about the other children
2 in the cottage and about how you were to treat them?
3 I think you deal with that in paragraph 14.

4 A. They were all your sisters and brothers. I didn't know
5 my sister was my biological sister until we were -- not
6 before we left Quarriers and I didn't know I had
7 a brother.

8 LADY SMITH: Was your brother actually in the same cottage?

9 A. No, he was put into a boys' cottage. I didn't know
10 he was my brother until I think we were about 10, 11,
11 something like that.

12 LADY SMITH: At that time were you still both in Quarriers?

13 A. Three of us were in Quarriers, yes. But I didn't know
14 my sister was my biological sister; she was just
15 somebody else that was in the cottage.

16 MR PEOPLES: She was your sister in terms of the cottage
17 rules?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. But you didn't know she was your biological sister?

20 A. No.

21 Q. And you didn't know your brother was your biological
22 brother until quite late on?

23 A. Yes, it was the first time my father came to visit us,
24 the one and only time he came to visit us, and [REDACTED] got
25 brought to the cottage and we got kept in our Sunday

1 best and the three of us went in and that's when I knew
2 there was something going on and that's when it hit me
3 that we were brother and sisters.

4 Q. So it was only by being in the same room together for
5 the first time to meet your father, which was the only
6 time you remember him coming --

7 A. He only came once.

8 Q. -- that you put two and two together and worked out that
9 this is --

10 A. I think they actually told me. I don't think I worked
11 it out because I didn't know -- I'd never really thought
12 about biological brothers and sisters, you know what
13 I mean?

14 Q. They had to perhaps then explain why there would be
15 three people in the room meeting this man who was your
16 father?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. That information would have only been given to you quite
19 shortly before you met your father?

20 A. Yes -- well, I think it was only when he came up because
21 I think there were a few times before he hadn't turned
22 up when he was meant to, so I think they waited on that
23 time until he actually came in. Then [REDACTED] came in as
24 well and that's when we found out -- well, I found out.

25 Q. What sort of age would your brother have been?

- 1 A. [REDACTED] was a year older than me.
- 2 Q. So if this happened maybe towards the end of your time
3 when you were what, 10, 11, 12?
- 4 A. I don't think it was long before we went out of
5 Quarriers, so if he came 1964/1965, [REDACTED] would have
6 been a year older than me. So when I left at 12 and
7 a half, he would have been 13 and a half because there's
8 exactly a year between us; we're both [REDACTED]
- 9 Q. You've told us obviously that your sister was in the
10 same cottage, cottage 20 --
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. -- but your brother wasn't, although he wasn't very
13 different in age from you.
- 14 A. No, he was only a year older.
- 15 Q. And he was slightly younger than your sister.
- 16 A. A year -- well --
- 17 Q. There was not much difference in age between the three
18 of you?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Was there any reason why the three of you couldn't have
21 been together in a mixed cottage?
- 22 A. We don't understand why because there was other boys and
23 girls there that were brothers and sisters. It was
24 commonplace in the place to have the siblings together
25 but not us for some reason.

1 Q. And you never really got an explanation why that was the
2 case?

3 A. No.

4 LADY SMITH: Have you any memory of when you first came to
5 understand that the woman you were calling mummy wasn't
6 actually your mum?

7 A. I think it only hit when people were leaving and they
8 were going to their mums and their dads, anybody that
9 was leaving the home, and we didn't have that. So
10 I think I kind of knew, but it was late on that I kind
11 of sussed she's not my mum, but who is my mum?

12 LADY SMITH: The way you explain it, it sounds as though you
13 worked it out for yourself. Did nobody ever take you on
14 one side and tell you how it really was?

15 A. No, no.

16 MR PEOPLES: I'm just trying to picture the scene of your
17 father coming to the cottage maybe when you were around
18 11 or 12 with three people in the room who didn't have
19 a lot of contact with each other as biological --
20 certainly not as biological sisters and brothers. How
21 did QAQ explain the relationship between herself
22 as mummy and your father as daddy?

23 A. She didn't.

24 Q. Did that cause you some concern?

25 A. No, because when he came in, I hated him the minute he

1 walked in the room and I didn't want to know him.
2 He was nothing to me. LWQ and █████ both went over and
3 hugged him and I never went near him. I hated him. So
4 I didn't -- my focus was on that rather than, you
5 know -- just the word father, I'd never heard the word
6 father before because we didn't have one. We didn't
7 have a dad in the house, so getting told he was our
8 father or dad meant nothing.

9 Q. Up until that point, so far as educating you about
10 mummies and daddies, █████ QAQ wasn't telling you
11 about the role of a daddy in relationship with a child?

12 A. No, nothing.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I don't think they wanted to do anything because the
15 amount of times that he hadn't turned up.

16 LADY SMITH: Can you just sit a little further forward for
17 the microphone? Thank you.

18 MR PEOPLES: I'm not going to take you to this, but I think
19 you tell us that cottage 20 wasn't the first cottage you
20 were in, but you don't really have any strong memories
21 of the previous cottages. When you went to Quarriers at
22 first, you weren't in cottage 20 to begin with?

23 A. No, I started off in the baby homes.

24 Q. Because of your age?

25 A. Because of my age, yes, and then I went to a toddlers'

1 home, and then I think I might have -- I know I was in
2 cottage 4 for filming that went on, but I don't know if
3 that was just for the filming or if I was actually in
4 cottage 4.

5 Q. Briefly tell me, the filming you're talking about,
6 is that -- you were in cottage 4 at a time when a film
7 was made of --

8 A. Quarriers.

9 Q. Including within cottage 4?

10 A. Yes, and me, my sister and brother are in the film.

11 Q. Together?

12 A. [REDACTED] yes, with Mr and Mrs Greig, who
13 was the house parents then. And we were [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] My sister was [REDACTED] and my brother [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] but that was obviously for the film.

17 Q. Yes, because you were a lot younger than the time you
18 met your father when this happened, this filming?

19 A. Yes, I was only a baby.

20 Q. But what you understand is they got the three of you who
21 were the biological sisters and brother to be placed in
22 a particular cottage, cottage 4, with house parents --

23 A. For a film.

24 Q. -- for a film that showed you together as apparently
25 perhaps connected to each other?

1 A. Mm-hm, but I didn't see the film until 2001.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. When I got it, when I went to visit I got that given to
4 me on a video. I'd never seen it before.

5 Q. In the film, were you [REDACTED]?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. If I could ask you to move on in the statement to --
8 I can perhaps ask you to look at paragraph 22, where you
9 give us some idea about some of the routines in
10 cottage 20.

11 Before I go to there, perhaps I'll start with
12 paragraph 20. I think you say:

13 "The fire alarm went off to wake us in the morning."

14 How did that work?

15 A. That got used to get us up for punishments or to get us
16 up in the morning and to get us up if they wanted us for
17 anything, like we used to get up through the night on
18 Christmas Eve, on to Christmas Day, so it was always the
19 fire alarm rather than then coming round and waking
20 everybody.

21 Q. Would that not have alerted the fire officer?

22 A. They obviously weren't set up as -- that's my
23 recollection of it: it was an alarm that they pressed
24 and it was loud.

25 Q. It sounded like a fire alarm and that got you up?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And that's the way they got you up?

3 A. That's the way they got us up, yes.

4 Q. I see. You tell us there that you in fact, I think at
5 least at some point in cottage 20, am I right, were
6 given the responsibility of looking after two younger
7 children?

8 A. At different times, yes.

9 Q. I see. So was that one of the tasks that older girls
10 were given in cottage 20, to look after some of the
11 younger children?

12 A. I asked for one of the wee girls -- I loved wee black
13 girls and I took a shine to one in one of the baby homes
14 and I asked for her to come to our cottage. We were out
15 for our Sunday walk and I came back and she was there,
16 but she was my responsibility to look after. But that
17 was my joy I got to do it.

18 LADY SMITH: Did I take you up correctly you said this alarm
19 would be used to wake you up for punishments?

20 A. Yes.

21 LADY SMITH: Tell me about that.

22 A. That was on a Thursday after the cottage mother came
23 back from her day off. She would sound the alarm and
24 everybody had to go into a room to get punished.

25 LADY SMITH: That was after you had gone to bed or before

1 you had gone to bed?

2 A. After bed. This is when she came back late at night.

3 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

4 MR PEOPLES: Sorry, the alarm on the Thursday would go off
5 after you were in bed?

6 A. Yes, it went off late at night when she came back from
7 her day off. That was to get us all up and we went into
8 her room and we got punished.

9 Q. What kind of time of night did the alarm go off?

10 A. Through the night.

11 Q. What time did you normally go to bed?

12 A. 6 o'clock.

13 Q. Would it be some time after that that the alarm would go
14 off on a Thursday?

15 A. Yes, it was always a Thursday night.

16 Q. Would it go off on any other night after 6 o'clock?

17 A. No, it's only when she was off on her day off.

18 Q. This was a regular feature of Thursday evenings?

19 A. Every Thursday.

20 Q. And this was intended to wake up every child in order
21 that they could go to her room, is it --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- and be spoken to?

24 A. And punished.

25 Q. And punished. Why were they being punished? Why were

1 you being punished?

2 A. Because we obviously did something to upset somebody ...

3 Q. But did you? Did you think you had done anything wrong

4 to deserve a punishment every Thursday at 10 o'clock?

5 A. No.

6 Q. And every child got a punishment at 10 o'clock?

7 A. Not the tiny wee ones; they just got put back to bed if

8 they had got up. But all the ones that were of age to

9 get punished.

10 Q. What sort of age would be the ones that would get

11 punished?

12 A. From about 5 upwards.

13 Q. And they all got it?

14 A. Everybody got punished.

15 Q. By whom?

16 A. By Some got smacked and some got the
17 belt.

18 Q. Was there any reason why some got a smack and some got
19 the belt?

20 A. The wee ones got the smack, just the ones that were --
21 the younger ones; the older ones got the belt.

22 Q. Again, and I know it's difficult to be precise, what
23 sort of ages were getting smacked then?

24 A. 5, 6, 7, the weer ones. And then the older ones got the
25 belt.

1 Q. And what sort of smacking did they receive?

2 A. They got smacked on the bottom.

3 Q. Were they wearing any clothing?

4 A. Bare bum.

5 Q. So was the clothing removed before they got smacked?

6 A. Yes, their pants taken down or nightie taken up. By

7 **QAQ**

8 Q. And the older ones, they were belted?

9 A. They got the belt.

10 Q. Was this all happening in the same room with everyone
11 present?

12 A. Yeah, you just got smacked and went back to bed when it
13 was your turn.

14 Q. But you would see the ones that were before you getting
15 punished and once you had been punished you would leave?

16 A. You just went back to your bed and go back to sleep.

17 Q. Did you start with the youngest or start with the
18 oldest?

19 A. Start with the youngest.

20 Q. And this was a regular feature of a Thursday night?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did she ever explain why she was smacking or belting the
23 children?

24 A. The cottage auntie had obviously said we had done
25 something.

1 Q. This belt that she would use on these occasions, can you
2 describe it for me?

3 A. Yes, it was just a long, leather one that had two prongs
4 on the end of it.

5 Q. What sort of thickness was it?

6 A. Oh, about that (indicating).

7 Q. Just describe for me how typically the children who got
8 the belt were belted. What happened?

9 A. On your hands.

10 Q. Was that each hand?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Hands together?

13 A. You got two, one on each. They always done that
14 (indicating).

15 Q. When you were belted, as she belted you, did you have
16 one hand over the other?

17 A. I always done it like that.

18 Q. You did?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you got belted how many times?

21 A. One that way and one that way (indicating) and then back
22 to bed.

23 Q. So would it be generally a couple of strokes of the belt
24 she would give to you?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did she give more than a couple to you or to other
2 people?

3 A. No, not that I ever seen.

4 Q. And did she use the belt to make contact with any other
5 part of the body?

6 A. No.

7 Q. When she used the belt to strike a child on the hand,
8 was it only the hand that was struck?

9 A. Well, sometimes it depends how the belt hit. Because
10 I've only got wee hands so sometimes it would hit into
11 your wrist or over ... I don't know if that -- that
12 wouldn't have been intentional.

13 Q. But she would know it might happen?

14 A. Yes, because I've always had children's hands, tiny
15 hands.

16 Q. They would be smaller than that when you were a young
17 child.

18 A. Yes, so it used to hit your wrists.

19 Q. Would that leave any kind of mark?

20 A. Usually.

21 Q. What type of mark?

22 A. It never cut in.

23 Q. No.

24 A. But it was bloody sore, that's for sure.

25 Q. I'm sure it was. Also marking. Did it leave an obvious

1 mark?

2 A. There was always a mark, but usually by the next day it
3 was still maybe sore but --

4 Q. But the mark had gone?

5 A. Mm-hm.

6 Q. Was there ever anything more than a mark beyond the next
7 day?

8 A. Not on mine.

9 Q. What about other children?

10 A. I don't know. We just never talked about anything like
11 that. We just took it and just went to bed.

12 Q. So once this happened on a kind of regular basis, on
13 a Thursday, and the children went back to their beds,
14 what happened when they got up to their dormitory?

15 A. Just went to sleep.

16 Q. Was there any discussion between you about what had
17 happened?

18 A. No, you don't talk, you go to sleep.

19 Q. You were in cottage 20 for quite a while, as
20 I understand. Did this happen for most of that period?

21 A. Yes. On a Thursday -- until she went into hospital or
22 was on holiday.

23 Q. When she was in hospital or -- if we just focus on the
24 time she was in hospital, was that more towards the end
25 of the period that you were in Quarriers?

1 A. I think I would have been about maybe 11. She went into
2 hospital to get a [REDACTED] and then she went home
3 to [REDACTED] where she lived.

4 Q. To recuperate?

5 A. Yes. I don't roughly know how long she was away, but it
6 seemed a long time.

7 Q. She'd be away for more than a night or two?

8 A. She was away for a long time, I would say weeks, maybe
9 even months.

10 Q. In that period who was looking after you?

11 A. [REDACTED] QDA

12 Q. What happened on a Thursday evening?

13 A. No, she never gave us the belt on a Thursday night.
14 That was --

15 Q. This routine that you've described of [REDACTED] QAQ
16 wasn't continued when she was away recuperating from her
17 [REDACTED] injury?

18 A. No, because that was when she came back from her days
19 off that we got that. But obviously because she wasn't
20 there, that side of things didn't happen.

21 LADY SMITH: Was [REDACTED] QDA in charge on Thursdays when
22 [REDACTED] QAQ was on her day off?

23 A. Yes, mostly it was [REDACTED] QDA

24 LADY SMITH: So she would have been the source of any
25 information given to [REDACTED] QAQ that children had

1 misbehaved?

2 A. Yes.

3 LADY SMITH: Did **QAQ** make any effort to find out

4 exactly who was responsible for any misdemeanours?

5 A. No. We were never asked.

6 LADY SMITH: So you were all punished?

7 A. We were all punished.

8 LADY SMITH: Right.

9 MR PEOPLES: I suppose if anyone had misbehaved, let's

10 suppose something had been reported, it wouldn't really

11 matter what was reported, if one person was deemed to

12 have been misbehaving, everyone got it, apart from the

13 very young babies?

14 A. Yes, although I never, ever seen anybody misbehave.

15 Q. You didn't actually see them doing anything that merited
16 punishment?

17 A. Nobody ever misbehaved, not in the cottage. You just
18 didn't. It wasn't -- you just didn't.

19 Q. But there was a reason for that, wasn't there, why you
20 wouldn't step of line?

21 A. You had the wrath of God.

22 Q. And you knew what would happen if you did. But even
23 when you didn't step out of line you're telling me you
24 were still punished?

25 A. They punished us, yes.

1 Q. Can I move on to another matter you deal with in your
2 statement at paragraph 25 on page 1289.

3 This is dealing just generally with the subject of
4 food and mealtimes. I just want to ask you about this
5 and in particular what you've told us in paragraph 25
6 about feeding and what would happen if there was
7 something you didn't like or didn't want to eat.

8 Can you tell us about that, please?

9 A. You always had to eat everything that was on your plate
10 whether you liked it or not. I didn't like a lot of
11 things. If you were sitting beside a wee boy you were
12 lucky because you used to stick it in their pockets and
13 dispose of it, but if you didn't eat it, you got it the
14 next meal. And there was one time I didn't eat the fat
15 off a pork chop and I got it for my next meal. Still
16 didn't eat it, got it for my next meal. Then I got it
17 fed to me. And that was all I got. They forced me to
18 eat it.

19 Q. Can you just describe how they forced you to eat it?
20 What in fact was done?

21 A. Somebody held me both sides and it got put in my mouth
22 and my mouth held shut until I ate it.

23 Q. To make you swallow it, before your mouth would be
24 opened?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And who was doing this to you?

2 A. QDA

3 Q. Who was holding you?

4 A. That's the thing, there were two people holding, one at
5 each point, but I can't believe it would be any of the
6 children, even the older ones. It would have had to
7 be ... I don't know.

8 Q. I suppose if there was one on each side holding one arm
9 and there was another person forcing the food down, that
10 suggests there would be three people involved, whoever
11 they were.

12 A. Mm-hm.

13 Q. You know one of them would have been QDA ?

14 A. Yes. She was the force-feeder, but she would have had
15 her assistant because there was never, ever just one
16 person in the house. They always had two adults.

17 Q. Might it have been QAQ then?

18 A. I don't know. I just can't think that she would do
19 that.

20 Q. How many adults were in the house normally apart from
21 QDA and QAQ ?

22 A. Just two adults all the time. That's all I ever seen.

23 Q. Who were normally the two adults that were there?

24 A. QAQ and QDA . Because QAQ
25 was the house mum and she was the auntie. But when

1 **QAQ** wasn't there, it was **QDA** and somebody
2 else, but I just ... I have tried to rack my brains for
3 this one, but I just can't picture who the other person
4 was. But I have got a recollection that it was somebody
5 at each side holding me down, not one person holding me
6 from behind or whatever.

7 Q. It's your recollection at least that there was more than
8 one adult when this was happening?

9 A. I'm assuming so because I can't believe that any of the
10 children would have got involved in that. I can't
11 believe they would.

12 Q. Okay. Just to get some idea, how often would this
13 happen? You've obviously got this particular memory of
14 a piece of fat that was part of a piece of pork --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- that you didn't like and wouldn't eat and it was
17 re-served to you several times and then this happened.
18 How often did that happen to you?

19 A. I got it done again with black pudding. I was actually
20 physically sick. I can't even have that in my house.
21 I was physically sick with that and that was getting all
22 shoved back in my mouth.

23 Q. Right.

24 A. I had it once before with boiled fish because I wasn't
25 well and you always got boiled milky fish for some

1 reason and I didn't like that either. But that's the
2 only ones I have recollection of for me, but it happened
3 to anybody that didn't eat.

4 Q. So you have a specific recollection of these three types
5 of food that when this happened, very similar -- in
6 a similar way each time?

7 A. Mm-hm.

8 Q. But you say you weren't the only one that received this
9 treatment?

10 A. Oh no.

11 Q. Did you see other people having the food forced into
12 them?

13 A. Yes, into them, and if you weren't sick, you got that
14 meal again. Not at that time obviously but I never,
15 ever got black pudding put down to me again after that,
16 but I did get fat and I used to eat the fat off
17 everybody's plate because I just thought I had to do
18 that because -- I was an adult before I realised
19 I didn't really have to do that any more, to take the
20 fat off. Every time I saw fat on a plate I just took it
21 because I didn't want anyone else to get forced to eat
22 it.

23 Q. So you were sparing other people the sort of experience
24 that you had gone through?

25 A. Yes, plus my mentality as you got older was, you can't

1 leave that, you have to get rid of it, so I just ate it.

2 Q. You sort of became conditioned to take it?

3 A. Yes. I was going out and having meals with people. If
4 they left their fat, I would take it off their plate --
5 not strangers, obviously, people in my group -- and
6 I used to take the fat off their plate. Then one day it
7 just hit me, idiot, you don't have to do this.

8 Q. On the occasion that you had the black pudding, did that
9 only happen once that you were force-fed the black
10 pudding?

11 A. Yes. I was being physically sick with it.

12 Q. Did you still have to eat it?

13 A. They forced it back into my mouth but I was just being
14 sick and sick and sick and the more they put it in, the
15 more I was being sick, and then they obviously they
16 stopped because it wasn't going in, it was just coming
17 out again.

18 Q. It was going and but not staying in?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And they eventually gave up?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But not on the other occasions?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Because they succeeded?

25 A. Yes. That was going in and staying in.

- 1 Q. If I can just call this generally -- if I just describe
2 what you've been saying as force-feeding, the sort of
3 thing that you described that happened to you and you
4 saw happening to others, how regularly was this
5 happening?
- 6 A. Well, people wouldn't leave food because they knew it
7 was going to happen, but like if you didn't like
8 a particular thing, the first time you got it they would
9 get forced with it, but it didn't go on every mealtime,
10 if you know what I mean. I think people learned to
11 either eat it or dispose of it through the boys.
- 12 Q. But it wasn't rare in terms of -- it wasn't rare that
13 situation -- force-feeding was not uncommon?
- 14 A. No, no. No, no. It was God who put that food down,
15 you have to eat it.
- 16 Q. Did someone say that to you?
- 17 A. That's what we got told: God provided the food, you eat
18 it.
- 19 Q. Who was saying that to you?
- 20 A. **QAQ** and **QDA** because we had to always
21 read the Bible before we got a meal and we had to
22 obviously thank God before putting the meal down and God
23 provided it and we weren't doing what we should.
- 24 Q. I'll maybe come back to what God provided and what
25 messages were being given to you when I look at some

1 things you've said later in your statement.

2 If I just move forward in the statement, you tell us
3 at paragraph 26 a little bit about washing and bathing
4 and that's on page -- starts on page 1289 and goes over
5 to 1290. Maybe we can put that on the screen. I think
6 it's on the screen in front of you.

7 Your recollection was there was a -- you were
8 getting a bath pretty much every night?

9 A. Every night, yes, after your tea.

10 Q. And I think what you tell us in the statement is two or
11 three people would be getting into the bath together.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And there was a couple of baths?

14 A. Because there was a big -- one was a big round one and
15 the other one was just a long, normal kind of bath. You
16 just all got dumped in and washed and then out.

17 Q. I think you tell us the cottage mother and auntie were
18 there as well to supervise and dry?

19 A. Yes. Wash and dry, yes.

20 Q. You describe it in a way as a bit of a conveyor belt.

21 A. That's what it was like.

22 Q. In and out?

23 A. In and out, yes, jammies on, bed.

24 Q. Was this all of the age groups were getting this?

25 A. You got different groups because -- but yeah, everybody

1 got their bath. I don't know if the bigger girls, maybe
2 14, 15, got to do it themselves. I thought they would
3 have been dumped in as well because you were just all
4 treated basically the same.

5 Q. The bath times you were at which were happening on
6 a daily basis, how many children would be around?

7 A. Well, everybody would be lining up to get put in and you
8 would go in an age group. We went to bed -- I was
9 always in bed by 6 o'clock. So you got your tea, got
10 your bath, cleaned your teeth, you all had your wee tin
11 of toothpaste, you cleaned your teeth, and then you just
12 went to bed.

13 Q. You tell us something about the bath water. Did you all
14 get clean water?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Was the water changed at all?

17 A. I never, ever seen it getting changed.

18 Q. And if you weren't first in, what sort of state was the
19 water in?

20 A. I don't think it really got that dirty because
21 we weren't doing anything to get dirty. I can't
22 remember being bathed in dirty water, but you were
23 coming home, tea, bath, and you got that every night.
24 You weren't out playing like nowadays bairns are in the
25 mud and everything like that. Heaven forbid we do that.

1 So no, I wouldn't have said we got dirty. Maybe they
2 changed the water after we went to bed for the older
3 ones, but I'm only referring to myself.

4 Q. Would you be getting a bath along with -- I'm not saying
5 a bath together but would you be being bathed with
6 children of both sexes?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And they would all be going to the same water?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And presumably some of the boys might be out playing
11 before they went to the bath? No?

12 A. You didn't go out to play before you got your bath.

13 Q. So when did they get to play?

14 A. You didn't. You only went out at the weekend to play
15 through the day and you didn't really go anywhere to
16 play. We just played in your own wee playground.

17 Q. So there wasn't much opportunity to play --

18 A. No.

19 Q. -- during the week?

20 A. No. We never played through the week.

21 LADY SMITH: What about when children were beginning to
22 approach and experience puberty? Were they still having
23 to queue and go into the baths with other children
24 naked?

25 A. Well, I don't know about the older ones. I just kind of

1 was very slow at developing, so I was always in with
2 boys and girls and I was 12, you know. But never
3 thought anything of it at the time because everybody did
4 it, you know, in our cottage, like.

5 MR PEOPLES: Had you reached signs of puberty when you
6 were --

7 A. No.

8 Q. Before you left?

9 A. No. Me I was as naive as they come.

10 Q. Biologically, were there signs?

11 A. No, not on me there wasn't.

12 LADY SMITH: What about other girls?

13 A. There was one wee girl that was younger -- she was
14 slightly younger than me and she had started to develop.
15 But she had to go in because she was younger, so she had
16 to go in, but there was only the one. I never developed
17 for a long time.

18 MR PEOPLES: People develop at different stages.

19 A. There was one girl that was young --

20 Q. But was more developed?

21 A. Yes. She was --

22 Q. And she was still in this bathing routine and she would
23 be lined up?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Would it only be girls in the bath at one time or would

1 it be boys and girls?

2 A. Both.

3 Q. Both?

4 A. There were two baths going at the same time.

5 Q. And it didn't really matter which sex, you would go just
6 go in with another one or two children --

7 A. We never thought anything of it --

8 Q. Just so we're absolutely clear, before you went into the
9 bath, did you have any clothes on?

10 A. What? No.

11 Q. Don't worry, I just want to check. You were all lined
12 up for the baths naked?

13 A. We took our clothes off, yes.

14 Q. And waiting for your bath?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Boys and girls?

17 A. Boys and girls.

18 Q. And this was happening up to indeed -- you left around
19 the age 12 and this was happening to you from quite an
20 early age to the age of 12?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And others?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. If I could move on to paragraph 27 on page 1290. You
25 make a point there about independence and you say:

1 "We weren't taught independence or how to fend for
2 ourselves."

3 Just help me with that: what were you trying to
4 convey?

5 A. Well, for instance when I left Quarriers, I knew nothing
6 about -- we never got taught how to do anything, about
7 cooking, cleaning, anything girls would do. We never
8 got taught anything, how to survive in the outside
9 world. You got everything done for you, your meals were
10 cooked for you, you ate them, you got bathed, you went
11 to bed. You never learned about life. You know what
12 I mean? Like I had four children. I wanted to teach
13 them how to fend for themselves, be independent, so if
14 I wasn't around they would be able to survive. We
15 didn't get survival skills in Quarriers at all. That's
16 what I meant about we didn't get taught how to be
17 independent, stand up for ourselves.

18 Our clothes were picked for us, bedtime was picked
19 for us, we never ever had to think of what we were going
20 to do. Everything was structured and we followed that
21 structure.

22 Q. I'm not sure if it's in your statement or not, but
23 I think sometimes the term institutionalised is used to
24 describe that situation; would that be fair description?

25 A. That would be a fair description for -- because when

1 I obviously left Quarriers, obviously things didn't go
2 smoothly, I ended up in the Salvation Army, then in
3 a Church of Scotland hostel, before I ended up ... So
4 it was like everybody made my decisions for me.
5 I never, ever had to decide what to eat, what to do,
6 whatever. Everything was always done. And I was 20
7 before I actually was able to say, "I want to do this".
8 Everything was always done and structured for me.

9 Q. It was done or you were told what to do?

10 A. Yes, everything. When it comes to things like that,
11 yes, you are institutionalised because you don't know
12 how to cope on your own. You never got taught anything
13 like that.

14 Q. Her Ladyship asked you about the onset of puberty and no
15 doubt the stages of development of children and you've
16 said at least one child who was younger was starting to
17 develop. Do you know if any of these children were
18 getting any form of education from the house mother or
19 anyone else about these natural stages of development in
20 a child's life?

21 A. I remember we seen a film and it was talking about,
22 obviously, girls and periods and things like that, but
23 that was it. There was that one thing, but we were
24 quite young when we got that. There was never any
25 further education or sexual education, never anything

1 like that.

2 Q. Was the sort of woman that would have sat
3 down with a child as they were reaching a critical stage
4 in their childhood and talked them through it and
5 explained what might happen and to reassure them that
6 everything was very normal?

7 A. I never heard of it and she certainly never sat down
8 with me as I was approaching 12 or 12 and a half when
9 I left. I never got it, but I can't say that she never
10 took anybody into the parlour and discussed things with
11 them. I don't know but she never did it to me.

12 Q. Did she sit down with you at any stage and have a close
13 discussion about your feelings, thoughts, emotional
14 well-being or anything of that sort?

15 A. No. The only time she ever referenced me was I used to
16 wonder how I had and she said my head got put
17 out of the window to dry and it went That was
18 the only reference I ever got because I always queried
19 why I was the only one that ever had in the
20 house.

21 Q. And that was how she explained it to you?

22 A. Yes, my head got put out of the window to dry and it
23 went I probably believed it as well.

24 Q. Just moving on, I don't want to take up too much time on
25 clothing, but I think you make the point at

1 paragraph 29, on page 1290, that the clothes that you
2 wore didn't actually belong to you. There was no
3 clothes that were your clothes; is that right?

4 A. Yes. There was one outfit that I really liked and there
5 was a drapery where you went to get fitted for clothes
6 if you were going on TV or when we got -- me and my
7 sister are in a [REDACTED] and we had to go and get a dress,
8 so you went up there and got a dress. But that dress
9 went back and I never wore it again. But I had a wee
10 skirt and jumper that I liked and -- I actually loved
11 it. I seen it on another wee girl, so it was never --
12 I never got it back and I kind of liked it, you know.

13 Q. It's not an unnatural thing for children to take
14 a liking to some things.

15 A. Yes, but it was my favourite wee outfit. But ...

16 Q. Did you have any place that you had personal
17 possessions? What was the situation with that? Were
18 you allowed any private locker or area that you could
19 keep things that belonged to?

20 A. No. Nothing belonged to you. Everything was shared.
21 We had the play area which -- we went down into this
22 play area and there was lockers and it had things in it,
23 toys, wee stupid things, but everybody -- nothing was
24 yours.

25 Even at Christmas, you got stuff, you hardly ever

1 seen it again. There was one instance I wanted a Bible,
2 I wanted my own New English Bible, and every October you
3 got to put in what you wanted Santa to bring you for
4 Christmas. And it got given out in the church.
5 I wanted a Bible because I didn't like all the horrible
6 ones. And I got a nice bonny Bible, but I don't know
7 what happened to it. I never seen it again.

8 Q. If I move to 1291 of your statement, in this section of
9 your statement you tell us a bit about school and I got
10 the impression from paragraphs 31 through to 34 that,
11 broadly speaking, you had quite good memories of school
12 in contrast to the cottage.

13 A. There's some things I remember from school, yes.

14 Q. Doing a comparison between life at school and life in
15 cottage 20, you appear to have had a strong preference
16 for being at school. Would that be fair to say?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I think maybe you capture that in paragraph 33 by
19 saying:

20 "I think school was a release from life in the
21 cottage."

22 Was that the way you saw it at the time?

23 A. Yes, you got to see your friends as well. We never
24 talked about anything that went on in each cottage, but
25 you had -- it's one thing you were never short of was

1 friends, and I did like school. We had in particular
2 one really nice teacher that took us away for the
3 weekend and, you know, was nice to us. We had some
4 horrible ones, of course, but there was one who noticed
5 that I had good handwriting and she put me in for
6 a handwriting competition in Scotland, "Look, Learn and
7 Treasure". You'll remember that.

8 Q. Yes, unfortunately. I do actually, yes.

9 A. It was a handwriting competition and I got put forward
10 for that. So they at least -- they didn't live in
11 Quarriers.

12 Q. No. Can I just make this point because --

13 A. Am I going too ahead?

14 Q. No, it's just an opportunity to make it clear. I think,
15 as you tell us in your statement, quite rightly, the
16 teachers weren't living in the villages, in the
17 cottages, and although there was a William Quarrier
18 School, it was run by the Local Education Authority and
19 the teachers would be employed by them. I don't now if
20 you knew that or would you have --

21 A. I didn't actually know who -- as an adult I would have
22 sussed that but at the time --

23 Q. I think sometimes we hear about the school and maybe
24 there's a natural tendency to think it's Quarrier's
25 school, so Quarriers employed the teachers, but I think

1 in fact it was Local Authorities that would run the
2 school as an education authority and the teachers would
3 be employed by them.

4 A. Mm-hm.

5 Q. But there was no reason why you should have known that
6 when you were a young child.

7 A. No.

8 Q. Now, just while we're still on the subject of the
9 school, I think you say at paragraph 34:

10 "I can't remember ever getting homework from
11 school."

12 A. Yes, I can't remember ever getting it.

13 Q. And I think you explain why you probably didn't get
14 homework: you didn't have any chance to do it.

15 A. Yes. Well, when I had four kids of my own, yeah, it's
16 difficult to manage homework for different ages and
17 things like that. So I don't think -- and there would
18 have been no time, by the time we got in and got our tea
19 and bathed and bed, to do homework.

20 Q. But QAQ didn't, for example, in this very
21 structured routine or programme she had, including the
22 Thursday evening performance at 10 o'clock with the
23 bell, she didn't fit in a regular homework slot into the
24 routine of the children?

25 A. No, any slots that were fitted in was to read the Bible.

1 Q. Right. We'll maybe come to that. Maybe that neatly
2 takes us to religion. In your statement at page 1291
3 you tell us a little bit about that subject and
4 I suppose you start with:

5 "Religion was a big thing in Quarriers."

6 And I think you had to go to church quite regularly.

7 A. We went on a Sunday morning, a Sunday night and
8 a Wednesday night. You wore your Sunday best for the
9 Sunday and on the Wednesday I don't -- I think it was
10 only if there was a special thing on in the church, you
11 wore your special stuff. I think there was always twice
12 on a Sunday and then the Wednesday night.

13 Q. There seems to be one abiding message that you have
14 taken away from Quarriers based on --

15 A. The thing I seen in the church?

16 Q. You say I think the message was -- and perhaps you tell
17 us in paragraph 35:

18 "The message was that God had provided these homes
19 for us and we had to be grateful that there were people
20 willing to look after us."

21 Was that the way it was presented to you --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- you must be grateful?

24 A. Yes. That's it: you must be grateful, God put us here
25 to help you to give you -- to look after you and you

1 should be grateful for what you get. And I always
2 remember in the church at the back it had "Suffer the
3 little children to come unto me". And I actually
4 thought, that's what we're doing. I didn't get the
5 right meaning of that one.

6 Q. And I think you tell us about that in paragraph 36.

7 A. Did I, sorry?

8 Q. Don't be sorry. I'm just saying that you mention it.

9 You do say -- and I think you told me earlier --
10 that although there wasn't time for homework, one thing
11 that there was time for was Bible reading in cottage 20.
12 That was a big thing in cottage 20 at least?

13 A. Yes. We won the Bible quiz two years in a row. It was
14 very, very important.

15 Q. Was that particularly to do with the particular house
16 mother, do you think? Did on the face of
17 it, bear to be quite a religious person or not?

18 A. I don't know. I think everybody would have -- I'm
19 assuming all the cottages would have done because when
20 we entered the Bible quiz it was all the cottages and we
21 won it two years in a row. But I think some of them
22 really took it to the extreme, you know, like reading
23 a passage from the Bible before you got your meals and
24 saying your prayers and thanking for everything,
25 thanking God for everything that he done for you.

1 Q. Did that happen in your cottage?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. It did? So that was the extreme end of the spectrum and
4 maybe others weren't quite so extreme?

5 A. But maybe that's how we won it two years in a row --
6 I used to know the Bible inside out, which is quite sad
7 actually, you know, because I don't read, I hate
8 reading.

9 Q. I think you say that was the only book really that was
10 available for you to read.

11 A. Yes. But it's got on my notes from Quarriers that
12 I loved reading. Where did they get that from? Maybe
13 I was just that good at the Bible.

14 Q. I suppose they might have inferred from how well you did
15 in the Bible quiz that you must have read the Bible and
16 inferred from that that you were good at reading.

17 A. Maybe.

18 Q. You go on to deal with leisure time at paragraph 39 on
19 page 1292. You don't have a strong memory of what might
20 be described as recreation time. Have you got an
21 explanation for that? Is that because there wasn't
22 a lot of it?

23 A. There wasn't a lot of it. As I said earlier, we all
24 stayed in our own cottages. We went down, there was an
25 indoor play -- we had a playroom and then you went

1 further down and there was a stone floor and it was like
2 a play area, and then you went outside and that's where
3 we all played. The girls used to play elastics or with
4 the balls against the wall. I don't know what the boys
5 used to do. I think they just used to chase each other
6 about. As they got older, I think they got to wander
7 a bit more and maybe mix. I got to go up to a cottage
8 to ask a friend out and her house mother wouldn't let
9 her out so I would just go home. There wasn't a lot of
10 time to do anything. I don't know.

11 Q. One thing you do say in paragraph 39 as well is that you
12 didn't have any toys of your own and you have told us
13 already about the situation about toys and Christmas
14 gifts and so forth. And indeed clothing. But you also
15 say:

16 "I have no recollection of ever having something to
17 cuddle."

18 So you weren't given any special toy that you --
19 might even reassure you at night-time?

20 A. I think that's why I liked the wee babies.

21 Q. They were your reassurance?

22 A. Because -- no, we never had anything. My sister got --
23 because [REDACTED] she got an
24 extra gift from the tree in the church. It was a [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] I wanted that [REDACTED] because I loved it and

1 I just wanted to cuddle it, but no.

2 Q. You never got anything like that?

3 A. My granddaughters won't go anywhere without their cuddly
4 toys, but no.

5 Q. Moving on to page 1293, we can go back to something you
6 told us about earlier, the filming in cottage 4 and
7 a video that you saw some years later.

8 A. Yes, the video I got.

9 Q. Is that the video you were talking about earlier --

10 A. I got that in 2001.

11 Q. -- in which your sister and your brother and you are
12 seen in the cottage? You say it also shows other kids
13 as if they were having the best time of their lives.

14 A. Mm-hm.

15 Q. And you go on:

16 "When I saw it, I wondered when this actually
17 happened as it is not how I remember it. There were
18 kids on bikes looking like they were having an amazing
19 time. I never learned to go on a bike. I never even
20 saw a bike in there."

21 Is that --

22 A. That's true, I never, ever seen a bike.

23 Q. What point are you making about the video then so far as
24 life in Quarriers is concerned?

25 A. It was obviously a PR stunt for one. I've got no

1 recollection -- and I've got not a bad memory but I have
2 no recollection of ever seeing anybody playing on bikes
3 or having fun, full stop. But yeah, the video does show
4 that it happened. But I don't know when it happened.

5 Q. You obviously were there when there was some filming,
6 but it wasn't filming of a natural collection of
7 brothers and sisters who knew each other because you
8 said you didn't know they were your brother and sister
9 until you were 10 or 11. I think the point you're
10 making, and correct me if I'm wrong, is that the video
11 didn't reflect the reality of life for you in Quarriers.

12 A. Certainly not.

13 Q. Okay.

14 LADY SMITH: Just to remind me, Louise, it was pretty late
15 on that you realised who your sister was? Is that
16 correct?

17 A. And my brother. Both at the same time.

18 LADY SMITH: And you think that was shortly before you left?

19 A. That was the only time that my father came to visit.
20 I think it wasn't long before we left. I would probably
21 say I would be about 11 anyway.

22 LADY SMITH: So if, for example, your sister had got a bike
23 one Christmas, that might not be in your memory because
24 you wouldn't have noticed at the time. Would that be
25 right?

1 A. If she got that, she was in my cottage, so if she had
2 got a bike, I would have known about it because we would
3 have all shared it.

4 LADY SMITH: Well, that's why I'm asking, because we
5 understand she did.

6 A. Did she?

7 LADY SMITH: Yes.

8 A. I've no recollection. She never gave me a shot of it.

9 LADY SMITH: Maybe it didn't last long before it fell apart.

10 MR PEOPLES: Did she give you a shot of her [REDACTED]?

11 A. No, and that went missing too. I never took it but it
12 went missing. I have no recollection of bikes at all.

13 LADY SMITH: I get that.

14 Maybe we should have a break. I always give the
15 stenographers a break halfway or so through the
16 afternoon, so we'll do that now.

17 (3.06 pm)

18 (A short break)

19 (3.18 pm)

20 MR PEOPLES: Louise, if I could continue perhaps with your
21 statement, where we left matters before the break.
22 Could we go back to page 1293? I just want to pick up
23 one thing on that page. You spoke about the video, but
24 if we move on, I think in paragraph 42 you tell us
25 in relation to play, you would sometimes be put out to

1 play in what you describe as "horrible weather". You
2 mention in particular, I think, [REDACTED] QDA and
3 you have a memory of her in this connection. Could you
4 tell us what the situation was, what would happen when
5 the weather was bad?

6 A. We used to get put out whatever the weather was because
7 you needed fresh air. I was always a wee wuss, I hated
8 the snow, I hated the cold, I never, ever liked it. But
9 she used to put you out when it was raining with no
10 coats -- and there was a time when we got put out with
11 no shoes on. I think she just got pleasure out of it.

12 But some of the kids ran away and they wouldn't let
13 me go with them, so I was out in the rain in my bare
14 feet getting cold and wet, and that was the norm for
15 her.

16 Q. What times of year would this happen?

17 A. Well, I can never remember the weather, the way it is
18 now. We always seemed to have good weather in the
19 summer and bad weather in the winter, where now it's
20 just bad weather. So it would be more towards the
21 autumn. If you went out in your bare feet in the
22 summer, you wouldn't have minded, but it was always cold
23 and wet when she used to do it.

24 Q. Would she know you were outside with bare feet?

25 A. Yes, she'd put you out.

1 Q. So she would realise when she put you out that you
2 didn't have shoes on?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And did you try to get in on these occasions?

5 A. No.

6 Q. You just knew not to?

7 A. Yes.

8 LADY SMITH: Did you often go out barefoot in the summer?

9 A. No. It was only when she wanted you to go out, I think
10 it was just her way of letting you know that she could
11 do it.

12 LADY SMITH: So this was her putting you out with bare feet,
13 not -- because sometimes children, for whatever
14 reason --

15 A. No.

16 LADY SMITH: -- do run around with bare feet outdoors.

17 A. This was her.

18 LADY SMITH: Okay, thank you.

19 MR PEOPLES: If I could move on to page 1294, if I may.

20 I'll just touch on this briefly. You have a section in
21 your statement dealing with holidays and trips. Do
22 I get the impression that these were good memories in
23 general?

24 A. Mostly. There was a taxi firm called Babcock & Wilcox
25 that used to obviously put money into Quarriers and they

- 1 hired buses and we used to get streamers and that
2 hanging out of the bus us and go to Girvan or Troon,
3 just for the day. That was really good. Then there
4 were some cottages used to go to Turnberry and that was
5 really good. It was a millionaire there, a Mr Hodge.
6 He had two cottages that he provided to Quarriers and
7 our cottage always seemed to get picked to go. It was
8 only the older ones. The only horrible memories about
9 going there is I used to be sick every time. I'm
10 a hellish traveller, still am, and I was always sick.
11 So I would always get punished and put to bed on the
12 first day of every holiday because I was always sick.
- 13 Q. So because you were a poor traveller and had travel
14 sickness, you were punished for that?
- 15 A. Yes, because I was always sick.
- 16 Q. Who did the punishing?
- 17 A. QAQ
- 18 Q. How would she punish you?
- 19 A. I would get smacked and put the bed at the holiday place
20 we were going to. So while everybody was out playing,
21 I was usually stuck in my bed.
- 22 Q. Did she ever offer you anything that might help with the
23 travel sickness?
- 24 A. I used to always get this yellow tablet -- it was
25 absolutely disgusting -- but no water with it. I always

1 felt that's what made me sick.

2 LADY SMITH: Was that a tablet called Marzine?

3 A. I haven't a clue what it was called, but it was
4 horrible. It was yellow and I never got a drink with
5 it. So -- maybe you're meant to take it without water,
6 I don't know, but I always felt that the taste of it
7 used to make me sick. I've never been a good traveller.

8 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

9 MR PEOPLES: If I could move on to page 1295. You have
10 a section there discussing birthdays and Christmas.
11 Just starting with Christmas, I think from your point of
12 view, Christmas, as you put it, wasn't a big
13 celebration. Do you mean in cottage 20 or generally
14 within Quarrier's Village?

15 A. The only exciting bit that we got was the two trees up
16 in the church that you went on that day -- you always
17 went to church on Christmas Day, and that's when you got
18 your gift that you'd asked for in the October. I can't
19 remember a tree ever being up in the actual house or
20 decorations or Christmas dinner or all that. It was
21 just -- that was the only exciting bit, apart from your
22 pillowcase that you have up the night before and you
23 used to get things in it and you got woke up by the fire
24 alarm to go down and you got to open your pillowcase and
25 see what you got. Then you all went back to bed until

1 the morning and then you got the fire alarm getting you
2 up for church.

3 Q. So far as birthdays are concerned, you tell us what
4 happened on birthdays. What was the situation with
5 birthdays?

6 A. They had a knitting circle that lived in Kilmacolm, all
7 old ladies -- well, they were to us. And they used to
8 come and give you a bag with knitting pins and knitting
9 wool. I still can't knit to this day. You used to get
10 that at every birthday.

11 Q. Did they give you any instruction?

12 A. No.

13 Q. They just gave you the --

14 A. The wee bag --

15 Q. -- knitting needles and the wool?

16 A. -- the knitting pins, the wool. You got that, the girls
17 got that. I don't know what the boys ever got, but the
18 girls all got this every year.

19 Q. Did **QAQ** or **QDA** ever sit down with the
20 girls and say, "Now, do any of you want to know how to
21 knit", or anything like that?

22 A. Not to me they didn't.

23 Q. I think you say that you don't have a recollection of
24 any special birthday party or getting a card or a cake;
25 is that the position?

1 A. No, I never got anything. The knitting circle always
2 came on your birthday to see you and at Christmas I used
3 to have to dance around a Christmas tree because that
4 entertained them.

5 Q. Then in terms of -- if I could move on to page 1296.
6 I think you've told us quite a bit about what's set out
7 there, about how your father came to visit you only the
8 once, and you have told us what was done on that
9 occasion and that's when around that time you realised
10 you had a biological sister and brother, one of whom was
11 in the same cottage as you.

12 Again, at paragraph 58 on page 1296, I think you
13 pick up the point that we've talked about earlier, that
14 the social worker, Mr Judge, who we heard about earlier
15 this afternoon, didn't come to visit you, you don't
16 recall him coming.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Maybe you could just read for me that paragraph so
19 we can get it into the transcript, the part from "The
20 social worker".

21 A. Paragraph 58:

22 "The social worker, Mr Judge, mentioned in my
23 records never came to visit us. I only remember seeing
24 him after I left Quarriers. I don't remember any
25 official person coming to visit the cottage the whole

1 time I was in Quarriers. I don't remember any
2 inspections taking place. Nobody from the Quarriers
3 office came to our cottage. If they did come to meet
4 with the house mother, they must have done so when
5 we weren't around. Nobody from outside the cottage ever
6 spoke to me or asked me how I was doing. It was like
7 the house mother and aunties were in charge of the house
8 and they could do whatever they wanted. There was no
9 control over what was done within each house."

10 Q. Thank you.

11 In your statement, you discuss the matter of making
12 friends from other cottages, not friends from within the
13 cottage. You deal with that at paragraph 69 on page
14 1299. I think, as you've told us earlier, but I just
15 want to check, you were able to make friends through
16 school, is that right --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- with girls or boys in other cottages.

19 A. Yes, because they were all in my class at school, the
20 ones that were my age.

21 Q. But the situation would have been a bit different about
22 making friends when you went to church because I think
23 you deal with that in paragraph 69. You didn't really
24 have the opportunity to make friends on a Sunday.

25 A. You sat in your own cottage. You went down all together

1 and you sat in your own area, you all had your own area
2 in church, and you sat there and then you just got up
3 and went home after it.

4 Q. Even when you were able to make friends through the
5 school, you say in your statement at paragraph 69 you
6 didn't spend a lot of time with your friends, there
7 wasn't a lot of time to be with them.

8 A. No, you didn't get a lot of time to spend with them, and
9 even if you went up -- like I went up for one of my
10 friends -- I classed her as my best friend at the
11 time -- I would go to her house and knock on the door
12 and her cottage mother would come out and just say, "No,
13 she's not coming out", and slam the door.

14 Q. You tell us about that in paragraph 70. That was
15 cottage 15?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. [REDACTED] QJD ?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you have any reason -- do you know to this day why
20 she would slam the door in your face when you were
21 coming to visit a friend?

22 A. No, she was another one who wasn't nice.

23 Q. Would you learn about who was nice or not so nice from
24 your friends, for example?

25 A. From going to their house or if they ever asked if you

1 could come for tea, and you never got to, so you just
2 knew, you know -- but then it got to the stage where you
3 just thought they were all the same so just accepted
4 what was what.

5 Q. So in the time you were in Quarriers -- and you were
6 there from 1955 or thereabouts until 1966 -- would you
7 be able to say how often you were in a cottage other
8 than the one that you were living in?

9 A. I don't think I was in any other cottage ever than my
10 own one.

11 Q. And one of the attempts you made to get to cottage 15
12 was met by having the door slammed in your face?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. If we could on to page 1300, please, and perhaps go
15 towards the foot. I want to make sure -- I think you've
16 covered some of these matters in your evidence so far.
17 There's a heading there where we're dealing with --
18 "Abuse at Quarrier's Village" is the heading in the
19 statement. You say:

20 "A lot of things happened when the cottage mother
21 was on her days off."

22 On those days -- were these days when -- I think if
23 we go to page 1301 -- you say that you would be
24 force-fed by QDA? Were these days when that
25 would happen?

1 A. Sorry, when?

2 Q. Some of the days you were force-fed would be days when
3 [REDACTED] QDA was in charge?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. I suppose if you were served black pudding or pork on
6 some time other than a Thursday, you might have been
7 force-fed by someone else?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Because I think you tell us about the black pudding at
10 paragraph 78 and how you reacted and what was done, and
11 I don't think we need to go back over that as you have
12 told us about it already.

13 I think you told us earlier that obviously school
14 was generally okay for you, but you do mention at
15 paragraph 80, I think, at least one incident involving
16 a teacher, a gym teacher, is that right --

17 A. Mm-hm.

18 Q. -- [REDACTED] QDB ?

19 A. Mm-hm. Sorry, yes.

20 Q. Just help me with that: what can you remember about this
21 incident?

22 A. I was doing gym with the rest of the class and the
23 benches that you used to get at school that have got
24 handles, the bench was upside down and I was to walk
25 along it and he started stroking the top of my leg into

1 the (indicating) -- just stroking and I fell.

2 Q. In the inside?

3 A. Yes, stroking along. I fell and burst my mouth and,
4 being a girl, I was probably screaming and the
5 headmaster came out and asked what was wrong because the
6 headmaster's office was just at the top of the gym hall
7 bit. Obviously, I told him what happened. I never seen
8 that teacher again, but I lost my front tooth
9 diagonally, one of my front teeth, and I had to go to
10 the Elise Hospital and up to the dentist, and they took
11 that, the rest of that tooth out. They just pulled it
12 out. It might have been slack, I don't know, but they
13 pulled it out and I had no tooth --

14 Q. You've described how this injury happened and you were
15 taken to the hospital and received some dental treatment
16 to deal with the tooth --

17 A. They only took the tooth out initially and they talked
18 about me getting a denture because it was my big tooth,
19 which was more upsetting because it was a big tooth.
20 But the cottage mother went into hospital to get her
21 [REDACTED] and nothing was done, so the space
22 closed, so I had one front tooth. Then when my cottage
23 mother came back, I had to go to the dentist and I had
24 to get this thing put in my mouth with two wee prongs
25 that was to force the space open again.

1 Q. To stretch it?

2 A. Yes. That was quite painful because I had to wear that
3 all the time and it had just two wee prongs that just --
4 to open it all up so they could put a denture in and
5 then I got a denture. And so I've had a denture for --
6 since I was about 11.

7 Q. And this all flowed from this episode in the gym when
8 you were walking along the underside of the bench and
9 **QDB** was doing what you've said?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You told us that the headteacher must have heard
12 something, a commotion, and he came out?

13 A. Mm-hm.

14 Q. Did you say that you told him what --

15 A. I told him what happened, that he was stroking my leg
16 and I fell, and I just got taken to the hospital, but
17 I never ever seen him again, **QDB**.

18 Q. The teacher?

19 A. Yes, I never, ever seen him again, but I don't know what
20 happened.

21 Q. Did you tell any other person in authority other than
22 the headteacher?

23 A. Nobody ever asked.

24 Q. Did you tell your house mother, for example, or **QDA** or
25 anyone --

1 A. No.

2 Q. And no one asked you about it again?

3 A. No. Whether the hospital told or the school told,

4 I don't know, but nobody ever, ever asked me.

5 Q. Just on that point, I think maybe in more recent times

6 you've attempted to get records of your time in care and

7 I think you have seen things. Have you seen anything

8 that relates to this particular incident that you've

9 described?

10 A. The first lot of records I got were all blacked out.

11 They was about that (indicating). They were as much

12 good as diddly-squat, so I binned them in anger, and

13 then I requested more this year and I got them in March

14 or April. My sister went to Quarriers to pick them

15 because I live in Dundee and I wasn't able to go

16 through.

17 There is reference to needing an orthodontist, but

18 not why. There is also a reference that I got a dog

19 bite. It says "dog bite", I got attacked by a dog, it

20 just says "dog bite", but that's the only reference to

21 my records. It doesn't say anything about falling,

22 teacher, tooth out, anything. It just says, "Required

23 an orthodontist".

24 Q. So there's no record of the incident as you've described

25 it to us today or indeed what you reported through the

1 headteacher?

2 A. Nothing, not in my records.

3 Q. Not that you've been able to find or been given?

4 A. Nothing.

5 Q. Nothing that would show you ever said this to someone in
6 authority?

7 A. Nothing, nothing at all.

8 Q. Just moving on to page 1302 at paragraph 82. I think
9 you mentioned this word earlier, this is a word you've
10 used to describe [REDACTED] QDA [REDACTED]. You think "evil" is
11 perhaps one of the best --

12 A. I got asked for one word to describe her and that's the
13 word that came: evil.

14 Q. Just to explain why that's the word you would choose,
15 can you read for me again from paragraph 82? Could you
16 read that paragraph?

17 A. "The word I would use to describe is 'evil'. I don't
18 know why she did the job because she didn't seem to like
19 any of us. She had no feelings at all for anybody. She
20 never had a nice thing to say to us and was always
21 bringing kids down. She didn't want us in the house and
22 would put us all out in our bare feet at times. She
23 once told us we could go swimming but we were not to get
24 wet. Nobody would go in the water and so she started
25 screaming at everyone to get, obviously so she would

1 then have a reason to punish us. I would hate to think
2 that she was still working with children or having any
3 contact with them."

4 Q. Can I move on to page 1303 at paragraph 86. You
5 mentioned earlier this afternoon a video that you saw
6 some years later with you and your sister and brother --

7 A. Mm-hm.

8 Q. -- in a different cottage, cottage 4, I think it was.
9 There's also a photograph of you [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] is that
11 correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Indeed, I think you tell us in your statement that you
14 were given [REDACTED] when you went to Quarriers around
15 2001 by Bill Dunbar.

16 A. Yes. I had already seen the [REDACTED] when
17 I went to Dundee. My father had the [REDACTED]
18 and I didn't like him having it, so I took it and it was
19 only when I went back in 2001 that I found out there was
20 an [REDACTED] and I got that.

21 Q. That brings back a particular memory for you, doesn't
22 it, seeing that photograph? Could you tell us why it
23 brings back memories?

24 A. My sister and I are on the picture, as are the rest of
25 the children are from our cottage as well. But I got

1 smacked and put to bed after it. I couldn't understand
2 why. I got smacked for not standing like a lady. I had
3 my hands my back like the way the two wee boys were
4 standing and the two other girls had their hands on
5 their front. I didn't even know how a lady stood. I
6 still don't stand like a lady. But I got smacked and
7 put to bed for that and that was my explanation: because
8 I didn't stand like a lady.

9 Q. And when did you get that explanation?

10 A. At the time.

11 Q. And who gave you that explanation?

12 A. QAQ

13 Q. On what basis did she think that standing like a lady,
14 you had to have your hands in front of you rather than
15 behind you?

16 A. I don't know. I never knew ladies stood like that. But
17 when I show people I say, "Would you punish
18 anybody on that and why?" Nobody can understand, you
19 know. I smiled, but I didn't stand like a lady.

20 Q. You deal with another memory you have on page 1303 at
21 paragraph 88. Is this a memory of another girl who was
22 resident in cottage 20 who would wet the bed?

23 Do you see that?

24 A. Yes. 88?

25 Q. Yes, please.

- 1 A. Yes, this was a girl that was in our house.
- 2 Q. Can you tell us what your memory is of this?
- 3 A. Yes. She wet the bed quite often and she would get
4 punished for it and there was an occasion where she wet
5 her pants through the day and she got them put on her
6 head. She used to hide them behind pipes. She
7 obviously knew she was going to get punished for it.
8 But they put them on her head and made her walk about
9 with everybody in the cottage seeing her.
- 10 Q. Did you see this?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And she had to do this in the presence of the other
13 children?
- 14 A. Yes. She had to walk around --
- 15 Q. And you said they put her pants on her head; who were
16 they?
- 17 A. QAQ I think she had health problems because
18 nobody's going to wet themselves if they can help it.
19 She wet herself a lot.
- 20 Q. Are you able to help us with what sort of age this girl
21 have would been when this happened?
- 22 A. She was older than me, but she was definitely taller
23 than me, so -- for anybody was bigger than me, obviously
24 I always thought they were older than me.
- 25 Q. What age would you have been at that stage?

1 A. I would have been 10, 11.

2 Q. So she might have been --

3 A. She might have been 12, 13. She was older than me,
4 I know that much.

5 Q. And she was made to walk about --

6 A. She was quite a big girl.

7 Q. -- in the presence of other children with wet pants on
8 her head?

9 A. With wet pants on her head, yes.

10 Q. Again, maybe I could ask you to read paragraph 89. It
11 starts on page 1303 and goes on to 1304.

12 A. "As well as physical abuse, we were also deprived of
13 things. We never got hugs or a teddy to cuddle and we
14 never got read stories. They did the basics for you and
15 that was it. You were fed, watered and clothes were put
16 on your back, but that was the end of the attention you
17 got. It was like they didn't want to look after you.
18 Nothing was done with affection. It was always rough
19 treatment. We'd get this thick white stuff for nits
20 slapped on your head and the girls would get nylon tied
21 in their hair at night to make ringlets for special
22 occasions. When you're a child, you just take it as it
23 comes as you don't know any different. It's only when
24 you grow up and become a parent yourself that you
25 realise you weren't looked after the way you would

1 expect children to be looked after. I certainly
2 wouldn't have wanted them looking after my kids, but
3 I don't want to paint it all black. It must have been
4 hard for them looking after a big load of kids. We were
5 all treated the same. It's not like she had any
6 favourites."

7 Q. So while you're able to say that, Louise, towards the
8 end of that paragraph you're giving a certain amount of
9 understanding for the situation of a person who had
10 a lot of children to look after as a single
11 house parent. You obviously explain it from the child's
12 perspective, but you see another side of it as well,
13 that she was left to deal with perhaps a difficult
14 situation.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you know if she got any training?

17 A. I don't think any of them probably got training. I know
18 it was difficult bringing up four kids and I was on my
19 own for a long time. It's only when you have children
20 yourself, you realise how you should look after them.
21 But I had to justify it by saying it must have been hard
22 at times looking after a lot, but I still would like to
23 think that I was better to my kids than that, although
24 I probably did lack a lot of the love and emotion side
25 of it. I don't think I gave my kids it because I never

1 had it.

2 Q. On page 1305, Louise, I think you deal with some matters
3 we've already heard about. At paragraph 93, and I won't
4 go through that again, this was the incident in the gym
5 where you fell off the bench and suffered an injury.
6 You told the headmaster what had happened and I think
7 you have told us what you know of what went on
8 thereafter.

9 You mention in paragraph 94 something about the gym
10 teacher and what he did with keys. Is this the same
11 person?

12 A. Yes. QDB He used to put keys down the boys'
13 shorts to check that they had no pants underneath and
14 the girls' blouses. He never, ever done it to me, but
15 then I never had anything to put it down for. I think
16 he only picked on the girls that had shape.

17 Q. So were there girls of a certain age that this might
18 have happened to?

19 A. Yes. Nobody in my class. It was never in primary.

20 Q. But you heard of this. Are you saying here that you
21 heard of this when you were still in Quarriers?

22 A. No.

23 Q. This is something you heard later?

24 A. I heard later yes.

25 Q. But returning to the occasion when you fell off the

1 bench for the reasons that you've told us, I think
2 you've had further reflection about that and at
3 paragraph 95, can you just read that for me as well,
4 please?

5 A. Yes:

6 "Somebody had asked me if I was sexually assaulted
7 at Quarriers and I said never. Somebody said, 'If
8 somebody had put their hand on your granddaughter like
9 that, what would you do?' And without any hesitation,
10 I said I'd [am I allowed to swear?]. I said I'd effing
11 kill them and I would if anybody put any hands on my
12 granddaughters in that way."

13 But at the time, I didn't know about sex, I didn't
14 know about, you know, I just told the headmaster as it
15 was and I never thought anything about it. It was only
16 when somebody said to me, "What would you do if that was
17 your granddaughter?" and that's when I actually thought,
18 "Yeah, you're 100% right".

19 Q. The way you put it there is you never thought of it in
20 those terms as a child?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Because no one had ever told you that that's how you
23 should see it?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. No one ever educated as to what was right and what was

1 wrong and what you should complain about and what you
2 should raise?

3 A. No, and who was there to tell?

4 Q. That's also another matter. Did you feel there was
5 anybody to tell?

6 A. No, nobody ever asked how you were. If people came in
7 and asked, you were a child and you were brought up to
8 tell the truth or God would strike you down, so you
9 would have told somebody, so -- nobody ever came and
10 asked. They had a free rein to do what they wanted.

11 Q. If I could move on. I don't want to go through the
12 detail of your adult life. We've got the whole picture
13 here and I don't think it's necessary for us to go
14 through it. Clearly you've had some difficult
15 experiences over the years. There's one bit on
16 page 1308 that caught my eye and it's paragraph 109.
17 You don't need to name the person, but after you left
18 Quarriers, you met someone and you've got a memory of
19 something that happened on that occasion. Don't give me
20 their name, but tell me why that stood out.

21 A. That was my first partner, who I eventually married
22 because I had to have some place to stay, somebody, so
23 he was as good as anybody else. I had lived in the
24 Church of Scotland hostel which, again, was your meals
25 put down to you, you had to go to church on a Sunday.

1 The only reason I got out of it was I worked in a vet's
2 and I used to occasionally have to go in on a Sunday to
3 feed the animals and help with operations, so I got out
4 of going to church.

5 But this one person I met and I went up to his house
6 and he asked me what I wanted to eat. I was 20 and
7 nobody in my life had ever said, "What do you want to
8 eat?" And I didn't know what. What do you say? If
9 somebody asks you what you want to eat, I didn't know,
10 I didn't know what to say, what to ask for. I didn't
11 know what choices there was or what I was allowed to
12 say.

13 Q. I think it's there that you describe your situation
14 as -- maybe then you realised you were
15 institutionalised.

16 A. Mm-hm.

17 Q. I think we were speaking about this earlier and
18 I thought I'd maybe seen it somewhere and I think this
19 is where you mention it.

20 A. I ended up homeless and ended up in the Salvation Army
21 home. The vet that I worked with knew the lady that ran
22 the hostel for young ladies because she had cats and she
23 used to treat them at the vet's, so she got me in there.
24 So I was in there with another big load of girls. It
25 was only girls. And they were ones that were at the

1 college in Dundee, which was just along the road. And
2 they went home at the weekends, but I stayed because
3 I lived there, and there were another two that were in
4 [REDACTED] and I had been in [REDACTED] and
5 they stayed there because they were, like me, homeless.

6 Q. If I could move on to one of the final sections on your
7 statement, which concerns the impact of your time in
8 Quarriers, which was quite a long time for you. You
9 were very young when you moved, when you went there and
10 you were 12 and a half or so when you left. Can I pick
11 that up at page 1309 at paragraphs 114 and 115.

12 I don't want to go into the details of this, but you
13 believe that the way that you were brought up in care,
14 as you've described in your statement and today, has had
15 an effect on the relationship you've had with your own
16 children; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And that has made you feel a certain way about yourself;
19 is that right?

20 A. Yes, I don't think -- I don't have emotions very often.
21 This is not me, by the way. I'm quite a hard person,
22 hard-faced. I've got barriers up and they don't come
23 down for anybody. I didn't know how to love children,
24 I didn't know how to love my kids. I'd done everything
25 for them and I also put my kids to bed at 6 o'clock at

1 night, but they did get out in the good weather, but
2 I did put them to bed at 6 at night. I did the exact
3 same time but I never made them eat what they didn't
4 want. My house was like a café: they would eat whenever
5 they wanted to eat. The only meal they had together was
6 breakfast because I always wanted them to have a
7 breakfast. But they ate what they wanted and when they
8 wanted. I would just cook at any time so they didn't
9 feel ...

10 And my daughter, I gave her everything, everything
11 a mother could give, and she turned her back on me
12 six years ago and doesn't let me see my grandkids now
13 and I done everything for her and decided I was the
14 worst mum ever and didn't want me near her kids.
15 I haven't seen her for six years or my grandkids.

16 Q. Louise, I think you have perhaps worked out or at least
17 tried to articulate why you are outwardly a person that
18 you say you're not like today, but you're generally --
19 you describe yourself as you appear to be hard,
20 emotionless and uncaring or not caring. You say there:

21 "I think you just have to get on with it. That has
22 been my way of surviving."

23 Is that why you think this is the way you present?

24 A. That's my way of surviving, not letting anybody else
25 hurt me again.

1 Q. And I think, just following on that theme, I think you
2 tell us at 116 -- and again I don't want to take this
3 too far, but you say you're not a tactile person and
4 when people come to cuddle you, you find that difficult.
5 Does that go back to your time in Quarriers?

6 A. Yes. We never got cuddles so I just ... My boss was
7 one of the first, my old boss, went to hug me and
8 I froze, and she apologised immediately and she knew how
9 uncomfortable I was with it. Even now some friends will
10 come up and the first thing they want to do is cuddle
11 you and I'm not good with it. I'm not the best with
12 cuddles.

13 Q. I think, if I go on again -- I think you've been doing
14 quite a lot of reflection and maybe for the purposes of
15 coming here and helping us to understand the impact. At
16 page 1310 at paragraph 118, I think you make a general
17 point -- and maybe it's one that we may hear from
18 others -- you don't trust people easily and open up to
19 them and you really don't want people to know about your
20 background and where you lived as a child. Is that
21 something you have tended to do?

22 A. Yes. I don't want people thinking "poor me". When
23 I first came to Dundee and went to school, the teacher
24 introduced me as the new girl from a home, and I got
25 bullied. It was like that was an invitation to bully

1 her, and I don't want anybody ever using that to pick on
2 me or to treat me different. I'm the same as everybody
3 else.

4 Q. Okay. At paragraph 119, maybe I could ask you -- can
5 I ask you to read a little bit of that, starting on
6 line 3. You're describing how you remember what your
7 thoughts were when you were younger. Line 3,
8 "I remember".

9 A. Yes:

10 "I remember when I was younger and being treated
11 like that in Quarriers and then in Dundee. I used to
12 lie and think, 'Is this it? Is this what my life is?
13 Have I just been put here to get beat up, have food
14 rammed down my throat and be thrown out into the
15 street?' I have had to be strong to survive and that
16 has made me hard."

17 Q. Going on, and I don't need you to read this, I think
18 you've already made the point that you weren't given
19 what you would describe as survival skills to cope with
20 life after Quarriers and you then say it's only when
21 you're older you realise what you have missed out on.

22 A. Yes. If it wasn't for a neighbour's dog, I probably
23 wouldn't even be here today.

24 Q. A point you make at 1311 -- and I won't be much longer,
25 I realise it's been a long session for you. At

1 paragraph 124, you do reflect that you find it --
2 I think "unfortunate" is perhaps -- you're being fairly
3 restrained in what you're saying. It's unfortunate that
4 your sister and yourself never got the chance to grow up
5 as proper sisters. Is that a source of huge regret?

6 A. Oh yes. Because I don't think we ever -- we're closer
7 now, but I think a lot of it is to do with this
8 happening, the inquiry. We've not been close, as close
9 as sisters. I see people with their sisters and they do
10 loads and loads of things together and, you know, we
11 never ever had that. But I think it's because we didn't
12 grow up with that bond that you get because I didn't
13 know she was my sister until I was probably 11, and by
14 then it's hard to bond with one individual, and then she
15 went and got married quite early to get out, away from
16 the old man, and so I was left on my own.

17 So I didn't dislike her or hate her for that, I'm
18 not meaning that, but we just never got the chance --
19 she was looking after us when we came to Dundee because
20 if she didn't cook, we wouldn't have ate. So we never
21 got the chance to do what sisters do.

22 MR PEOPLES: Okay. I think that's all the questions that
23 I have for you. I would just like to finish by thanking
24 you for attending today and telling us of your
25 experiences.

1 LADY SMITH: Are there any outstanding applications for
2 questions? No.

3 Louise, those are all the questions that we have for
4 you today. It just remains for me to thank you very
5 much, both for deciding to engage with the inquiry and
6 giving such a detailed and helpful statement of your
7 memories of your time in Quarriers, and thank you for
8 coming here today. As Mr Peoples said, I'm aware it has
9 been a long afternoon for you, but I'm grateful to you
10 for sharing the memories that you have done today. I'm
11 now able to let you go. Thank you very much.

12 A. That's lovely. I would like to thank the team that were
13 involved in taking my statement. If it hadn't been for
14 all their kindness and support and understanding,
15 I wouldn't have been able to do it.

16 LADY SMITH: That's very good of you to say that.
17 Thank you.

18 A. Not a problem.

19 (The witness withdrew)

20 LADY SMITH: It's after 4 o'clock. I'm not calling for any
21 more evidence just now, Mr Peoples. Can you give me
22 some guidance about tomorrow?

23 MR PEOPLES: I think we will have some more oral evidence
24 from further applicants from Quarriers tomorrow.
25 I think that's the plan.

1 LADY SMITH: And again starting at 10.00?

2 MR PEOPLES: Yes.

3 LADY SMITH: Until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

4 (4.03 pm)

5 (The hearing adjourned until 10.00 am

6 on Friday 26 October 2018)

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

I N D E X

1

2

3 "TROY" (sworn)1

4

5 Questions from MR PEOPLES2

6

7 "ARTHUR" (affirmed)44

8

9 Questions from MR PEOPLES45

10

11 Witness statement of "JENNY" (read)63

12

13 "LOUISE" (affirmed)91

14

15 Questions from MR PEOPLES92

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7