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2 (10.00 am)

3 LADY SMITH: Good morning. We return to more oral evidence,
4 and I understand that witnesses are ready for the
5 morning; is that right, Ms Innes?

6 MS INNES: Yes, my Lady.

7 The first witness is Christopher Scott. Christopher
8 has waived anonymity.

9 He was in the care of Dundee Corporation and then
10 Tayside Regional Council. He was in foster care in
11 a number of different foster homes for a year between
12 1973 and 1974. He then returned to the care of his
13 parents. He was removed again on 21 October 1975 and
14 placed in a children's home. He was then placed in
15 foster care with Dennis Campbell and Avril Campbell on
16 23 April 1976. He was removed from there on 27 February
17 1981.

18 Dundee City Council is the relevant successor.

19 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

20 Christopher Scott (affirmed)

21 LADY SMITH: That sounds like a good position, Christopher,
22 thank you, because it will help you and it will help us
23 if you use the microphone.

24 A. Yes.

25 LADY SMITH: You'll see there's a red folder on the desk

1 there. You'll be referred to that in a moment. Inside
2 you'll find it has a typed version of your statement in
3 it, the one you signed. We'll also bring the statement
4 up on screen. You'll see that should be coming up on
5 the screen in front of you now.

6 A. Yes.

7 LADY SMITH: So that will be showing the parts of your
8 statement that we go to as we take you through your
9 evidence.

10 But, Christopher, quite separately from that, could
11 I just assure you, I do understand coming here to give
12 evidence which is going to ask you to go back to events
13 in your childhood is not easy, and I do understand that,
14 with all the background that you have with you before
15 this hearing in the public inquiry, it's going to be
16 even more difficult than it might otherwise be.

17 It's stressful, I know that, and it may provoke
18 emotions that are hard to handle. I understand that as
19 well. I'm sure you understand we are looking to you for
20 your help to enable us to understand exactly what was
21 happening during your childhood when you were in foster
22 care, but we don't want to cause you any unnecessary
23 stress or difficulty in doing that.

24 So if you want a break, tell me. If you want to
25 just sit there and pause, that's quite all right. If it

1 works for you, it will work for me. If you have any
2 questions, you're allowed to ask questions here. You
3 may not have been allowed to ask many questions when you
4 were a child or in other formal circumstances, but
5 I want to know if there's anything going on in your head
6 that you don't understand and you feel you need to ask,
7 so please feel free to do that. All right?

8 A. Yes, thank you.

9 LADY SMITH: If you're ready, I'll hand over to Ms Innes and
10 she'll take it from there. Is that okay?

11 A. Thank you, my Lady.

12 LADY SMITH: Very well.

13 Ms Innes.

14 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

15 Questions from Ms Innes

16 MS INNES: Now, Christopher, we understand that you were
17 born in 1970; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. I'm just going to refer to your statement. We
20 give it the reference WIT.001.003.0570, and if we can
21 look, please, at the last page of your statement, at
22 page 38, and paragraph 159, you say:

23 "I have no objection to my witness statement being
24 published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry.

25 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are

1 true."

2 And we understand that you signed your statement on
3 20 November 2019; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Thank you.

6 Now, if we can go back to the start of your
7 statement, you tell us at paragraph 2 that you were
8 brought up initially by your parents and you lived in
9 Dundee; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You then say that much of the information from the first
12 part of your life you found out from your social work
13 records, because it was obviously when you were very
14 young.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You tell us at paragraph 3 that you were put into foster
17 care for the first time on 19 September 1973, and
18 I think you spent about a year in various foster
19 placements --

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. -- at that time.

22 Now, have you recently spoken to any of the foster
23 carers who looked after you during that time, or was it
24 later on?

25 A. So only one of them, Mrs [REDACTED] --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- who was the longest-serving foster parent before the
3 family that I moved in with long term, yes.

4 Q. Okay. Had you got in contact with her and did you speak
5 to her about the time that you spent with her?

6 A. That's correct, yes.

7 Q. What was she able to tell you about how you were during
8 your time with her?

9 A. She said I was a very happy child, really normal, and,
10 yeah, they absolutely doted on me. In fact, they were
11 possibly looking at having me in as long-term foster
12 care. Unfortunately, my mum had found out where they
13 lived, and the lady, when she took me to nursery in the
14 morning, had a phone call from Social Services and was
15 told not to pick me up, and that was the last time I saw
16 them. They no longer fostered after that. They were
17 absolutely heartbroken at that.

18 But, yeah, as a child, they said I was fantastic and
19 just thrived.

20 Q. So, as you say, you were in various foster care
21 placements during a period of about a year, I think, and
22 then you went back to the care of your parents; is that
23 right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And then again, I think, after about another year, you

1 were taken back into care.

2 A. (Witness nods).

3 Q. I think you tell us in your statement that your mother
4 suffered from mental illness and that affected her
5 ability to look after you; is that right?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Okay.

8 When you were taken into care again, on page 2 of
9 your statement I think you tell us that you spent
10 a period at Duncan Place Children's Home in Dundee.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. If we move on to page 3 of your statement and
13 paragraph 10, you say that you left Duncan Place after
14 a period of about six months and you went to foster
15 carers called the Campbells in Dundee; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You say that you're not really sure why you were moved
18 there, although I think you found out more information
19 after from your records.

20 A. (Witness nods).

21 Q. We'll look at the records just in a moment, but can you
22 tell us who your social worker was when you first moved
23 to live with the Campbells?

24 A. Yeah, it was Rosalind Tipping.

25 Q. Okay, and you say that she was a Mormon.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay, and you tell us that so were the Campbells.

3 A. Correct, yes.

4 Q. Did she know the Campbells?

5 A. Yes, really well.

6 Q. Okay.

7 You say that you went there, to the Campbells, for

8 a couple of visits. Can you remember going to visit

9 them?

10 A. I have very small flashes of meeting them and, yeah,

11 thinking they were nice people.

12 Q. You say that you were desperate to have a loving family,

13 so you think you were probably keen to go and live with

14 them.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. But you don't remember actually the day on which you

17 went to live with them permanently, I don't think.

18 A. I remember the first night, but I don't remember the

19 actual day of going with the social worker.

20 Q. Okay.

21 Now, if we go on over the page, please, to page 4,

22 you tell us a little bit about the Campbells' family.

23 You say that they had three other children, so was that

24 at the time that you went to live with them?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. They already had three children?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. What sort of ages were the children?

4 A. So Emma was one year older than me, I believe [REDACTED] was
5 one year younger than me, and I think [REDACTED] was a couple
6 of years younger than me again.

7 Q. Okay.

8 You tell us a little bit about the Campbells
9 themselves and you say that you understood they were
10 both trained nurses.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you talk about Dennis having two jobs. You say he
13 was also driving a taxi. So was he nursing and driving
14 a taxi for a period?

15 A. I believe so, yeah.

16 Q. Okay. And you say he was also the bishop of the local
17 Mormon church.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. Did Avril work as a nurse when you lived with
20 them, can you remember?

21 A. Not when I lived with them. She was a full-time mum.

22 Q. Okay.

23 You say Avril had a cot death around six months
24 before you moved in.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Is that something that you learned from the records or
2 is that something you --

3 A. No, I learnt from the family, yeah.

4 Q. Okay.

5 You say that they were keen for you to call them mum
6 and dad.

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Okay. And you say that you didn't feel comfortable
9 about that.

10 A. No. I was a small child. It was a bit weird.

11 Q. Okay.

12 Now, you know that the Inquiry have statements from
13 Avril and Dennis Campbell.

14 A. (Witness nods).

15 Q. If we hear evidence from Avril that you always called
16 them mum and dad and it was you that instigated that,
17 what's your response to that?

18 A. Absolutely not. This was more of a thing to sort of
19 bring everything into line sort of thing straight away.

20 MS INNES: Okay.

21 LADY SMITH: But did you call them mum and dad?

22 A. I did, yes.

23 LADY SMITH: So judging by your earlier answer, are you
24 telling me you called them that, but you didn't like
25 doing it?

1 A. I didn't like doing it, that's correct.

2 LADY SMITH: Okay, thank you.

3 MS INNES: Did you always call them mum and dad or did there
4 come a time that you changed that?

5 A. I changed that. As the time went on, it went back to
6 Avril and Dennis.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Or Mr and Mrs Campbell.

9 Q. Okay. So would you have called them by their first
10 names at the time or would you have called them Mr and
11 Mrs Campbell?

12 A. No, it would have been Mr and Mrs Campbell first of all,
13 and then it would have been mum and dad.

14 Q. Okay.

15 You then talk about the house that you lived in
16 initially, and you say it was a bungalow converted with
17 sort of an attic upstairs. How did you get to the
18 upstairs? Was there a stair or a ladder?

19 A. Yeah, there was a pull-down stair ladder.

20 Q. Okay. Can you remember sleeping anywhere else in the
21 house other than in this attic room that you shared with
22 their son?

23 A. Not in that home, no.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. That -- it was always upstairs in the -- the attic room.

1 Q. Okay. Were there any issues about going up a ladder as
2 a small child that you can remember?

3 A. No, it was sort of fun, really. It was an adventure,
4 I think.

5 Q. Okay.

6 And then you say, at paragraph 13, that you moved at
7 about the age of 8 to Auchterhouse, which I think is
8 a village; is that right?

9 A. That's correct, yes.

10 Q. And then you moved back to a house in Dundee. The final
11 house that you lived in in Dundee, was that a bigger
12 house?

13 A. Yes, it was a huge sort of Victorian townhouse.

14 Q. Did it need a lot of work done to it, can you remember?

15 A. Yes, totally renovated, yeah.

16 Q. Okay.

17 Then you say, at the end of paragraph 13, that by
18 the time you'd moved to [REDACTED], the Campbells
19 had another three children by that stage.

20 A. Yes, that's correct.

21 Q. Okay. So in the time that you lived with them, they had
22 another three children?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And then you mention -- and did they have another child
25 after that, do you know?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So at some point during the time that you were living
3 with them, there were seven children in the house?

4 A. That's correct.

5 MS INNES: Okay. Now --

6 LADY SMITH: Is that the most children that were ever living
7 in the house at the same time?

8 A. Yes.

9 LADY SMITH: Including you?

10 A. Including myself, yes.

11 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

12 MS INNES: Over the time that you lived with them, did other
13 people come and stay with the Campbells?

14 A. Yes, Avril's sister, I believe. I don't know if I'm
15 allowed to say her name.

16 MS INNES: Just her sister is fine.

17 LADY SMITH: I don't need her name. Her sister.

18 A. Okay. Yeah, that's fine, so -- yeah, so I think it was
19 her sister.

20 MS INNES: And was she there for a long period or a short
21 period?

22 A. I think a couple of months or some -- some months,
23 anyway.

24 Q. Okay. And can you remember any other children being
25 there, coming to stay?

1 A. No, I don't remember that.

2 Q. Okay.

3 Now, I wonder if we can look at some records,
4 please, in relation to the assessment of the Campbells.

5 If we can look, first of all, at CFS-000011321, it
6 will come up on the screen. I think we see that this is
7 a document for Tayside Regional Council social work
8 department, and it's a foster home assessment in respect
9 of Avril and Dennis Campbell.

10 If we maybe just go on to the second page, and at
11 the bottom, we can see that the date of the document
12 is March 1976, so just before you went to live with the
13 Campbells.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So if we can go back to the start of the document again,
16 please, if we go down a little, please, we can see
17 a paragraph which says:

18 "Mr and Mrs Campbell were encouraged to apply to
19 foster by Mrs Tipping, social worker in the Kirkton
20 sub-office, who is a friend of theirs and thought they
21 would be ideal to foster Christopher Scott, a child on
22 her caseload."

23 So I think that confirms that Rosalind Tipping was
24 your social worker at the time; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And it says here that she was a friend of the Campbells
2 and had encouraged them to apply.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay.

5 Then the author of this document -- who, for the
6 avoidance of doubt, is not Mrs Tipping -- says:

7 "Before meeting the Campbells I was reluctant to
8 pursue their application due to the fact that they had
9 lost their baby of four months five weeks earlier. The
10 baby died suddenly in her pram in the garden. There was
11 no question of neglect and the postmortem gave
12 inhalation of vomit as a cause of death. However I have
13 been so impressed by the Campbells that I can see no
14 risks in approving them as foster parents at this stage.
15 They have completely accepted the baby's death, largely
16 due to their belief in God and an afterlife. Naturally
17 they were shocked and dazed initially, but their
18 cheerful and realistic attitudes to life in general,
19 plus their faith, have helped them readjust to a normal
20 life remarkably quickly."

21 So that seemed to be the social worker's assessment
22 of the issue in respect of the cot death.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you mentioned that yourself in your statement, that
25 you were aware that that had happened before you went to

1 live with them.

2 A. That's correct, yes.

3 Q. It says at the first line of the next paragraph:

4 "I am convinced that they do not see fostering as
5 a way of providing a substitute for the baby."
6 And then it goes on to provide some details about
7 the Campbells.
8 If we can go over the page, please, and if we go
9 down a little bit -- yes, so the bottom paragraph that
10 we can see on the screen there:
11 "The Campbells live in a bungalow. There are three
12 bedrooms: one is spare ..."
13 And there's reference to a child still sleeping in
14 a cot in her parents' room.
15 "In the other children's bedroom there are bunk
16 beds, and ample floor space for another bed. There is
17 also an attic room which could be used when the children
18 are older: at present the iron ladder would be a danger
19 to them."
20 So it appears that, in March 1976, the social
21 worker's understanding was that the attic room wasn't
22 being used.
23 A. It was being used as a bedroom.
24 Q. Okay. So your memory of being there is being in that
25 attic room?

1 A. Absolutely, yeah.

2 LADY SMITH: Did you go straight there for that to be your
3 bedroom?

4 A. If I'm perfectly honest, I can't remember. I do know --
5 I remember being up there and being up there a lot. I'm
6 sure we had bunk beds up there, actually.

7 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

8 MS INNES: And then it says, in the next paragraph:

9 "Mr and Mrs Campbell are a warm, down-to-earth and
10 cheerful couple who have created a happy and united
11 family. I am confident enough in their maturity and
12 abilities to take the unorthodox course of recommending
13 them for approval as foster parents when they have lost
14 a child of their own so recently."

15 So it appears there that the social worker is
16 suggesting they wouldn't normally approve them as foster
17 parents in these circumstances.

18 A. (Witness nods).

19 Q. It says:

20 "They are thoughtful and flexible; past
21 unhappinesses are accepted as God's will, and each new
22 day or undertaking is met with optimism and competence.
23 They will make every effort to overcome any difficulties
24 which arise in fostering and could be considered either
25 for Christopher Scott or for any other child, short or

1 long-term."

2 So obviously there's reference to you specifically
3 there.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Now, I wonder if we can move on to another document at
6 CFS-000011319, and this is said to be a foster home
7 review dated 16 January 1978.

8 So by this time you were living with the Campbells;
9 is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. In the first paragraph, I think we see that there's
12 reference to you being placed there after several
13 introductory visits, and this was at least your fourth
14 placement since your early childhood.

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. That accords with your own understanding of the records.

17 A. (Witness nods).

18 Q. If we just go down to the paragraph beginning:

19 "Because of the kind of people the Campbells were,
20 and what they had to offer Christopher, Mr Ingram and
21 I ..."

22 Now, do you know who Mr Ingram is?

23 A. I understand, just from the records, he was the area
24 controller. He was maybe the manager of the social
25 workers for that team.

1 Q. Okay.

2 "... Mr Ingram and I defied all orthodox fostering
3 practice by approving the Campbells for Christopher (a)
4 when they had recently lost a child of their own, and
5 (b) when their other three children were very close in
6 age to Christopher."

7 So this seems to be suggesting that another unusual
8 aspect was that the other children were -- you were all
9 round about the same ages, as you've said.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay.

12 "This was a calculated risk and in fact it has paid
13 off because Christopher has settled very well. The
14 Campbells have since had another baby of their own. The
15 four children are now eight, seven, five and a half and
16 about one year."

17 So that would be their own children, including you.

18 A. Yes.

19 MS INNES: And then there's reference to them having taken
20 part in childcare training --

21 LADY SMITH: And in that list of ages, you would have been
22 the seven-year-old at the time of that assessment?

23 A. Yes. Sorry, was that 1977?

24 LADY SMITH: But it was earlier in the year.

25 A. Oh, of course, yes.

1 LADY SMITH: It was before your birthday.

2 A. So then yes, I would have been seven.

3 MS INNES: Yes, it was January 1978.

4 If we just scroll down a little, this was completed
5 by a Mrs S Phillips, who was obviously the person
6 involved in assessing the Campbells at the time of their
7 application.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Right.

10 Now, did Mrs Tipping remain your social worker or
11 did that change?

12 A. That changed.

13 Q. Okay. Who became your next social worker?

14 A. It was Morag Auchterlonie.

15 Q. Okay.

16 Can I just take you to another part of the records,
17 please, so it's CFS-000011320, and at page 9, and at the
18 top of this page we see that these are your records, and
19 the social worker is noted as being Ms Auchterlonie, and
20 it says:

21 "This is a section 16 childcare case which was
22 transferred from Mrs R Tipping social worker to
23 Ms Auchterlonie social worker in July 1976."

24 So we know that you went there in April 1976.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. So it looks as though Mrs Tipping remained your social
2 worker until Ms Auchterlonie took over in July 1976.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And then she says:

5 "I had discussed this case with Mrs Tipping before
6 she left the department and I already know Christopher
7 as I was the social worker who first took him into care.
8 Also I have looked after Chris and the other children of
9 the foster parents for three days while Mr and
10 Mrs Campbell were in Glasgow."

11 Now, do you have any memory of Ms Auchterlonie
12 looking after you and the three other children?

13 A. Absolutely not. None at all.

14 Q. Can you remember her ever looking after you again after
15 that?

16 A. No.

17 Q. No.

18 A. I just -- I think she took us in for one night,
19 I believe, later on, but that's just from what I've read
20 in the notes. I don't actually remember that.

21 Q. When you say she took you for one night, where did she
22 take you?

23 A. To her home.

24 Q. Right. For what purpose?

25 A. Because the Campbells went away somewhere for a break.

1 Again, I'm not sure where.

2 Q. Okay. Right.

3 Now, we know, obviously, that Ms Tipping or
4 Mrs Tipping was a friend of the Campbells. Do you have
5 any reflections on that?

6 A. Yeah. Lots. I mean, she was -- she would -- she was
7 very pally with Avril Campbell, seemed to really respect
8 her. She would always take Avril -- sorry, she would
9 always take Avril's story. She would always meet with
10 Avril and then it would be a case of speaking to me
11 about my behaviour, so it was always -- she was
12 reverting -- or she was repeating everything that Avril
13 would tell her, and then obviously reprimanding me for
14 the behaviour, so I didn't feel like she was on my side
15 at all.

16 Q. Now, that was Mrs Tipping I was asking you about there.

17 A. Oh, I'm so sorry. So no, I don't really have many
18 memories at all of Rosalind Tipping.

19 Q. Okay. So I think you were maybe referring to
20 Morag Auchterlonie?

21 A. That's correct. Sorry, my apologies.

22 Q. Okay, that's fine.

23 Right, we'll come back again to talk about your
24 meetings or discussions with Ms Auchterlonie later on,
25 but you said that you felt that she was reprimanding you

1 as opposed to taking your side?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 Now, if we can leave the records just now, please,
5 and go back to your statement, and if we can go back to
6 page 4 and paragraph 14. You tell us there a bit about
7 food, and you say you remember being starving all of the
8 time.

9 A. (Witness nods).

10 Q. Can you tell us a bit more about that, please?

11 A. Yeah. So, basically, through punishment regimes,
12 I would be sent to bed with no food. Some of those
13 punishments would last days, maybe a day and a half,
14 some of them would last a few hours, but the majority of
15 them would last quite a long time where there'd be no
16 food.

17 The food that was prepared was the same as everyone
18 else's. Sometimes I didn't like it. So there would
19 never be anything else. So myself and some of the other
20 children used to go up into the attic room -- they had
21 a store of foods there, like dried oats, raisins, that
22 sort of thing, and we would actually eat them.

23 I remember stealing kids' packed lunches at school.

24 Yeah, just whatever I could to just eat.

25 Q. Okay. And you said sometimes you wouldn't like the food

1 that was prepared; what would happen if you didn't eat
2 it?

3 A. So it would be there -- so if it was like for lunch, it
4 would be there at teatime. If I didn't eat it at
5 teatime, it would be there for breakfast, it would be
6 there for the following lunch. So I'd end up having to
7 eat little tiny bits of it, pretty much -- I remember
8 bringing up, like, bile and stuff like this because it
9 was so nasty, and it just being -- I had to finish it.
10 There was no option of not to finish it.

11 Q. Okay.

12 You mention in this paragraph that you are coeliac,
13 and was that known at the time that you lived with the
14 Campbells?

15 A. Yes, it was.

16 Q. What did Mrs Campbell do in terms of providing you with
17 a diet?

18 A. Yeah, so the bread was prescribed, as was a couple of
19 packets of biscuits at the time, so they were provided.
20 But as far as meals were concerned, I just ate whatever
21 was put in front. It was pretty much what everyone else
22 had.

23 Q. Okay. And did you have to go and have medical
24 appointments in relation to your diet --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- can you remember?

2 A. Yes, I had a dietician. I think I would go every six
3 months. I would get biopsies of my bowel. So it was
4 quite regular.

5 Q. Who took you to those?

6 A. Sometimes Avril, but sometimes usually the social
7 worker.

8 Q. Okay.

9 If we go over the page, please, to page 5 and
10 paragraph 15, you talk there about clothing.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. You don't remember ever getting new things. Everything
13 was always handed down.

14 A. That's correct, yeah.

15 Q. And you didn't get any pocket money when you stayed
16 there.

17 A. Not that I remember, no.

18 Q. You talk in the next section about schooling, and you've
19 said in the time that you lived with the Campbells, they
20 moved from the original house out to Auchterhouse and
21 then back into Dundee.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Did you have to move school on each occasion?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Did that have any impact on your schooling?

1 A. Not really. My schooling was -- it was all a daze at
2 that time, so we just did whatever we had to do,
3 basically.

4 Q. Okay.

5 How did you get on at the various schools? Were you
6 able to make friends or --

7 A. Not really. I mean, you just felt like you were being
8 watched all the time by the other children, that
9 anything that you ever did was always fed back to Avril
10 for, I suppose, Brownie points, if anything, so never
11 even felt comfortable about school.

12 It was a way of maybe getting a meal, which was
13 good, and a pint of milk, which was lovely, but that was
14 pretty much it. That was just to get -- just to be away
15 from there was a good thing.

16 Q. Okay.

17 You then go on to talk about leisure time. Outside
18 school, were you able to go out and play after school or
19 at the weekends?

20 A. Sometimes. But most of the times I would be kept in as
21 punishment. So I always remember hearing the kids
22 playing outside and their laughing -- in Auchterhouse,
23 the bedroom was at the back of the house, and you could
24 always hear the kids running about and playing and,
25 yeah, it was still light and I was in -- I was in bed.

1 LADY SMITH: Christopher, you spoke of remembering getting
2 milk at school.

3 A. Yes.

4 LADY SMITH: What was it served in? Did it come in --

5 A. The bottle.

6 LADY SMITH: A bottle?

7 A. Yeah. And I always asked for a second one.

8 LADY SMITH: How big were the bottles?

9 A. I think they were only like this size.

10 LADY SMITH: About a third of a pint, I think, the
11 individual bottles.

12 A. Yes, yes.

13 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

14 MS INNES: Now, if we can go on over the page, you're still
15 talking at the first paragraph here about you being
16 inside and the other children being outside and playing.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you say that sometimes she would call you in during
19 playtime -- call them in, rather, during playtime and
20 tell them to speak to you --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- and get them[sic] to admit to whatever you'd done.

23 A. Yeah. So basically the kids would say things to Avril
24 that I'd said. Avril would pull me into the room and
25 ask me what I'd said, and I'd be like, "I don't know,

1 I don't know", and she'd be going, "You're a liar,
2 you're a liar", and I'd be like, "I'm not, I don't know,
3 I don't know what it is", and so I would have to go to
4 the room, face the wall in the bedroom, for again
5 extended lengths of time, and then she would send the
6 kids in every now and then just to say, "Just tell --
7 just tell mum, just tell mum and it will be done, like,
8 just tell her". So they -- in essence, I felt they were
9 sort of feeling bad and wanted it over as well, and
10 yeah, so she would -- yeah, so every time somebody would
11 come in the room, I would have to ask to use the toilet,
12 I would have to -- so every time they came in, there
13 would be a conversation about just getting it over and
14 done with.

15 Q. Okay. You say that you knew that even if you admitted
16 it, you would get further punishment.

17 A. Yeah. So basically what would happen, I would deny the
18 thing that they'd said. One of the examples, I think,
19 was that I'd asked to go outside naked. That was one of
20 them, but that's something later. But just -- there
21 were all these things that they'd said, and -- or done,
22 and Avril would then, like, punish me for however many
23 days I would last before I broke, and then there would
24 be certain occasions then when she would say, "Right,
25 I want you in here", and I'd go in and she'd say, "Tell

1 me about such-and-such", and I'd be like, "I don't want
2 to -- I don't want to be sitting in this bedroom for
3 three days, I know where this is going and I'm just
4 going to say it was me". So I'd admit doing what she'd
5 said that had happened, and then she would go, "You're
6 a liar", she'd go, "You're a liar, I know you're a liar
7 because I already know one of the children already did
8 it", so then I would get put back into that room and
9 punished once again. So no matter what I did, I could
10 never win. It was never right.

11 LADY SMITH: So hang on a minute, Christopher.

12 A. Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: You hadn't done whatever it was.

14 A. So the kids --

15 LADY SMITH: You were being punished for it.

16 A. Yes.

17 LADY SMITH: You got to the stage that you told her, "Yes,
18 I did it".

19 A. Yes.

20 LADY SMITH: And then she said, "No, you're a liar because
21 I know you didn't"?

22 A. Yeah. So these were on separate occasions. Sorry,
23 my Lady, if I may explain.

24 So there would be times where I would deny, deny,
25 deny the things that had been said or done, and then

1 I would then, after maybe two or three days, say,
2 "I want to speak to mum, tell mum I want to speak to
3 her", and then I would admit what they'd said I'd done.
4 I would then get a slap or a beating for that and that
5 would be over.

6 But there would be other times where she would call
7 me in and then say, "Tell me about what's just
8 happened", and I'd be like, "I don't want" -- in my
9 head, I was going, "I don't want this to be another
10 three days of punishment, so I'm just going to admit it
11 straight away", and when I did admit it, she would then
12 go, "You're a liar, because I already know". So she
13 would accuse me of it, I would say, "Okay, do you know
14 what, I've done this this time", because I don't want to
15 be thrown in the room, and then she would then -- well,
16 basically just go nuts and call me a liar and then tell
17 me she knew that one of the other children had done
18 this.

19 LADY SMITH: Thank you. That's clearer. Thank you.

20 MS INNES: Thank you.

21 Now, if we can move down on this page, please, at
22 paragraph 20, you say there that there was never a time
23 that you felt wanted in the Campbell house.

24 A. (Witness nods).

25 Q. "There was a constant feeling of anxiety and fear."

1 Can you tell us a bit about that, if you're able to?

2 A. Yeah. I mean, every morning I'd wake up and just think:
3 what's going to happen today? Is something going to
4 happen today? If it was the kids deciding to say
5 something -- I mean, the kids would -- we'd all be
6 playing, for example, and the kids would say, "Let's go
7 and tell mum Chris has just said this, or Chris has just
8 done that", and it would be just absolute sheer terror
9 because I knew the punishment that was about to come of
10 that, and I would be screaming for them not to do it.
11 Sometimes they would do it, sometimes they wouldn't do
12 it, but if they did it, then -- but this was happening
13 on a daily basis. This was now becoming a sort of
14 day-to-day existence.

15 So between that, between school, between anything
16 happening at all, it was just complete fear of what was
17 coming the day ahead.

18 Q. Okay.

19 Now, if we can move on, please, to page 7 and, at
20 the top of that page, paragraph 23, you talk about
21 religion, and you mention at paragraph 23 that Dennis
22 was a bishop of the church.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How did their involvement with the church impact on
25 family life on a day-to-day basis?

1 A. It was everything. So morning prayers, prayers before
2 food, Bible study, everything was around that religion,
3 so everything. So the whole day was consumed by that.

4 Q. Okay. And did they have any meetings at night, so --

5 A. Yes. So at church on Sunday. Dennis was there a couple
6 of nights a week, through the week. On Sundays, we
7 would obviously have the big church event, the meeting,
8 as it was called, but then when everyone had gone,
9 Dennis would be -- stay behind, so we'd be there pretty
10 much all day on a Sunday until sort of early evening.

11 Q. Okay. Did they also have meetings in their home, can
12 you remember?

13 A. Yeah. So they had people come to visit. They had
14 missionaries, other members of the church, so the stake
15 president, for example, would visit Dennis. The other
16 authorities in the church would visit. They all had
17 their circle of friends that would do the rounds, if
18 that makes sense, so they didn't really associate with
19 anybody outside the church.

20 Q. Okay.

21 I think you at some point joined the church, you
22 say.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know how that came about or can you --

25 A. I just remember being told when I was eight that I'd be

1 getting baptised. To be part of the family, I would
2 have to be baptised.

3 Q. Did you have a choice in that, as far as you were
4 concerned?

5 A. Not really. I didn't have a choice in anything at that
6 time.

7 Q. Okay.

8 Now, if we go down to paragraph 25, you mention
9 there the appointments that your social worker took you
10 to with the dietician, and you say that both the social
11 worker and Mrs Campbell were very keen to get you off
12 the special diet, but the consultant regularly told them
13 that it was a lifelong condition, essentially.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can you remember them having that discussion at the time
16 or is that something you've learned from your records?

17 A. It is from the records. I remember coming off the diet
18 for a very short period of time, which Avril obviously
19 was -- and she just didn't want it to go back. It was
20 a real inconvenience for Avril to have to, number one,
21 go to these appointments, but number two, to obviously
22 try and keep this diet going.

23 LADY SMITH: Christopher, sorry to take you back a moment.

24 A. Yes.

25 LADY SMITH: In relation to the Campbells being Mormons, so

1 far as your parents, your birth parents, were concerned,
2 were they Mormons?

3 A. No.

4 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

5 MS INNES: You go on in the next paragraph on this page to
6 talk about wetting the bed. Can you remember that
7 happening when you --

8 A. I remember it happening a lot, yes.

9 Q. Had it happened, can you remember, when you were at
10 Duncan Place, before you went to the Campbells, or not?

11 A. I'm not sure, if I'm honest. I don't think so.
12 Perhaps. I have no memory of it happening there.

13 Q. Okay. And did it happen for the whole time that you
14 lived with the Campbells, as far as you can remember?

15 A. As far as I can remember, yeah, pretty much. There'd
16 be -- again, I was always told not to wet the bed, and
17 there would be nights where I'd have to stay awake for
18 ages to try and make sure that I went to the toilet
19 before I went to sleep, and I would be just dreading
20 waking up the next morning because there would be
21 mornings I'd wake up and I'd be wet, and I'd be like: oh
22 my God, this is the worst possible thing.

23 Q. And what was Mrs Campbell's reaction?

24 A. Well, she'd rub my nose into the sheets sometimes.
25 I was made to sleep on the floor in the kitchen. There

1 was a stone floor in the kitchen in Auchterhouse, so
2 sometimes with pyjamas on, sometimes naked on this
3 kitchen floor.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. There was also a time where a babysitter got into the
6 bed and the bed was wet, and she reported it back to the
7 Campbells, so that didn't go down too well.

8 The other big memory I have is wetting the bed but
9 hiding sheets under all the washing, but there would be
10 times where I couldn't not wear the pyjamas that I'd wet
11 the night before, and we'd be sitting in the living room
12 and I'd have to try and sit away from everyone because
13 I could smell it, and I would just -- oh, the hope that
14 I'd get away with being able to go back to bed. And
15 sometimes it would also be a wet bed I would be going
16 back into.

17 Q. Okay.

18 You say in this paragraph that you were referred to
19 a child psychologist, and you think that was to do with
20 your behaviour and about wetting the bed.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And I think this is something that you've learned from
23 your notes; is that right?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Okay.

1 Now, I wonder if we can look at something in the
2 records in relation to this. It's at CFS-000011320, and
3 at page 28.

4 We see this is a foster home review from 3 March
5 1980, and we can see that the people present are
6 Mrs Campbell, Mr Ingram, who you've mentioned,
7 Mrs Phillips, a Mr Munro and a Mrs Ferguson. Do you
8 know who Mrs Ferguson was?

9 A. I don't know, sorry.

10 Q. No, okay. Or Mr Munro?

11 A. No, I'm sorry.

12 Q. In this first paragraph that we see:

13 "Mrs Campbell said they are having some minor
14 problems with Christopher. He gives the impression that
15 he is not relaxed or settled even after being there for
16 four years. Christopher has said that he is happy with
17 them but Mrs Campbell sometimes feels he would be happy
18 somewhere else. He had said he would like to be in
19 Duncan Place."

20 Can you remember saying that to Mrs Campbell?

21 A. Yes, I do. Very clearly.

22 Q. And did you say that once or more than once?

23 A. More than once.

24 Q. And why did you say that to her?

25 A. Because I wanted to go -- I wanted to get out of there.

1 Q. Okay.

2 It goes on here:

3 "Mrs Campbell had asked him why he wanted to go back
4 there, but Christopher could give her no real reason."
5 And do you remember her asking you, you know, "Why
6 do you want to go back?"

7 A. She didn't ask me that.

8 MS INNES: Okay.

9 LADY SMITH: Just to recap, Duncan Place, of course, was the
10 children's home in Dundee you'd been in briefly; is that
11 correct?

12 A. That's correct, my Lady, yeah.

13 MS INNES: If we just read on in this paragraph, it then
14 says:

15 "Mrs Campbell had told him that she wanted him to be
16 happy and Christopher had taken this as meaning that he
17 could go to Duncan Place. He was very high that day and
18 came running in from school asking if Mrs Campbell had
19 phoned Mrs Ferguson about it."

20 A. (Witness nods).

21 Q. Again, do you have a memory of thinking that you were
22 going back to Duncan Place?

23 A. Absolutely. I thought that this was going to be done,
24 and I remember just asking and she said she would ask
25 the social worker, and just desperate to get the answer.

1 I ran from school.

2 Q. Where were you living at the time, can you remember?

3 A. So if it was 1980, it was probably Auchterhouse, yeah.

4 Q. And what was the answer when you asked?

5 A. I don't think she'd asked them, if I'm not -- I don't
6 know, if I'm perfectly honest. I don't know off the top
7 of my head.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Then it goes on:

10 "Mrs Campbell said that Christopher is always in
11 a dream and she always seems to be on his back about
12 doing the same things. Christopher thinks that
13 Mrs Campbell is fair."

14 Can you remember anyone speaking to you about
15 whether she was fair or not?

16 A. Absolutely not.

17 Q. "Mrs Ferguson said that he seemed to be doing things
18 wrong deliberately."

19 Is that something that you did as a child?

20 A. Absolutely not. I mean, I stole food because I had to
21 eat. I drank, I'd sneak down, I stole packed lunches
22 because I had to eat. I -- you know, I lied because
23 I wanted to protect myself, so ...

24 Q. And then it says:

25 "Sometimes he resents not getting the same food as

1 the other children due to his coeliac disease ..."

2 Just pausing there, is that something that you felt
3 at the time, that you --

4 A. I mean, at school I didn't like the fact that I was
5 having to eat separately, but nothing like that at home.

6 Q. Okay. And then it goes on:

7 "... and might wet the bed that night, although
8 Mrs Campbell always tries to give them the same. On one
9 occasion Mrs Campbell had told him not to wet the bed
10 and the next morning his bed was dry."

11 A. That's not true.

12 Q. So I think you said a moment ago in your evidence that
13 you would be told not to wet the bed --

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. -- that you can remember that happening.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was that more than once?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And then it says:

20 "Mrs Campbell said that sometimes he wets the bed
21 subconsciously. He has been wetting the bed about three
22 or four times a week. Mrs Phillips wondered if this
23 might be for attention."

24 A. It certainly wasn't. It was always in my sleep.

25 Q. So that's the social worker, Mrs Phillips?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, we will come back to that minute in a different
3 context later on, but I wonder if we can move back to
4 your statement, please. If we can move on, please, to
5 page 9 and to the abuse that you say that you
6 experienced when you were at the Campbells'.

7 At paragraph 31 you say that, from the day that you
8 arrived there, you were:

9 "... subjected to systematic, manipulative and cruel
10 behaviour. This included humiliation, isolation and
11 psychological treatment to try to bring [you] into
12 line with their regime."

13 So can you explain what you mean by what you're
14 saying there?

15 A. Yeah. So the first night I was there, I was told to get
16 undressed, and asked to go into another room because
17 I didn't want people to see my bottom, and they were
18 just like, pretty much, "That's not what we do", and
19 started to call me a little girl, and Avril Campbell
20 sort of basically made me wear a girls' -- a pair of
21 girls' -- little girls' pants in front of all the
22 family, so they were all pointing and laughing, just as
23 a way of making sure that I never asked that again.
24 That was just one.

25 Humiliation would be things like there was a time

1 where [REDACTED] had taken two pound notes, or two pound --
2 yeah, it would have been pound notes at the time, and he
3 gave me one of them. Avril obviously had gone
4 absolutely ballistic at this. We were both sent up to
5 the attic room as punishment, and [REDACTED] had said, "Look,
6 no matter what, you can't say anything", and again
7 I couldn't say anything. So when she asked me, I was
8 like, "Didn't do it, didn't do it, didn't do it", and
9 then [REDACTED] went, "Yes, we did it". So [REDACTED] was brought
10 down and given treats and food and they were all made to
11 line up at the bottom of this metal staircase I talked
12 about and shout up about how good the food was and how
13 lovely, and in fact Avril's sister was one of the
14 participants of that.

15 So there was just all that sort of individualised --
16 I suppose in essence sort of separating me from them, to
17 isolate me from the others. So, yeah.

18 Q. Okay.

19 Now, if we go on in your statement, we've already
20 spoken about you going into isolation and having to face
21 the wall. You deal with that at paragraph 32. And then
22 at paragraph 33 and 34 you talk about being hungry, and
23 also, then at paragraph 35, about wetting the bed.

24 Now, if we can move down, please, to paragraph 36,
25 you talk there about being hit.

1 Now, who hit you when you were at the Campbells'?

2 A. Both of them. Both of them. Avril was more kicks and
3 slaps. Dennis was using mostly the belt and the back of
4 his hand or his hand, bare hand on the bare legs or
5 bottom.

6 Q. And you say he used a trouser belt.

7 A. He did, yes.

8 Q. And he would hit you on the bare bottom or the back of
9 your legs.

10 A. That's correct, until we bled, pretty much.

11 Q. So would you be hit once or more than once?

12 A. Oh, more than once.

13 Q. And would you be hit with the buckle end or the leather
14 end.

15 A. Both.

16 Q. Okay. Do you have any sort of sense of how often this
17 was happening?

18 A. It was a lot. It was a lot. I mean, Avril would pull
19 me in pretty much daily for stuff, and she would say to
20 Dennis, "Look what he's done today, Dennis. You know,
21 are you going to let him get away with that, Dennis?
22 What are you going to do about that, Dennis?" So she
23 would really push on him the fact that he had to conduct
24 some sort of punishment.

25 LADY SMITH: What was the belt like?

1 A. It was a trouser belt. It was -- but it had a buckle on
2 the end. I always remember the buckle on the end.

3 LADY SMITH: Do you remember the colour of it?

4 A. I believe it was black, if I remember.

5 LADY SMITH: What was it made of?

6 A. Leather, yes.

7 LADY SMITH: What was the buckle made of?

8 A. Metal.

9 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

10 MS INNES: And you say that you also saw the other children
11 being hit with the belt by Dennis.

12 A. Yes. So there would be nights where Dennis would come
13 home and she would tell Dennis everything that everyone
14 had done, and we would all have to stand in a line and
15 pretty much pants down, over the knee, and then it would
16 be belt until pretty much they cried. I was always
17 last, and I didn't cry initially. I always remember not
18 crying initially. I didn't -- it didn't seem that bad
19 to me, the belting side of it. But then I learnt that
20 if I didn't cry, it would continue, so I learned to
21 pretend to cry, just to -- just to have it stopped.

22 Q. Okay. And would she say to you during the course of the
23 day, "Wait till Dennis comes home"?

24 A. All the time.

25 Q. How did that make you feel?

1 A. Horrendous. The anticipation of Dennis pulling up, and
2 there's times I remember being in bed at night, and
3 because -- especially in Auchterhouse, most of these
4 memories are from Auchterhouse, it was a small village,
5 and there would only be certain cars passing, and
6 basically every time a car -- I would hear it from
7 a distance getting louder and louder, and if it would
8 pass, then I'd have a breath of relief, but also then
9 knowing that the next car that was coming was probably
10 his, and this is a thought process going through my
11 head.

12 And then I remember Dennis's -- I remember the
13 distinct sound of Dennis's car stopping and then
14 reversing into the little driveway thing that we had.
15 And then there was always a few minutes' gap and then
16 the door would open and I would have to go out.

17 Q. Okay.

18 Now, what about Avril? Did she use the belt?

19 A. Yes. Yeah, she used it. She was mostly kicking, and so
20 in the shins, on the arms, punching on the arms, but she
21 did use the belt on a few occasions. I don't remember
22 how many.

23 Q. Okay.

24 Now, again, you know that the Campbells have been
25 spoken to by the Inquiry.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So if Mrs Campbell gives evidence that she thinks she
3 hit you four times with one stroke on each occasion,
4 would that accord with your memory?

5 A. Absolutely not, no.

6 Q. Do you think it was more than that or less than that?

7 A. I wouldn't remember how many times it happened, but
8 there were always a few lashes.

9 Q. Okay. And you say, I think, that she also hit you with
10 her hands as well?

11 A. Oh, absolutely, yeah. And kicks. A lot of kicks.

12 LADY SMITH: Where on your body do you say she kicked you?

13 A. So in the shins, but also -- and so I would fall down
14 and sort of cradle up, and she would kick me in the arms
15 and the back, in the legs and that.

16 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

17 MS INNES: And if we hear evidence from Mr Campbell that he
18 did use the belt maybe on one or two occasions on the
19 backside, does that accord with your recollection?

20 A. Absolutely not.

21 Q. Again, was it more or less than that?

22 A. Lots more.

23 Q. And if we hear evidence from Mrs Campbell that she never
24 saw Mr Campbell using the belt, what's your response to
25 that?

1 A. That's nonsense. She never left the house. She had no
2 transport. She was always the one that instigated the
3 belting from Dennis.

4 Q. Okay.

5 Now, if I can move on a little in your statement
6 again, please, and if we can move to paragraph 39 on
7 page 11, you talk in the middle of that paragraph about
8 being made to eat soap.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Can you tell us about that? What would happen?

11 A. So, basically, myself and [REDACTED] usually, would be made
12 to eat soap for either saying something or doing
13 something or even maybe just saying a bad word, but
14 Avril would -- so [REDACTED] would maybe take two bites out
15 of his, but I was -- I was literally stood over, Avril
16 would be standing over me at the sink, and I would have
17 to eat the whole bar. She would actually make me eat
18 the whole bar, so ...

19 Q. Would that make you sick or --

20 A. Yeah, absolutely.

21 LADY SMITH: Can you tell me anything about the type of soap
22 you say she made you eat?

23 A. All I remember, it was in the bathroom, it was in one of
24 the bathrooms, I think in [REDACTED] mostly this
25 happened. And I believe it may have just been like

1 a soap that was on the -- you know, the dish, the side,
2 so possibly hand soap or something. But I do remember
3 the soap.

4 LADY SMITH: That would be a soap that had already been used
5 then?

6 A. Yeah, pretty much, but there was always -- it was always
7 fresh, if that makes sense.

8 LADY SMITH: Do you remember the colour?

9 A. No. I would -- I'm -- I'm sort of -- thinking back,
10 I would probably say white, but I'm just -- I think I'm
11 just grasping at straws here a wee bit.

12 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

13 MS INNES: At paragraph 40, you go on to talk about
14 something I think you've already mentioned a little bit
15 in your evidence about the other children sometimes
16 doing things, and the other children might gang up on
17 you and blame you.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. I think you talked about that in the context of your
20 evidence about how you felt, every day, the fear of what
21 was going on happen.

22 A. (Witness nods).

23 Q. And that was one of the things that you mentioned.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. I mean, just to -- sorry, if I may just put something
2 into context here: the isolation that that gave you as
3 a child, because it was also the other children then
4 becoming the potential causes of the punishment. So it
5 wasn't only Avril I was scared of, it was then the
6 children, and anybody else, really. But the children
7 were really the -- the pinnacle of -- because, again,
8 you thought as a child you would trust a child, but
9 actually then you grew not to trust the children at all.

10 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

11 MS INNES: Now, if we can move on, please, to page 12 and
12 paragraph 43, you speak there about an occasion when the
13 other children told Avril that you'd said that you
14 wanted to run about naked outside.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you tell us about that, please?

17 A. Yes. And, again, I wasn't privy to a lot of these --
18 these would just go and happen. So Avril had called me
19 into the room and said, "What have you just said?", and
20 I'd be like, "I don't know". It was always a guessing
21 game. And she said, "You said you wanted to go outside
22 naked, didn't you?", and I was like, "No, I didn't say
23 that, I didn't say that, I definitely didn't say that",
24 and she was like, "No, no, that's what you said", and
25 it'd be like, "Either you're a liar or I'm a liar, which

1 one is it?", and I'd be like -- well, I could never say
2 she was a liar, could never ever say she was a liar, so
3 I would have to say it was me. So it would be like,
4 "Okay, so you did say you wanted to go outside naked",
5 and then I was made to strip outside the door and I was
6 thrown out into the snow.

7 Q. How did you know that the other children had said this
8 to Avril?

9 A. I learnt this years later.

10 Q. Okay, so this thing had happened, but you found out
11 years later --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- that the children had said this to her?

14 A. Yeah. I found out later that the kids had said a lot of
15 things that they said they felt guilty for, for many
16 years.

17 Q. Okay. Who told you about that?

18 A. Emma had told me. The sister, the older sister.

19 Q. Okay.

20 If we go on to the next paragraph, please, I think
21 you again talk about being asked things and if you'd
22 done something, and then trying to remember what it was.

23 So I think if we can move on again, please, up to
24 paragraph 46 on page 13, and you talk there about times
25 where you would be dragged out of bed during the night.

1 A. Yeah. So when the kids had gone to bed, sometimes Avril
2 then would come into the bedroom and tell me to get up,
3 and then she would ask me things that I allegedly had
4 said that day or had done.

5 MS INNES: Okay. Then the next --

6 LADY SMITH: Did she do this to the other children?

7 A. No.

8 LADY SMITH: Just you?

9 A. Just myself, yes, my Lady.

10 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

11 MS INNES: Now, if we can move to the bottom of this page,
12 to paragraph 48, you talk about a time that you'd got up
13 during the night to go to the toilet.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. And you were caught. Now, can you just tell us about
16 what happened on that occasion?

17 A. Yeah. So basically I'd either gone directly to the
18 toilet or I'd gone to take a bit of food, so again it
19 was always a chance, so I'd actually -- she'd caught me
20 coming out the bedroom, and she asked me what I was
21 doing. I said, "I'm going to the toilet, I need the
22 toilet", and then she said, "What do you need?", and
23 I said, "A number two", and she said, "Right, okay,
24 well, I'll wait there, I'll wait, you'd better have
25 one". And I was so -- I mean, I was really scared, but

1 I'd gone into the bathroom and I'd actually managed to
2 do one and unfortunately it went under the U-bend, and
3 I was just absolutely petrified. I was petrified
4 because there was nothing to show her. And I remember
5 looking at the -- just panicking, I was just panicking,
6 and just looking at the bottle that was on the -- used
7 to have this divider across the bath that would hold
8 your sponges and soap, and there was a bottle of, like,
9 bleach or Domestos or toilet cleaner or something there,
10 and the last thing I remember from that is looking --
11 opening the bottle, looking -- squeezing the bottle to
12 smell it, and then apparently that's -- that's -- the
13 next thing I remember is being made to drink lots and
14 lots of water.

15 Q. Okay. And then after you drank lots and lots of water,
16 who was making you drink lots and lots of water?

17 A. Avril, yeah.

18 Q. What can you remember happening next?

19 A. I remember being sick, and she was then still forcing me
20 to drink more water. I was being constantly sick and
21 she was still forcing me to drink more and more water.
22 And the next thing -- I mean, again, I don't remember
23 anything through the night, but the next thing I know,
24 I was in hospital.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Now, if we can again look at your records, please, in
3 relation to this at CFS-000011320, and at page 10. If
4 we look at the entry on 29 May 1977, it says:

5 "Sunday at 8 pm. Telephone call from Mrs Campbell
6 to my home. Chris is in hospital. On Saturday evening
7 Mrs Campbell put all the children to their beds and went
8 up later to see how they were. She noticed that Chris,
9 although sleeping, had some of [cut off] blue liquid on
10 his lips. She woke him up and he said he had taken some
11 of the cleansing liquid for the bath. (This is a syrupy
12 kind of mixture.)"

13 So, just pausing there, does that accord or not with
14 your recollection that --

15 A. Absolutely not.

16 Q. Okay.

17 "Mrs Campbell therefore gave him a large amount of
18 water to drink and he was sick. Mr Campbell was not at
19 home and Chris showed no signs of dizziness, slurring of
20 speech, etc, etc. She decided because she had the four
21 other children at home including the baby not to take
22 Chris to hospital. However the next morning Chris was
23 dizzy, his speech was incoherent and he looked just as
24 if he was drunk so Mrs Campbell immediately phoned
25 a friend who drove them straight to hospital. Going out

1 to the car Chris was able to walk but when he arrived at
2 the hospital he had to be carried from the car. He was
3 transferred to Ninewells and was thoroughly examined and
4 put on a drip. The doctors have since stated that
5 thorough examinations have showed that there is no
6 poison at all in his system and they think that he did
7 not actually drink the cleanser."

8 Is that correct, that you didn't drink the --

9 A. I didn't drink it, no. I put it on my lips.

10 Q. "However they just don't know what is causing his
11 condition. Mrs Campbell stayed with him most of the day
12 and he now seems to be in a state of
13 semi-consciousness."

14 And then if we move down, please, to the entry dated
15 30 May 1977, a telephone call to Ward 29, then there's
16 reference to other discussions, a telephone call to
17 Mr Ingram, and then a line starting, "Later telephone
18 call to Dr Waterston, Ward 29". Can you see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. "... at Ninewells. He told me that it was thought that
21 his condition was brought on by the amount of water he
22 was given to drink by Mrs Campbell. He really had water
23 intoxication. However, Dr Waterston took great pains to
24 point out that what Mrs Campbell did, ie give Chris
25 water, was the right thing to do in the circumstances

1 and they could not fault her at all. However it was
2 just one of these things that although could rarely
3 happen [sic]. However, the doctor said that Chris would
4 probably need to be kept in for a couple of days
5 longer ..."

6 Then if we move down to 31 May 1977, there's a home
7 visit to Mrs Campbell:

8 "I explained about my telephone call to Dr Waterston
9 and what he had told me. She said that she too had been
10 told about the water intoxication but she said she found
11 this very hard to believe and she had never [I think it
12 says] heard of this before. She felt that the doctors
13 were withholding some of the [could be 'information'].
14 She told me that the doctor who had been dealing with
15 Chris's coeliac disease called in to see if the two
16 things had been related ..."

17 So that's a discussion there between, I think, the
18 social worker, Mrs Auchterlonie, and Mrs Campbell at the
19 time.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, again, if we go over the page, please, to page 11,
22 this begins with discussion about a letter coming from
23 your mother.

24 A. Mm-hmm.

25 Q. But if we can move down, there are some numbered points

1 where they're listing recent events: the birth of the
2 baby, Chris being put back on a special diet, contact
3 with his own mother, his restlessness and talks to
4 Mrs Campbell about his parents, and finally the actual
5 taking of the liquid.

6 And then it says there:

7 "We discussed all these things thoroughly and
8 I suggested that Chris may have to be re-referred to the
9 child psychiatric unit and I suggested I contact
10 Dr McDonald on an informal basis first of all."

11 The social worker is then saying she would phone the
12 doctor again at Ninewells, but not until she had talked
13 to Chris herself with the plan. So it looks there that
14 Mrs Campbell and the social worker are discussing
15 various recent events, and they describe the "actual
16 taking of the liquid".

17 A. Yeah, which didn't happen.

18 Q. Okay.

19 Then if we go on to the next entry, 2 June 1977,
20 there's reference there to a telephone call from
21 Mrs Campbell:

22 "Chris has now been discharged from hospital and
23 Mrs Campbell has talked to him a great deal ..."

24 Again, pausing there, can you remember, when you
25 came back from the hospital, having discussions with

1 Mrs Campbell about what had happened?

2 A. Absolutely, yes.

3 Q. And what were those sorts of discussions?

4 A. She told me that she knew I was pretending to be
5 sleeping. She says when they put the drip in, she could
6 see my eyes going like this, and that's how she knew
7 I was awake and pretending, and that I should tell the
8 social workers that -- when they ask, that I should tell
9 them that I was totally awake as well, or I was
10 partially awake.

11 Q. Okay.

12 And if we read on here, so she's:

13 "... talked to him a great deal and it would seem
14 from what he is telling her that he knows a lot more
15 about the whole incident than he is letting on, ie he
16 remembers things happening that he shouldn't if he had
17 been semiconscious. He remembers the drip being put in
18 and his ride in the ambulance. When Mrs Campbell asked
19 him why he took the cleanser he said he hadn't actually
20 taken it, he had merely rubbed it on his lips.
21 Mrs Campbell asked why, and Chris burst out crying and
22 everything seemed to come out then. (Things which
23 Mrs Campbell felt he had been bottling up inside him for
24 time.) He told Mrs Campbell that he didn't want to go
25 home and that he wanted to stay with them because he was

1 happy there."

2 Do you have a recollection of that forming part of
3 the discussion --

4 A. 100 per cent not, no.

5 Can I maybe just add one more thing about --

6 LADY SMITH: Yes, do.

7 A. -- if possible? There was a time that I mentioned in
8 [REDACTED] about going home and Avril had packed
9 a bag. She said, "Right, look, is that what you want to
10 do? Is that what you want to do?" I think I was six or
11 seven at the time, and I was like, "Look, definitely,
12 I just want to go home", and she went, "Right" -- and
13 this was after the letter from my mother, and she said,
14 "Right, that's it. Okay, then, if we can't keep you
15 here, we'll let you go", and she packed a suitcase,
16 a little bag, and got me about -- and let me walk about
17 four doors down the street, and then the next thing
18 I know I just felt this hand on my shoulder and was
19 dragged back to the house pretty much screaming.

20 So to stay that I wanted to stay with them -- this
21 was a rehearsed thing given by Avril and Dennis actually
22 over the full term of the foster care.

23 LADY SMITH: How old were you when you were in

24 [REDACTED]?

25 A. So it was the first part of the foster care, so it would

1 have been about six till nine, perhaps.

2 LADY SMITH: So you were young?

3 A. Yes, very.

4 LADY SMITH: Did you have any memory of home --

5 A. Yeah.

6 LADY SMITH: -- with your own parents still?

7 A. Yeah. I doted on my parents. I absolutely loved my

8 parents. I knew my mum was ill. I knew that, even at

9 that age, and I didn't blame them for me having to be

10 away. I just knew she had to get better and that was

11 the -- the thing.

12 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

13 MS INNES: Now, if we continue reading here, just after that

14 section that we've just read, it says:

15 "He said that he had wanted to go into hospital and

16 that was why he took the liquid ..."

17 Is that right?

18 A. No.

19 Q. "... but once he was there he did not like it and wanted

20 to come home to the Campbells. Mrs Campbell asked him

21 if he did it because he knew she would be worried and he

22 didn't say no. Mrs Campbell now feels that whatever the

23 reason he had for doing it, she does not feel that it

24 was because he is unhappy with them. I arranged to talk

25 to Chris on his own tomorrow."

1 And then I think we see, if we just scroll down to
2 the bottom of the page, the next entry on 3 June 1977,
3 a visit. You're back at school. There's reference to
4 talking about the letter from the mother.

5 A. Mm-hmm.

6 Q. Your mother saying that they decided it would do more
7 harm than good keeping it from you, so they decided to
8 give it to you, and then there's reference about you
9 coming home from school:

10 "Chris then came in from school and he immediately
11 asked me how his mother was. I told him that as far as
12 I knew she had been fine. We then talked about the
13 incident although I didn't dwell too long on what had
14 actually happened because he has been questioned about
15 it several times. I asked him if he liked living with
16 the Campbells and he said he was very happy."

17 A. I possibly did say that, but, again, it was completely
18 coerced and probably out of fear.

19 Q. Can you remember speaking to Ms Auchterlonie on your
20 own? I mean, obviously if you were on your way to
21 an appointment, you might be on your own in the car with
22 her.

23 A. Yes, yeah.

24 Q. Did you feel able to talk to her about what was
25 happening?

1 A. I was never able to talk to Morag. Everything I knew
2 that would be said would go back to Avril. I felt they
3 had the relationship more than we did.

4 Q. Okay. And then if we go over the top of the next page,
5 please, page 12, there's reference to the social worker
6 thinking that you were wanting some kind of reassurance
7 that you wouldn't have to go back for a long time.

8 "I therefore made it clear to him that he could stay
9 at the Campbells for as long as he liked. He then
10 started telling me about what he had been doing with the
11 Campbells. I asked him about the Campbell children and
12 he told me he liked having kids to play with and how
13 much he loved his new baby, but he couldn't kiss it."

14 So that would be --

15 A. The little brother, yeah.

16 Q. -- the little brother at the time.

17 "I also asked about his diet and he does enjoy being
18 that bit different from the other kids [it says]. He
19 chatted for a while then excused himself because he
20 wanted to go and play in the park with the other three."

21 And then there's reference there in the next
22 section to:

23 "I again talked to Mrs Campbell and I suggested to
24 her that it was obvious to get some attention when he
25 was with his own mother he had to do something really

1 drastic, and perhaps he felt lately that he was not
2 getting as much attention as before with the baby,
3 et cetera, and so decided to do something about it ..."

4 A. That's not the case.

5 Q. "... or perhaps it was a kind of practical joke which
6 had snowballed so much he couldn't stop it after
7 a while."

8 Is that what happened?

9 A. I was seven years old.

10 Q. "He had seen his mother overdose before and being the
11 centre of attraction [it says] because of them."

12 So the centre of attention, I think is what's meant.

13 A. I know for a fact that my mother didn't do anything in
14 front of me. We spoke at great length about that when
15 I was older.

16 Q. And she says:

17 "I also felt that Chris should have been reassured
18 by me, before all this, of his exact situation with the
19 Campbells and just how permanent it was."

20 So that looks like the social worker thinks that's
21 a potential solution.

22 A. And just to say because that was expressed, the fear of
23 thinking it would never end was horrendous.

24 Q. And then if we can go down on this page to the entry
25 dated 30 June 1977, there's reference there to a home

1 visit, and then in the next paragraph -- so she was
2 taking Mrs Campbell and the kids to Ninewells, she says,
3 and then there's discussion about water intoxication and
4 your diet and suchlike.

5 Then there's a paragraph beginning:

6 "The doctor then talked to Chris on his own and
7 Chris told him he took the liquid because he wanted to
8 come into the hospital and see the doctors again."

9 A. I don't remember that.

10 Q. And then in brackets it says:

11 "(He is a wee lad who would say anything as long as
12 it pleased people and this is why it is difficult to
13 know whether he is in fact always telling the truth)."

14 A. That -- that is absolutely spot on.

15 Q. Okay, and that seems to be the social worker's
16 observation.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, again, if we can leave the records and go back to
19 your statement, please, I'm just going to move on
20 a little, if I can.

21 If we go on to page 15, on that page you talk about
22 a progression, that things got worse at Auchterhouse,
23 you say.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And then when you moved back into Dundee, it got worse

1 again.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is that your recollection of how things developed?

4 A. Yes. I mean, I wasn't at the last place very long, but
5 yeah, I mean, it was daily occurrences. It was -- yeah,
6 nightmare. I don't know if -- one of the instances is
7 where -- and we talk about, you know, game-playing, but
8 one of the instances is where Avril had asked me to go
9 and get a nappy for the -- for one of the newborns, and,
10 please, I've got to get across that I was so desperate
11 to please Avril that if she ever asked me to do
12 anything, it was like a reprieve, it was just like
13 I want to do -- I want to do the best for you.

14 I remember going into the bedroom and getting
15 a nappy and running through with it to say, "I haven't
16 messed up, I've done this job for you", and her face was
17 like thunder, and I immediately knew something was
18 wrong, and I turned around and Dennis Campbell was
19 behind me shaking his head, and she went, "You saw him,
20 didn't you?", and I went, "What?" She went, "You saw
21 him". And they'd actually placed some money at the side
22 of the nappy, and Dennis was hiding in the wardrobe to
23 see me steal the money, and because I didn't take it,
24 I was punished as if I'd seen him because I then messed
25 up their plan.

1 Q. Okay.

2 If we go on, please, to page 16, you talk about the
3 time that you were removed -- there came a time when you
4 were removed from the Campbells, and then at
5 paragraph 58 you mention that, in the records, there's
6 reference to you having scabies and ingrown toenails at
7 the time that you moved.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And I wonder again if we can go back to the records,
10 please, CFS-000011320 and page 27. If we scroll down,
11 please, to 2 March 1981, and there's the:

12 "Visit to Roineach Mhor. Was informed by
13 Mrs Jenkins that Christopher had settled in well. She
14 also mentioned that Avril and Dennis had been up to
15 visit Chris at the weekend with their son. At Chris's
16 medical examination it was discovered that Christopher
17 had scabies on his bottom but this was being treated.
18 His toenails were also excessively long and Mrs Jenkins
19 was of the opinion that Chris has been somewhat
20 neglected in the past months."

21 And then there's reference to the dietician from
22 Ninewells visiting to provide them with the diet sheet.

23 Can you remember yourself feeling that you'd been
24 neglected or that you weren't being looked after?

25 A. I -- right at the end, I think I'd totally given up sort

1 of being cared for, if that makes sense. I knew I was
2 going. That was the only thing that was on my mind.
3 So, in essence, I was totally detaching myself from the
4 family at that stage. I'd even actually, in the last
5 few weeks of being there, or even in the last couple of
6 weeks at the last house, saw myself taking a train --
7 stealing a train, and I actually climbed the fence into
8 the train yard and climbed onto a train and pressed all
9 the buttons, and I remember the lights going on in all
10 the carriages behind me, and the next button I pressed
11 the train started, and I ended up jumping off. I got so
12 scared I jumped off. But my vision was to get -- I was
13 so desperate to get away that I saw myself taking the
14 train over the bridge.

15 Q. Okay.

16 Now, at page 16 of your statement and paragraph 59,
17 you talk about not feeling that you were able to tell
18 anyone what was going on, and you've mentioned the
19 social worker, Mrs Auchterlonie, and you talk about her
20 at paragraph 60. You say that she did ask you how
21 things were, but either Mrs Campbell was there or
22 I think you said in your evidence earlier you felt that
23 whatever you said would go back to Mrs Campbell.

24 A. Yes. I was also prepared to say to Mrs -- well, to any
25 of the social workers that I was happy, that I was

1 desperately sorry for what I had done, it was all
2 because I loved them and I didn't want to go anywhere.
3 That was always the thing that was fed into me on any
4 visits or before any visits.

5 Q. If we go over the page to page 17 and paragraph 61, you
6 talk there about some neighbours at the first house that
7 you lived in.

8 A. Yeah, [REDACTED].

9 Q. Did you tell them what was going on or --

10 A. I don't know. I just remember going -- and it's really
11 weird, because I've sort of thought about it, but
12 I remember going and knocking on their door a lot. That
13 was a safe place for me. But I would always kneel,
14 and -- so they had the window that would face the
15 Campbells' house, and obviously the back windows would
16 face the back garden -- wherever possible so to not get
17 seen in that house, I would always crawl on my knees
18 around their home, and I tried to recollect what I would
19 have said to them to get into their home all those times
20 and I just -- I don't remember.

21 Q. You say that they were older.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. They didn't have children of their own at home?

24 A. Uh-huh, that's correct, yeah, they were elderly people.
25 They were lovely people.

1 Q. Okay.

2 Then you talk about something that Emma's told you.

3 So if we move on, please, to paragraph 62, you say that

4 you've seen a questionnaire that you completed.

5 A. That's correct, yes.

6 Q. And what did you say in the questionnaire?

7 A. Some of the things that I didn't like, or, "Say

8 something that you don't like", and I put something

9 like, "A good hiding". That was what Avril would call

10 the beatings, "You need to give him a good hiding", or,

11 "He's going to get a good hiding". So that was one of

12 the things that I put in the record.

13 Q. Okay.

14 Then at paragraph 63, you talk about something that

15 you've mentioned and we've seen happened at

16 Auchterhouse, that you were asking to go back to

17 Duncan Place.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you say that when you went back to Dundee again, you

20 said that you thought you should try it again.

21 A. (Witness nods).

22 Q. And you told a social worker --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- that you wanted to go back.

25 A. On the visit.

1 Q. And you say that you think this social worker was
2 a Joyce Carrie.

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And were you moved after you spoke to her?

5 A. Not long after, I believe, yeah.

6 Q. Okay. And you also say at paragraph 64 that, around the
7 same time, Mr Ingram was there, and you think that he
8 picked up on issues.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Were you conscious of him at the time or is that
11 an impression that you've formed from reading your
12 records?

13 A. Yes, definitely the impression from the wording of his
14 notes.

15 Q. From the records.

16 A. I don't think I ever met Mr Ingram.

17 Q. Okay.

18 At paragraph 65 you say that Joyce Carrie asked you
19 why you wanted to leave and you just said that you
20 didn't know.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But just that you wanted to leave.

23 A. I'd been planning doing this for weeks and weeks and
24 weeks, and I never had the -- I suppose the strength to
25 do it, and I think I just got to the stage I was just so

1 desperate it literally just fell out my mouth, "I want
2 to leave, I want to go back to Duncan Place".

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I knew I was going to get punished for it, but
5 it blurted out. Thankfully.

6 MS INNES: Okay.

7 Now, Christopher, we normally take a break in the
8 middle of the morning, so I wonder if now might be
9 a good time, my Lady.

10 LADY SMITH: Would that work for you, Christopher, if we
11 took a break now?

12 A. Yeah. I mean, I'm happy to go, but yeah, I'm happy to
13 do whatever, honestly.

14 LADY SMITH: I think we'll do that.

15 A. Okay.

16 LADY SMITH: You've been giving evidence for an hour and
17 a half now.

18 A. Okay. Thank you, my Lady.

19 LADY SMITH: We'll give you a break, and then after
20 a quarter of an hour or so, we'll start again.

21 A. Thank you.

22 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

23 (11.31 am)

24 (A short break)

25 (11.50 am)

1 LADY SMITH: Christopher, are you ready for us to continue?

2 A. I am indeed.

3 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

4 I just noticed something else. You were referred to

5 in the records as "Chris" and I'm calling you

6 "Christopher".

7 A. Yeah, that's only when I was in trouble, so Chris is

8 good.

9 LADY SMITH: I realised I may have got it wrong.

10 A. No, it's okay.

11 LADY SMITH: Well, Chris, if you're ready, I'll pass you

12 over to Ms Innes. Sorry.

13 A. Thank you.

14 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

15 Now, if we can move back to the records again and

16 look to a document that we looked at earlier, it's at

17 CFS-000011320, and first of all page 28.

18 If we can just remind ourselves that this is

19 a foster home review on 3 March 1980, and if we go on,

20 please, to page 29, and if we go down to the

21 paragraph beginning:

22 "Christopher seems to be very much an actor ..."

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. So you'll see that there:

25 "Christopher seems to be very much an actor when he

1 participates in things which are going on. He always
2 says what people want to hear and never seems to be
3 relaxed enough to say what he thinks or to show his
4 feelings spontaneously."

5 I think that's consistent with something we saw in
6 the records earlier about you saying what you thought
7 people wanted you to say.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And is that what you felt, that you couldn't -- that you
10 weren't relaxed enough to say what you thought or show
11 your feelings?

12 A. Always on edge. If you said the wrong thing, even once,
13 it was -- yeah, it was back to punishments.

14 Q. Okay.

15 And in the next paragraph, it says:

16 "Christopher loves the church and this gives him
17 a chance to shine because he has a lovely singing voice.
18 He is given a lot of praise from the Congregation and
19 this makes him feel good. He was thrilled at being
20 baptised."

21 Does that reflect how you remember it?

22 A. I did have a good voice. I sound like a trapped boy
23 now, unfortunately, when I sing. But, yeah, I mean, we
24 were pretty much made to sing. We were made to play the
25 piano. We were made to dance. So it was all about

1 a performance from the Campbells, I suppose, external --
2 how people viewed them, that was all that was important
3 to them.

4 LADY SMITH: I'm just thinking, Chris, how difficult it is
5 to imagine a child not reacting positively if they're
6 praised for doing something well.

7 A. Yes. Yeah, and -- yeah, yeah, absolutely, and it was
8 always: is it okay to be okay about it?

9 LADY SMITH: Yes, I can see that. Thank you.

10 A. Thank you.

11 LADY SMITH: Ms Innes.

12 MS INNES: Then it goes on to say:

13 "Mrs Campbell gets visitors from the church and
14 Mr Ingram wondered if a bishop might have some effect in
15 talking to Christopher."

16 And then I think if we go on to the next page and to
17 the conclusions:

18 "Mrs Campbell will get a bishop from the church to
19 talk to Christopher."

20 Now, can you remember any bishop from the church
21 ever speaking to you about how things were at home?

22 A. Yes, Dennis Campbell. He was the bishop.

23 Q. Okay. Were there any other bishops in the church in
24 Dundee, as far as you were aware?

25 A. Not that I remember. I just remember -- I mean, perhaps

1 Dennis did take a step down, but I wouldn't have
2 remembered who was -- he was always the pinnacle, he was
3 always the person that was revered in that particular
4 building, so ...

5 Q. Okay.

6 Can you remember any other sort of senior figure in
7 the church speaking to you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Would you have felt able to approach a senior person in
10 the church or an adult in the church to talk about what
11 was happening at home?

12 A. Definitely not. Again, these -- putting people to
13 bishops is always about reverting -- or bringing them
14 back into line for the church, but more so because
15 Dennis and Avril were so revered in the church, they are
16 probably one of the biggest families, they're
17 an original sort of Mormon family, if that makes sense,
18 so they are revered, they're looked upon as, you know,
19 sincere, good Mormons. They are very good Mormons. So
20 if anything had ever been said, it would have always got
21 back to Dennis and Avril. Even if it had been said
22 outside the church to another Mormon, it would have gone
23 back to Avril and Dennis.

24 Q. Okay. And you're talking about your specific
25 circumstances; do you have any reflections on, you know,

1 whether the church should have had somebody that you
2 could approach?

3 A. There should have always been a safeguarding adult in
4 the church. There never was. The protection of the
5 church is the ultimate thing for them, and anything that
6 shows them in a bad light is -- you're either brought
7 into line or you're actually dismissed from the church,
8 you're excommunicated.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Now, if I can move on from this to page 24 of this
11 document, and this is looking at the lead-up to you
12 moving from the Campbells, we have an entry dated
13 31 January 1981 where there's a psychiatric outpatient
14 appointment:

15 "Dr Morton spent some time talking to Avril,
16 Christopher and myself. Avril outlined to Dr Morton the
17 difficulties they had been having with Christopher.
18 This included his constant lying, his petty thieving,
19 especially of money, his laziness at home and the
20 school. Christopher showed very little emotion when
21 Avril was recounting this to Dr Morton and when
22 Dr Morton asked for his side of the story Christopher
23 said that he was in complete agreement with what Avril
24 had said. Avril also apologised to Dr Morton for the
25 fact that she seemed to be telling tales on Christopher

1 and tried to explain to him that the only reason that
2 she had sought his help was the fact that she was so
3 worried and concerned about him."

4 Can you remember going to see Dr Morton with
5 Mrs Campbell or --

6 A. I don't, if I'm perfectly honest.

7 Q. And then it goes on to say:

8 "Dr Morton asked to speak to Christopher alone and
9 the interview lasted for about 15 minutes. Afterwards,
10 Dr Morton and myself discussed the case. He told me
11 that he felt Christopher was desperately unhappy.
12 Christopher had apparently told him that he was having
13 bad dreams at night and was always thinking about his
14 mother. His opinion was that Avril was down on the boy
15 too much and was making mountains out of molehills as
16 far as his behaviour was concerned. I reminded
17 Dr Morton that the Campbells had been fostering
18 Christopher for the past five years and for the past two
19 to three years they had put up with a lot from
20 Christopher and that they had gone to great lengths to
21 try to work out his problems with him. Dr Morton's
22 opinion is that the fostering situation is breaking down
23 and that I should seek advice from senior social workers
24 about alternative placements for Christopher. He also
25 advised that Avril should not be informed of these

1 proposed discussions."

2 And then there was an arrangement in respect of play
3 therapy.

4 "On the way home in the car Avril and Christopher
5 were both very subdued and did not say very much.

6 I arranged to visit Avril the following week at home."

7 And that's signed by J Carrie, who was your social
8 worker.

9 A. Joyce Carrie, yes.

10 Q. I think in fact we see that the next entry is 3 February
11 1981, where there's a phone call from Avril:

12 "She told me that she and Dennis had had a long
13 discussion over the weekend and had decided that it
14 would be in Christopher's best interests for him to be
15 removed from their home. She felt that they had nothing
16 left to offer him ..."

17 And we know that you were then removed on
18 27 February.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So I think that's the lead-up there to you being removed
21 from the Campbells'.

22 A. That's -- yeah.

23 Q. Okay.

24 Now, I'd like to move on and back into your
25 statement and to something else on page 34. You talk

1 there about reporting what happened to you when you were
2 with the Campbells and, in particular, reporting to the
3 police, I think, in paragraph 139.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. When did you first make a report to the police in
6 relation to what had happened?

7 A. It was in 1997. I was living in Bristol and I'd seen
8 a newspaper report about two police officers who were
9 Mormons who had been either physically or sexually
10 abusing their child, and it was the first time that
11 I thought that actually somebody could actually be doing
12 this. We were always taught that it was our fault, it
13 was us, and that, you know, who would they believe?
14 They would never believe -- "Would they believe us or
15 would they believe you?", would be the thing that would
16 be put to you all the time.

17 So to actually read that somebody had actually
18 spoken out and actually I realised that they could
19 actually do this was a big thing, and that's when
20 I first spoke to the police in 1997, after I'd read that
21 article.

22 Q. Okay.

23 So you knew that you could speak out about it; did
24 you have any other motivation in going to the police at
25 that time?

1 A. No, none.

2 Q. Okay.

3 Do you know what happened after you gave the
4 statement to the police?

5 A. I didn't hear from them again.

6 Q. Okay.

7 You say at the end of paragraph 139 that you
8 understand that there was no corroboration so the case
9 wasn't taken any further.

10 A. That's what I understood at the time, but I've been told
11 otherwise.

12 Q. So when you say you've been told otherwise --

13 A. Again, through -- Emma had said that she had actually
14 corroborated the story when she was interviewed by the
15 police in 1997.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. And yet it was sort of played down.

18 Q. Okay. So you understand that the police spoke to Emma
19 then as well --

20 A. And the rest of the family, yes.

21 Q. You think that there was some corroboration, but the
22 police -- but it didn't go any further, is your
23 understanding?

24 A. Didn't go any further, yes.

25 Q. Okay.

1 Did there come a time when you reported again or
2 tried to contact the police again?

3 A. So that was not long after Dennis Campbell had contacted
4 me, totally -- I was -- yeah, it was totally by
5 surprise. He'd left a voicemail on my phone saying that
6 he'd been round all the children, he was reflecting on
7 his past and that he wanted the opportunity to -- to
8 speak to myself as well. So we did have a meeting. I'd
9 actually agreed to have this meeting.

10 Just previous to that, I'd met Emma at the Dundee
11 Refugee Support, where I was one of the founder members,
12 and the first time I'd seen Emma since I'd been in care.
13 We got chatting, obviously, and then we met all the
14 other children, and we had what I call a survivors'
15 huddle in this café, and we were just all talking about
16 the things that used to happen. So it was sort of
17 acknowledgement in that respect.

18 But then, out of the blue, Dennis made this phone
19 call, and we had a meeting where Dennis was supposedly
20 coming to apologise, as he'd done with all his other
21 children, and it sort of turned around back to my
22 behaviour and it was me and it was my fault and nobody
23 loved me more than them sort of thing. So it was very
24 distressing, the meeting. I thought it was going to be
25 put to bed once and for all.

1 I contacted Dundee Social Services, first of all,
2 and spoke to a lady called Pat Page, who unfortunately
3 has passed away now. She was a lovely lady. She was in
4 charge of, I believe, social work. She did the policies
5 for Dundee City Council social work, and she said it was
6 very unusual for -- because the question I had of her
7 was: is it right for an ex foster parent to be
8 contacting an ex foster child without some sort of
9 permission or -- and then she asked me what had
10 happened. I told her, and that's when she advised me to
11 go to the police.

12 Q. If we just go back to the meeting for a moment, if we
13 hear evidence from Mr Campbell that he set out to say
14 that if any of the children, including you, had
15 a problem with the way that they'd been brought up, then
16 he would apologise for that, is that the sort of context
17 in which the meeting took place or not?

18 A. That was the arranged proviso of the meeting, that he
19 was going round to basically get, I suppose, a pat on
20 the back from his children to say, "Look, I've gone
21 through this, I've thought about all this, my behaviour
22 obviously wasn't correct and I -- you know, I want to
23 make amends moving forward", and that's what I thought
24 the meeting was going to be about. I thought it was
25 going to be he was going to acknowledge what had

1 happened and he was going to apologise on behalf of him
2 and his wife, and he didn't.

3 Q. Okay. And if we hear evidence from him that you said to
4 him that you didn't have a problem with him, that you
5 had a problem with Mrs Campbell, is that correct?

6 A. I said that he was less of the two. Avril was the real
7 instigator for me. She was the real evil one as far as
8 I was concerned. And for me, he was just her enforcer.
9 So, I mean, out of the two, I said he was definitely the
10 better one, and I possibly did sort of appease him
11 a little way, and to say -- and, you know, I'll sit here
12 and I'll be totally honest: Dennis for me wasn't -- he
13 wasn't inherently ... evil, as such. He was pretty much
14 told what he was -- had to do. Avril was the one that
15 would make up the games, Avril was the one that would
16 drag me out of bed, Avril would be the one that said,
17 "Dennis, you need to sort this out, what -- are you
18 going to let him speak to us like this, Dennis? What
19 are you going to do about it, Dennis?"

20 So, in essence, before that meeting, I still had it
21 in my head that Dennis was a tool being used by Avril to
22 dish out physical punishments.

23 Q. Okay.

24 So you said that you had this meeting with Pat Page
25 and you then contacted the police again.

1 A. (Witness nods).

2 Q. And did you give another statement at that time?

3 A. Yes. So Pat actually arranged the meeting. We went
4 down to Dundee City Council's offices, Pat's offices,
5 and the police then took a statement from me, yeah.

6 Q. And we know that there were then criminal proceedings
7 against the Campbells.

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. And there was a trial earlier this year in Dundee
10 Sheriff Court.

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Now, if we think about the period before the trial, so
13 after you gave your statement --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. -- and in the run-up to the trial, how did you feel that
16 that went? Were you kept informed as to what was going
17 on? Did you know what was happening?

18 A. So we were given -- at the end of that first statement,
19 I said, "Do you think there's anything criminal there?",
20 and they said, "Absolutely, and it will be followed up".
21 So we were told that they had been arrested, we were
22 told that there'd been a no-comment interview and that
23 it would be going to trial, but then everything went
24 silent. The police that were meant to be coming and
25 taking statements were not coming and taking statements.

1 We ended up speaking to Claire Soper, I believe, from
2 Scottish Government a few times to say, "Guys, could you
3 please help us because we're not getting any information
4 from the police, they're not -- we're not hearing from
5 them, we're not -- we don't know what's going on".

6 Claire Soper I believe spoke to the police
7 Operation Forseti, who then engaged back with Dundee
8 Police, and through Dundee Police, again we just felt
9 frustrated at their lack of information. We invited
10 them back to the office -- to my office, sorry -- and
11 they were just saying, "Look, there's a lot of issues
12 with this, it's very complex, lah, lah, lah, we're doing
13 what we can, people might not want to speak to us", and
14 I thought: isn't this meant to be a criminal
15 investigation? It's not -- and so we put our trust in
16 them, but we didn't feel that there was any decent
17 communication.

18 We ended up speaking to Claire Soper, I believe, two
19 or three different times to try and get us the help, to
20 say this really needs to be taken seriously and for us
21 to be spoken to and communicated with.

22 LADY SMITH: Chris, what role was Claire Soper performing?

23 A. I believe at the time she may have been one of the
24 children's ministers, I believe.

25 LADY SMITH: I don't think she's a minister; I think she's

1 a civil servant.

2 A. Oh, no, a civil servant, yeah. So I think it was before
3 her role at the redress scheme, which, again, I'm not
4 exactly sure -- but I know she had something to do with
5 the minister's office who was dealing with children or
6 one of the children ministers, I believe.

7 LADY SMITH: I'm just not working out how she fitted in.
8 You have the police, obviously.

9 A. Yes.

10 LADY SMITH: And you've got -- well, it should be simply the
11 police who are liaising with you.

12 A. Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: Perhaps different groups within the police.

14 A. Yeah, I think --

15 LADY SMITH: But I don't understand her to have been with
16 the police at that time.

17 A. No, absolutely not. I think we contacted the children's
18 minister, perhaps, and then we were given her name to
19 speak to, and she was incredibly kind. She was really,
20 really understanding, open, and quite disgusted,
21 actually, at the performance of what was happening.

22 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

23 A. Thank you.

24 MS INNES: So there then came a time where the case went to
25 court, effectively.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So, again, before the trial, you know that the trial is
3 going to be coming up at some point. At that point,
4 were you liaising with any other -- with the Procurator
5 Fiscal, for example, or the case preparer?

6 A. No. So the case preparer, Jackie Finlay, who was again
7 really nice to us, we were providing information to the
8 police that was actually not given to the case preparer.
9 So there was things like screenshots, there was
10 different -- I think there was photographs, stuff like
11 this, that when I'd asked Jackie, the case preparer, had
12 she seen these screenshots, she said, "We've never seen
13 them", and the police had to then come again and take
14 the screenshots and have her sign them, and apparently
15 they'd got lost in Perth because the foster brother had
16 made a complaint against one of the officers, and there
17 was an external force now dealing with that complaint,
18 and I believe that the screenshots went to them.

19 LADY SMITH: What were they screenshots of?

20 A. They were screenshots of the Campbell children saying
21 that, "Dad has arranged this meeting, Chris deserves
22 an apology more than any of us". There was another one
23 from the sister, the foster sister, saying that, "This
24 foster placement wasn't good for you, I remember being
25 in my cot, I remember being scared to come out of my

1 cot". I mean, really important screenshots that were
2 sent directly to myself.

3 There was also screenshots from the family that were
4 just -- for the Campbell family, as in the kids, saying
5 about Emma and how much that dad had -- you know, "Mum
6 would never succumb to this apology. She was -- you
7 know, to break her down, we wouldn't be able to build
8 her back up, and I'm not going to force dad to" -- so
9 there was so many parts of this to say, "Look, this
10 really happened". But the children -- some of the
11 children have obviously gone back to their parents'
12 side, which is totally -- I mean, it's family. But
13 there was real strong evidence that this had happened
14 and -- yeah, so they --

15 LADY SMITH: From what you say, these screenshots were of
16 what had been written; is that right?

17 A. (Witness nods). They'd actually -- they were messages
18 being sent via social media and they'd been
19 screengrabbed, yes.

20 LADY SMITH: I wondered what the medium was.

21 A. Yes.

22 LADY SMITH: So social media to you?

23 A. So some to me and some internal private ones to Emma,
24 which she had shared.

25 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

1 A. Thank you.

2 MS INNES: And then the trial came. Were there some delays
3 in the trial actually starting?

4 A. Yeah, of course. I mean, obviously Covid hit, so it was
5 delayed, delayed, delayed, delayed, and then obviously
6 we eventually got our -- our date.

7 Q. Okay. And did you know what the Campbells had been
8 charged with?

9 A. I believe it was assault and I believe it was neglect.
10 That was all I knew.

11 Q. So you didn't know the detail of the charges?

12 A. No.

13 Q. No, okay.

14 So the trial then started, and I assume you gave
15 evidence at the trial?

16 A. Yeah. Well, it was very difficult to do that, but yes.

17 Q. Okay.

18 Now, how did you find the process of actually giving
19 your evidence at the trial?

20 A. It was absolutely harrowing. It was soul-destroying.
21 It was triggering. Everything that you imagine as
22 somebody with PTSD could imagine going wrong, it went
23 wrong. We had a new Procurator Fiscal two days,
24 I think, or a day before, maybe two days before the
25 trial due to the previous fiscal catching Covid. We

1 were assured that she was up to date with the case, that
2 she was prepared, she'd been to a couple of the
3 pre-hearings. We got five minutes with her before the
4 trial, that was it, and all she said was, "I'm going to
5 lead you, don't worry, I know the case inside out and
6 I'm going to make sure that, you know, you get your
7 story out". She warned me not to rattle off and go on
8 tangents. She said she would stop me, which was fine.
9 And that was that. And then we were obviously in front
10 of the jury, who were all on screens, of course, at that
11 time as well.

12 Q. The jury were on screens?

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 Q. Yes, they weren't in the courtroom.

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. But you gave evidence in the courtroom?

17 A. I gave evidence in the courtroom, yes.

18 Q. Okay.

19 And when you were actually giving your evidence, you
20 said that it was triggering and --

21 A. Very much so.

22 Q. Can you tell us a little bit more about that?

23 A. Of course.

24 Q. What were the difficulties?

25 A. So immediately I recognised that the Procurator Fiscal

1 wasn't prepared. She was asking -- I mean, the first
2 question I believe she asked was, "Tell me about your
3 time at the Campbells", and I was like, "Where do
4 I start? Where do you want me to start? Tell me what
5 you want from me?" And I just completely sort of shut
6 down. In between her asking questions and giving
7 answers, the case was stopped several times on legal
8 points, so the jury had to go, we had to leave. She
9 lost, I think, every single legal argument. She was
10 fluffing through her notes, so she was asking a question
11 and then going through notes, and there would be, like,
12 really uncomfortable pauses. I felt uncomfortable for
13 her. But she -- she didn't seem credible at all. She
14 didn't seem prepared or ready, and that was the big
15 trigger. It was like you're asking me certain
16 questions, you're stopping me from answering some of
17 those questions, you are ill-prepared for this trial.

18 And the other things that were really bad was
19 initially she put one of the screenshots up on the
20 screen, and then a legal point came -- or a legal
21 challenge came up, sorry, so again we were taken out the
22 room, and it had gone, and I was never shown any of the
23 screenshots again, and yet I understand that she asked
24 the defence witness, who was the brother, who was
25 already on bail for harassing Emma and trying to get her

1 to stop the trial or to stop her speaking at the trial,
2 was asked questions about those screenshots. So there
3 was that.

4 The other thing was the preparation screenshot from
5 the brother to say, "This is what dad's doing with Chris
6 today, just all remember he deserves this apology more
7 than any of us", that wasn't shown, but yet they played
8 the voicemail message, just the voicemail message from
9 Dennis to say, "It's been a long time, ra, ra, ra", and
10 nothing else. There was no context or no lead. So the
11 jury didn't get to see or hear the story of what went
12 on. Unlike today. I mean, today is a lot more open
13 than ...

14 Q. You say you were stopped from answering certain things.

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. Was that when there were legal challenges or was that in
17 other contexts?

18 A. Both. So the prosecutor would say, "You can't talk
19 about that just now", or, "That's not what I've asked
20 you". Then there would be legal challenges, so yes, we
21 would be stopped then.

22 Q. How did you feel about that process of a legal challenge
23 happening and then being put out of the room and coming
24 back in?

25 A. Well, I understood that, but I thought that the things

1 that they had possibly discussed would have all been
2 done and agreed in the pre-trials. This was meant to
3 have all been resolved and it -- what was there on the
4 day was meant to be there on the day, and for there to
5 be challenges -- yeah, it was quite -- it was quite
6 difficult. It was quite -- it was scary.

7 And I remember thinking, "Please just ask me
8 something, please just say something to me that I can
9 answer that will give you an idea of what went on". She
10 asked things like, "What were mealtimes like? Was there
11 organised mealtimes?" And it was just -- where do you
12 go with that? I mean, how do you answer that and get to
13 tell your story of what happened and get the jury to
14 understand what happened?

15 So there was no opportunity to give the jury the
16 idea of how bad it was or how, I suppose, manipulative
17 it was, how -- you know, it was just horrendous.

18 Yeah, so ...

19 Q. So that was when the prosecutor was asking you
20 questions. And what about cross-examination? How did
21 you feel during that period of your questioning?

22 A. Well, yeah. So the prosecution actually folded on the
23 first day, and I was in an absolute panic. So I stayed
24 behind for 10, 15 minutes in the witness room, hoping
25 that she was going to come in and see me, and I had

1 a whole list of things, "Why have you not asked this?
2 Why have you not asked this? Why are we not allowed to
3 show these screenshots? Why are we not allowed to do
4 this?" And I phoned Jackie, the case preparer in
5 Glasgow, and I said, "Jackie, I really need to speak to
6 you", and she said, "Is this about evidence?", and
7 I said yes, and she said, "I can't talk to you, we're
8 not allowed to talk to you".

9 So the next morning we had the incident, and I'm
10 sure you'll hear about it at some stage, but we had the
11 incident with the annex, and then I moved straight into
12 the defence, and the defence, for me, were actually more
13 beneficial to the case than the prosecution were.
14 That's how I felt.

15 Q. What was it about that time of your evidence that made
16 you feel that?

17 A. Well, they asked clear and concise questions. They
18 asked me to read things. They were never challenged,
19 also, by the Procurator Fiscal. None of them were
20 challenged. I think one thing was challenged that he'd
21 asked me to read. So, again, there was no fight, there
22 was no, "Well, actually, this part of the notes say
23 this, but actually just on two paragraphs below, there's
24 is also something that would contradict that". That was
25 never there. But, in essence, the procurator -- the

1 defence, sorry, did ask us clear and concise questions
2 and things like, you know, "Do you feel it was normal
3 chastisement or do you feel like anybody" -- the big
4 thing about the belting was they were saying, "It was
5 a 1970s thing, it was an 1980s thing, every child got
6 the belt, don't you see that was normal, don't you
7 believe that was normal?" But the prosecutors had
8 really focused the case on the physical side of the --
9 the treatment, and they'd said that they'd gone up to
10 all these QCs, everyone's prepared it, it's that serious
11 that we believe that it has to be in front of a jury,
12 the evidence is watertight, and then they admit it, so
13 the -- Avril and Dennis both admitted using the belt, so
14 with that strong evidence that the prosecution had, the
15 two defendants actually saying, "Yes, we actually belted
16 the child", and then to lose on the reasonable
17 chastisement issue was just -- it was absolutely --
18 I couldn't -- I couldn't fathom it.

19 LADY SMITH: After you'd been questioned by the defence,
20 which you obviously remember clearly --

21 A. Yes.

22 LADY SMITH: -- did the Procurator Fiscal ask questions
23 again?

24 A. Hardly any. I think one question, and it was on the --
25 the scabies part. So about me having scabies and

1 being -- but that was the only thing she challenged.
2 Because I think in one of the notes in my last few weeks
3 at the Campbells', there's a report from the doctor to
4 say actually I was of normal weight and I was this, but
5 that was a report from the social work department from
6 what Avril had told her. So this was an actual external
7 exam, and the Procurator Fiscal didn't ask that
8 question. She didn't show and didn't say, "But look,
9 here's a report from that later on". So I think the
10 only thing she stood up against was about the financial
11 aspect of me being accused of being a money-grabber.

12 MS INNES: So were you being challenged along the lines of
13 you were doing this for compensation?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What was your response to that?

16 A. Absolutely not. I mean, I've got a successful business.
17 You know, money's not important to me.

18 Q. Okay.

19 So you told us about your evidence, and then we
20 understand that other people gave evidence. I think
21 Emma gave evidence, and we'll hear from her shortly.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And did the Campbells themselves give evidence?

24 A. They did. Very surprisingly, yes.

25 Q. And ultimately, what was the outcome of the trial?

1 A. So on my side I got -- they got a not guilty for Dennis
2 for the physical side. I think it was thrown out for
3 the abuse side, for the neglect. And Avril got not
4 guilty of the physical, the assaults, and not proven on
5 the neglect side.

6 Q. And how did you feel when the jury gave their verdicts?

7 A. I was horrified. I was horrified. When they actually
8 admitted in the case -- now I know that the papers do
9 ramp up a few things, and they do like a few glory
10 lines, if you want to put it in that respect, they do
11 ramp up the case, but they'd actually quoted Avril as
12 saying, "Yes, I used the belt, I wasn't very good at it
13 but I got better", and Dennis Campbell admitting that
14 he'd used the belt, but it wasn't for eyes rolling or
15 for hyper -- it was for hyperactivity is why he gave us
16 the belt, and for stealing food.

17 So when they'd actually said that and that was -- we
18 just thought they've -- this is it, they've admitted it.
19 Because all the way through this was -- they'd admitted
20 nothing, and for them to actually admit it in court ...
21 And again we had the full faith of the prosecutors on
22 our side that the evidence was strong enough to take it
23 to that level of court proceeding that it was going to
24 be a no-brainer.

25 I mean, I was -- I've got to say, I was quite

1 victorious when I read that they'd said that in the
2 papers, because for me they'd vindicated -- they'd
3 admitted actually assaulting. So it was heartbreaking.
4 LADY SMITH: Did the prosecutors speak to you after the
5 verdicts?
6 A. No. None of them have spoken to us again.
7 LADY SMITH: Not at all?
8 A. Not at all.
9 LADY SMITH: Not at the court?
10 A. No. We have actually in essence spoken -- we've raised
11 concerns with the Procurator Fiscal's office and we're
12 in conversation with them, and potentially we are
13 looking at a -- putting in a formal complaint about the
14 way it was handled.
15 LADY SMITH: Thank you.
16 MS INNES: So were you in court when the verdict was
17 delivered?
18 A. No. I was given it over the phone.
19 Q. You were given that over the phone. Who told you that,
20 then, over the phone?
21 A. Jackie. Jackie Finlay.
22 Q. The case preparer?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Okay. And then after that, have you had a meeting or
25 anything with people in the Procurator Fiscal's office?

1 A. Yes. So obviously we raised a lot of concerns and,
2 yeah, they actually invited us down to a meeting. We
3 asked them to have the transcripts initially, because we
4 weren't sure what was said. We know that there was --
5 we didn't even know what defence witnesses had been
6 called, and now we understand it's [REDACTED], who
7 was the brother, and Paul Clancy from -- an ex Dundee
8 City Council head of family services was speaking on
9 behalf of the Campbells, so --

10 Q. And was Mr Clancy --

11 A. Paul Clancy.

12 Q. -- a friend of the Campbells'?

13 A. A very, very good friend.

14 Q. Is he connected with their church?

15 A. Yes, he is. He was not only the stake president, which
16 is like the big regional manager, if you want to call it
17 that, Dennis had sent him on his first mission, so
18 really, really connected.

19 Q. Okay.

20 So you had asked about transcripts, but then I think
21 you were saying that you were invited to a meeting. Was
22 that in Dundee or was that in Edinburgh?

23 A. That was in Dundee.

24 Q. In Dundee?

25 A. Yeah, and we'd been told that we'd have to pay around

1 about £1,800 to get the transcripts.

2 Q. I see. And who was the meeting with in Dundee?

3 A. It was with Gavin Letford and another lady, I can't

4 remember her name, but she was the -- she was in charge

5 of the sheriffdom, if that's what you call it, of Fife

6 and Dundee. So she was like the --

7 LADY SMITH: The Tayside area?

8 A. Yes, thank you, yes.

9 MS INNES: Okay.

10 LADY SMITH: Who was the sheriff?

11 A. That's a very good question. I'm sorry, my Lady,

12 I can't remember.

13 LADY SMITH: It doesn't matter.

14 A. Yes.

15 MS INNES: Now, I'm just going to turn finally to lessons to

16 be learned, but if we can just stay with that topic at

17 the moment. In terms of lessons to be learned in

18 respect of your experience of the criminal process, of

19 making the report, what sort of lessons should we be

20 learning? I think you've mentioned a couple of things,

21 like you felt that the giving evidence itself, things

22 like the objections or legal challenges should have been

23 dealt with pre-trial.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And maybe you should have been spoken to more.

1 A. Yeah. I mean, I think just from -- I think from minute
2 one, I think the understanding of the complexity of the
3 case, of understanding the complexity of the Mormon
4 religion and how that tied into this case, the strength
5 of conviction and promise to the church was more
6 important than any criminal or any civil proceeding.

7 There was a memo sent out in 2020 by the heads of
8 the Mormon church to every single church in the UK and
9 worldwide to say, "You do not get involved in any
10 criminal cases or any civil cases. If there's any
11 criminal complaints, you phone this hotline, this is the
12 line to our solicitors in the US, in the States, and
13 they will guide the bishops on how to manage the
14 situation". So I think understanding the complexity of
15 how much of a cover-up or a protection wrap around the
16 church would have been in this case should have been
17 identified.

18 I think the -- the prosecution or the PF's office
19 should be a lot more trauma-informed. I don't think
20 they were at all. I'm not even sure if they have
21 a policy in Dundee on being trauma-informed. If so,
22 they would have identified that this wasn't going well.

23 I think constant communication with the victims
24 should be a priority. There was probably gaps of
25 between six and eight months at times where we didn't

1 hear anything.

2 I think that prosecutors, I think, should be --
3 personally for this case, I think that it should have
4 been adjourned again, it shouldn't have been handed to
5 somebody who only had a few days' notice to deal with
6 this case. It was a very complex case. So I think that
7 it should have maybe stayed with the original prosecutor
8 and that should be the person who deals with the case.
9 If it needs to be adjourned, it needs to be adjourned.

10 And I think, in general, that the prosecutors should
11 be allowed to speak to the victims and prepare them for
12 the case, because the defence are allowed to prepare
13 defence -- you know, defence -- I don't know what
14 they're called, witnesses, if you want to call it that.
15 They're allowed to prepare them. They're allowed to
16 tell them, "This might happen, that might happen",
17 whereas as a victim, and especially somebody who is
18 going through trauma, who suffers through trauma and is
19 triggered easily by challenges -- I mean, I was called
20 a -- what was it? Sorry, I'm just going to -- what was
21 it called? A fantasist. I was called a fantasist in
22 the court, I was called a liar in the court, which is
23 all triggering. This is everything that you keep in
24 there and I hold in.

25 So I think that -- yeah, I think there needs to be

1 a lot of changes and the prosecution need to be more
2 aware -- or the Procurator Fiscal's office need to be
3 speaking to trauma victims or abuse victims beforehand
4 and through the trial. I think there has to be a sort
5 of representation for the victim through the trial
6 process, and that's really important.

7 If I'm being perfectly honest, if I was to -- if
8 somebody was to approach me and say, "I'm subject to
9 abuse, I'm going to go to the police", I would probably
10 advise them not to. Although I would -- I mean,
11 I wouldn't, but I think as it stands now, I think this
12 case emulates the difficulties in people approaching
13 authorities, because it takes a hell of a lot of
14 gumption to actually, number one, speak to anybody, and
15 number two, for those people in authority and in law ...
16 they -- yeah, they dropped the ball, big style, and
17 I think if that happens again, or it happens again and
18 again and again, then the whole legal system needs to
19 look at itself and say: maybe we need to have a separate
20 situation or a separate way of dealing with abuse
21 victims.

22 LADY SMITH: Chris, there are many questions I could ask.

23 A. Yes, I'm sorry.

24 LADY SMITH: We'd be here all day if I did. But a couple of
25 things.

1 Were you shown the charges, do you think?

2 A. I think they were read out over the phone by Jackie, but
3 it was just assault over three addresses, that's all
4 I knew, and wilful neglect. That's all we were told.

5 LADY SMITH: Were you told the difference between, for
6 example, a common law charge and a statutory charge?

7 A. No.

8 LADY SMITH: Because one of the charges, as I understand it,
9 was a common law charge and the other was a statutory
10 charge.

11 A. Yeah, we were not.

12 LADY SMITH: Did anybody explain to you professional rules
13 that apply to those who appear in a criminal trial about
14 not discussing evidence with either the complainers, as
15 technically you'd be called, or with their client?

16 A. So, I'm sorry, can I just --

17 LADY SMITH: Did anybody tell you about the professional
18 rules that could explain, for example, why the evidence
19 couldn't be discussed with you between your
20 examination-in-chief by the prosecutor --

21 A. Yeah.

22 LADY SMITH: -- and the cross-examination?

23 A. Not really. Not really.

24 LADY SMITH: You give me the impression that you were left
25 quite in the dark about why things were happening the

1 way they were.

2 A. Yeah.

3 LADY SMITH: Do you think it would have helped if, let's
4 say, for example, the one I've given you is a simple
5 explanation there: there is a professional rule that
6 prohibits anybody appearing, in that case as
7 a prosecutor, talking to a witness when they're in the
8 middle of giving their evidence?

9 A. Yes, and I get that. I think the thing, though, is
10 there should be a preparation of the witness to go
11 through the process, and if there -- you know, at the
12 end of day 1, when that prosecutor said, "I fold", I was
13 literally in my head just going, "What is going on
14 here?" There was nobody to turn to. And I think to be
15 able to say, "There's a problem here", if I'd been able
16 to say, "There's a problem at the end of day 1, can you
17 please just address this issue?"

18 We're not talking about actually talking about
19 evidence as such, but to say, "Look, there's a real
20 concern we have here", we need to have somebody that we
21 can speak to. I mean, to even phone Jackie, the case
22 preparer, and say, "Jackie, I've identified these
23 issues", and she said, "I can't talk to you", so ...

24 LADY SMITH: You mention that you have a memory of being
25 called a liar by the defence lawyer.

1 A. Yes, yes.

2 LADY SMITH: And I'm afraid I have to tell you that's not
3 uncommon in criminal courts.

4 A. I understand, yes.

5 LADY SMITH: But I'm interested in you telling me how you
6 felt when it was put to you --

7 A. Yeah.

8 LADY SMITH: -- that you were a fantasist and a liar.

9 A. Yeah.

10 LADY SMITH: How did that make you feel?

11 A. That made me feel exactly how the Campbells made me
12 feel. That I know came from the Campbells.

13 LADY SMITH: Did you at the time feel that that was also the
14 opinion of the lawyer who was representing them?

15 A. I think he did his job. I don't think anybody that's
16 got a right mind would believe half the things that they
17 were told in normal circumstances, but I understand that
18 was his job and he had to protect his client.

19 LADY SMITH: So you did understand that the source of that
20 assertion to you would have been the accused, the
21 Campbells?

22 A. Yes, absolutely.

23 LADY SMITH: Would it have helped if somebody had talked to
24 you beforehand about the possibility of things being
25 said that would be upsetting and challenging to you?

1 A. I think so, but I think also, when you suffer from
2 something like complex PTSD, the immediate trigger of
3 somebody doing that, the challenge, it takes you right
4 into a dissociative and protective state.

5 LADY SMITH: Yes.

6 A. So that, in essence, makes it difficult, because you are
7 then not with -- you've lost all trust, you've lost
8 all -- you know, everything now is back to being that
9 child in that protective bubble straight away, just by
10 those comments.

11 So we talk about trauma-informed, and I think
12 there's certain ways or certain things that you could
13 say to somebody who has been through an abusive -- with
14 an understanding that, yes, okay, they might not be
15 guilty, but there is a chance that the jury will find
16 them guilty, and you have to be careful about how you
17 speak to a trauma -- you know, somebody who's been going
18 through trauma or gone through extreme trauma.

19 LADY SMITH: Thank you, Chris. That's very helpful.

20 A. Thank you, my Lady.

21 LADY SMITH: Ms Innes.

22 MS INNES: I think, Chris, you tell us in your statement
23 that you suffer from disassociation identity disorder,
24 so that's -- disassociating is an issue for you.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Okay.

2 I just want to ask you about one final matter in
3 your statement. Again, you're talking about lessons to
4 be learned, and on page 37 at paragraph 151 you say that
5 there has to be better training of social workers, and
6 that you think that the children should be the focus of
7 the social worker and not the foster parent.

8 A. (Witness nods).

9 Q. And then you also talk about social workers having
10 training to identify signs of things going wrong.

11 A. Yes, yes.

12 Q. And you feel maybe that's something that was missing
13 during your own childhood.

14 A. Definitely through mine and still continuing to this day
15 from people even I know.

16 Q. Then you also talk at paragraph 152 about
17 care-experienced people working with children who are in
18 care, perhaps in a mentoring role.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You also say finally that I want to ask you about, at
21 paragraph 153, that you wanted to see the people
22 responsible for your abuse questioned and asked how it
23 was allowed to happen and you want to see people held
24 accountable, and you say:

25 "Not just the abusers but those in the social work

1 department ..."

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So your wish for accountability isn't just about the
4 Campbells and --

5 A. Gosh, no. It's about the whole system. You know, the
6 social work department were -- the Campbells weren't my
7 parents. They weren't legal parents. The social work
8 department in Dundee had my legal parental rights. So,
9 in essence, they are the ones, in my eyes, that are
10 fully responsible. They're the ones that put me in that
11 place. They're the ones that didn't pay attention to
12 what was going on. They're the ones that, you know, put
13 notes in that should have absolutely been picked up on
14 and didn't. So for me, they're the ones that failed me.

15 MS INNES: Okay.

16 Now, obviously we have your statement as well
17 forming part of your evidence, Chris. I have no more
18 questions for you, and there have been no applications,
19 my Lady.

20 LADY SMITH: Are there any outstanding applications for
21 questions of Chris?

22 Chris, we have no more questions for you today. Can
23 I just echo what Ms Innes has said already about us
24 having your statement, and that of itself has been
25 valuable to the Inquiry. I have read it and it's

1 something I can see you worked hard on and with our
2 statement-takers, it's really helpful to have that
3 there.

4 But thank you so much for coming today and trying to
5 be fair, for example, in telling me when you haven't got
6 a clear memory -- it's very important, and I've noticed
7 that -- and for being able to talk the way you have
8 about all these things that you say happened during your
9 childhood. It's been extraordinarily valuable to hear
10 it from you, not just relying on your statement.

11 As I said at the beginning, I do appreciate that it
12 can't have been easy, especially against the background
13 of having had to talk in public about these experiences
14 before.

15 A. (Witness nods).

16 LADY SMITH: But you've contributed tremendously to the work
17 that we're doing here by being able to do that.

18 A. Thank you.

19 LADY SMITH: I'm sure you're exhausted, and I'm able to let
20 you go, but remember you go with my thanks.

21 A. Thank you. And I'd like to thank everyone at the abuse
22 Inquiry as well, from John to everyone. From
23 an experience point of view, it's been helpful and it's
24 been very carefully done, so I'd just like to say thank
25 you to everyone.

1 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

2 (The witness withdrew)

3 LADY SMITH: Just a couple of names to alert people to.

4 Of course, Chris has waived his own anonymity that he
5 would have been able otherwise to opt for, but he
6 hasn't, but he did mention the names of two of the
7 Campbells' own children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who are
8 protected by my general restriction order. So please
9 ensure they're not mentioned again outside this room.

10 Now, Ms Innes, what are we going to do now?

11 MS INNES: We have another witness now waiting, my Lady.

12 The next witness is Emma Hann, who has waived anonymity.
13 She is the daughter of Dennis and Avril Campbell, who
14 were the foster parents of Christopher Scott, who has
15 just given evidence. As I said at the beginning of his
16 evidence, Dundee City Council are the relevant successor
17 in respect of his foster placement.

18 LADY SMITH: And this is the Emma that was referred to by
19 Chris in his evidence, of course.

20 MS INNES: Yes.

21 (Pause).

22 Emma Hann (affirmed)

23 LADY SMITH: Emma, if you can stay in a good position for
24 that microphone, it will help you and it will help us.

25 A. Okay.

1 LADY SMITH: Also -- are you okay with the bottle?

2 A. Yes, I'm fine.

3 LADY SMITH: You'll see the red folder there on the desk.

4 It has the typed version of your statement, the one you

5 signed, in it. You'll be taken to that in a moment.

6 But we're also going to put it up on screen in front of

7 you. You might find that helpful.

8 A. Okay.

9 LADY SMITH: But, Emma, can I also say at the outset, I do

10 understand that coming into a public space to talk about

11 your childhood and to talk about things that I know will

12 be difficult for you to talk about is challenging, to

13 say the least.

14 A. Mm.

15 LADY SMITH: I appreciate it's not easy and we're asking you

16 to do something that could be upsetting, could trigger

17 emotions you thought you'd suppressed

18 A. Okay.

19 LADY SMITH: But the reason I'm saying this is if you want

20 a break, if you want to pause or if there's anything

21 else I can do to help you and enable you to give the

22 best evidence you can with the least stress possible,

23 let me know, would you?

24 A. Okay. Yeah, thank you.

25 LADY SMITH: If it works for you, it works for me.

1 A. Thank you.

2 LADY SMITH: I'll let Ms Innes take over now, if that's all
3 right. Yes?

4 A. Yes, thank you.

5 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

6 Ms Innes.

7 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

8 Questions from Ms Innes

9 MS INNES: Now, Emma, we understand that you were born in
10 1969; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Now, I'm just going to refer to your statement,
13 which is coming up on the screen, and we give it the
14 reference WIT-1-000000885.

15 I'm just going to go to the last page of it to begin
16 with. At paragraph 99, you say there:

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

21 And I understand that you signed your statement,
22 I think electronically --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- on 11 January of this year, 2022.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 If we go back to the beginning of the statement, at
5 paragraph 3 you tell us that you were born in Dundee.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you have six living siblings.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you're the oldest.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay.

12 You tell us that your parents, Dennis and Avril
13 Campbell, are members of the Mormon church in Dundee.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. We'll talk about that a little bit more in a moment.

16 There came a time when Christopher Scott -- you call
17 him Chris --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- came to live with you and your family.

20 A. Mm-hmm.

21 Q. Were you living in Dundee at the time?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And Chris has told us, I think, that it was you,
24 your brother and another sister --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- were living in the house when he came.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And then after that, your parents, you tell us in this
4 paragraph, had four more children: a boy and three
5 girls.

6 A. Is it three more children? Yeah, four.

7 Q. And I think the youngest was born after Chris had left.

8 A. Yes. [REDACTED] the second youngest, was born just kind
9 of very shortly before he left as well, but she was born
10 as we moved house and [REDACTED] was born after he left.

11 Q. Okay.

12 You talk in the next paragraph about the various
13 houses that you lived in, and you were living in a house
14 with your brother and your sister before Chris came, and
15 you say in paragraph 4 that your mum had recently lost
16 a baby as a result of a cot death.

17 A. That was in the house that Chris moved into in

18 [REDACTED].

19 Q. Okay. You say you don't remember that baby.

20 A. No, I don't have any memories. I just remember I was
21 about six when she died. She was four months.

22 Q. Okay.

23 If we go on over the page to the top of page 2 and
24 paragraph 5, you say that you don't really remember much
25 about your family life before Chris arrived, probably

1 because you were quite young at that time.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you say you have no recollection of any abuse before

4 he came.

5 A. Yeah. But I think that we just got smacked and the

6 belt, but I don't know when that started, whether it was

7 when he arrived or if we were -- we would definitely

8 have been smacked prior to that, but yeah. That was the

9 discipline.

10 Q. Okay, that was the discipline in the household.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Okay. You tell us at paragraph 6 that your parents were

13 both nurses.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And was your dad working as a nurse throughout your

16 childhood?

17 A. Yes. My dad was, yeah, a nurse the whole of my

18 childhood.

19 Q. And your mum was a nurse; did she work as you were

20 growing up or not?

21 A. She did at times. I wouldn't know like if there were

22 breaks, but a lot of times she worked a couple of

23 nights.

24 Q. Okay.

25 Then you go on to talk about your father's role in

1 the Mormon church.

2 A. Mm.

3 Q. You say at paragraph 7:

4 "The commitment to the church was intensive and it
5 was bigger than the job."

6 A. Yeah. Mormonism is a high-level -- it's everything,
7 all-encompassing. So my dad being the bishop of the
8 ward, kind of like the pastor of the unit, so, yeah, it
9 was very -- it took a lot of time. And he'd do a lot of
10 visiting of members and, you know, holding -- hosting
11 things and just -- yeah, it was -- it was a lot, a lot
12 of time -- any involvement in the Mormon church, it's
13 quite time-consuming, but being the bishop or having
14 these kind of roles is a lot.

15 Q. Okay.

16 You describe that your father was the bishop of the
17 church, and is that something that -- somebody is
18 a bishop all the time or --

19 A. No.

20 Q. -- is it for a defined period of time?

21 A. Yeah. More recently -- I don't know what it was like
22 back when my dad was first bishop, because the church
23 was, you know, smaller, and you had to -- it's kind of
24 like you get a calling to be the bishop, and my dad --
25 it tends to be around five years. My dad's been bishop

1 three times, but one of them I know was only a short
2 time. But quite a lot of my childhood, I guess, he's
3 been the bishop.

4 Q. Okay.

5 You talk about various things that happened in your
6 home. So there were meetings, you say at paragraph 8.
7 Sometimes there were something called firesides.

8 A. Yeah. I mean, I don't know if they were requirements,
9 but he was kind of trying to keep the youth and the
10 young adults involved in the church, and the aim is they
11 all marry each other. You're meant to marry a Mormon,
12 so you have to host a lot of activities, a lot of
13 get-togethers. So our home was kind of an open house
14 for, you know, having evenings with, you know, these
15 youth or young adults to keep them bonded together and
16 have good relationships with the leaders, I guess.

17 Q. Okay.

18 You say in the middle of this paragraph:

19 "A lot of their best self my parents gave to the
20 members of the church. The stresses came out in the
21 family."

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you explain that a little bit more, please?

24 A. My mum and dad were both very giving and friendly and
25 welcoming, and very important to them how they

1 presented, and I think that any difficulties were shown
2 at home, because obviously life isn't peaches and cream
3 and it can be difficult, but I don't think they -- they
4 just gave their best to everybody. They were very
5 well-liked. But, you know, if somebody who was going
6 through something, my parents were the first there, they
7 were -- with flowers. They just were very well-liked,
8 but they did give everything to more their reputation
9 and how they were perceived than was going on at home.

10 Q. Okay.

11 You talk again over the page about the work that
12 your dad was doing. So he was working as a nurse plus
13 he had this significant role in the church which took up
14 a lot of his time.

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. And, yeah, I said there that the conducting services
18 would last for three hours, but at the time that Chris
19 first came, it was the whole day, Sunday was. But,
20 I mean, that was the church. So you had to go in the
21 morning and come back in the afternoon for services, so
22 it took the whole day. Quite often we would go and we
23 would stay the whole day and, you know, get some kind of
24 lunch in the kitchen, we'd make sandwiches or whatever,
25 so it would be the whole day, and then all through the

1 week was church-related ...

2 Q. Okay.

3 Now, if we can move on, please, to page 3 and
4 paragraph 12, where you talk a little bit about the
5 houses that you lived in.

6 So the first house that you lived in with Chris you
7 talk about at paragraph 12, and you say that you
8 remember there being a Ramsay ladder up into the attic?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. And you say that you think that Chris and your brother
11 were up in the attic?

12 A. Yeah. I remember being at the front of the house in the
13 downstairs in a bedroom that faced out onto the street,
14 and I remember [REDACTED] and Chris being in the attic. But,
15 you know, it didn't mean that that was always the case.
16 I think we could have moved. But that was my memory,
17 was Chris and [REDACTED] in the attic and me and [REDACTED] in the
18 room. I don't know if there was two or three --
19 I must -- I don't know.

20 Q. Okay.

21 And then after that you moved to a village,
22 Auchterhouse.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you say that that was a lovely place to live.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. You enjoyed living there.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you then moved back, I think you say at
4 paragraph 14, into Dundee, and what sort of house was
5 that? You say it's a huge 11-bedroom house?

6 A. Yeah. Yeah. It was a big kind of dilapidated
7 end-terraced house that had like loads of -- it had been
8 kind of wrecked inside and they got it quite cheaply,
9 and -- yeah, but it was huge. And by then they had six
10 children and Chris, so ...

11 Q. So they had six children, they had Chris.

12 A. And them, yeah.

13 Q. Your dad was a bishop in the church at that time, or you
14 don't know?

15 A. I don't know if he still was the bishop. I'm not sure.

16 Q. Okay. In any event, there's seven of you at home and
17 you've moved to this house.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And did work have to be -- you said it was dilapidated.

20 A. Yeah, yeah, yeah, it all needed to be fixed up. I think
21 they said they had to hire three skips to get rid of
22 stuff that was in the house, not just the work of the
23 house, this is just stuff that had been abandoned and
24 left in the house.

25 Q. Okay.

1 Was one of the children -- your brother, maybe, your
2 younger brother -- unwell after he was born, can you
3 remember?

4 A. I don't know. At times both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would get
5 croup, so that's as much as I really know. My mum was
6 a little bit -- didn't get to go to things because she
7 thought they'd get croup.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Can you remember any of the other babies being unwell?

11 A. I know as we moved into the 11-bedroom house, my mum had
12 my sister, so she went to hospital from one house to
13 come home to the other house with the baby.

14 Q. Okay.

15 Now, on page 4 of your statement at paragraph 15 you
16 talk about how Chris came to live with you.

17 A. Mm-hmm.

18 Q. What's your understanding of how it came about that he
19 came to live with your family?

20 A. From what I have heard, there was a lady in our ward --
21 which is our church group -- that was called
22 Rosalind Tipping, and she was very friendly with my mum
23 and dad, and she was a Mormon, and she's a social
24 worker, and she said that there was a little boy that
25 needed someone to, you know, take care of him, and she

1 thought my mum and dad were a nice family and she
2 thought they were ideal for Christopher, and that's as
3 much as I'd heard.

4 Q. Okay.

5 At paragraph 17, at the bottom of this page, you say
6 that you don't remember having a discussion in the
7 family about Chris coming to join you.

8 A. Our family tended to be children were seen and not
9 heard, so I don't think it would really have been
10 a family discussion. I don't remember -- it may have --
11 something have been said, but I have no memory of it.

12 Q. And can you remember being told anything about Chris
13 coming or why he was coming or his background?

14 A. No. I did get told at times throughout the time he was
15 there -- my knowledge of Chris was that his mum was
16 a single mum, which was really kind of frowned on by
17 particularly my mum, she'd be quite critical of this,
18 and that, you know, he -- that he was a difficult child.
19 That was kind of my understanding of it. Yeah.
20 I didn't know anything different. It was just kind of
21 she was a single mum, he was a difficult kid, that was
22 all.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And later on she would say that he went through
25 different foster homes and, you know, other people

1 couldn't handle him, but initially it just was always,
2 "Oh, Chris has got a single mum, that's a terrible
3 thing", and, "He's here with us".

4 Q. Okay.

5 Now, if I can just go back to something that you
6 mention in paragraph 15 on page 4, you say that you
7 think that your parents did get paid to have Chris
8 living with you.

9 A. (Witness nods).

10 Q. You say that you've heard your mum say at times that she
11 should have given him back but the money was difficult
12 to lose.

13 A. That was after he left. We sometimes would hear that,
14 you know, she would say -- I wasn't aware of money at
15 the time he was there, but I remember her saying, oh,
16 you know, it was -- you know, it was difficult and
17 probably it would have been better that they'd given him
18 back, but it was too difficult to lose the money that
19 they were getting. I don't know what that looked like,
20 how much it was or -- and when they were in the big
21 house, they had all sorts of kind of bed and breakfast
22 schemes and students and -- I mean, not when Chris was
23 there, but as time went on, it was all different things
24 of making extra money using the house. Renting out the
25 caravanette, just kind of like different ways of trying

1 to make extra money.

2 Q. Okay. And can you remember your mother saying that when
3 you were a teenager, a child at the time that Chris
4 left, or was that later on in life that you remember her
5 talking about money?

6 A. Yeah, I don't remember at what point it was and I don't
7 know what -- you know, how that actually ever came out.
8 I just do remember her saying that they should have --
9 they should have gave him back. And I don't know if it
10 was that we were talking -- I mean, they wouldn't be
11 talking about her discipline of him or anything or how
12 difficult it was. I wasn't -- I don't know why it came
13 about, but she did say, "We should have -- it just was
14 too hard".

15 MS INNES: Okay.

16 Now, we normally take a break at lunchtime at
17 1 o'clock, so I wonder if now might be a good time to
18 break.

19 LADY SMITH: Yes. I'm sorry to ask you to take a break so
20 quickly, Emma.

21 A. No, it's okay.

22 LADY SMITH: But we've made good progress in the time
23 available. I'd normally take lunch now if that works
24 for you as well?

25 A. Yes, that's okay.

1 LADY SMITH: And if we sat again maybe at 1.50, is that
2 okay?

3 A. Yeah, that's fine.

4 LADY SMITH: About three-quarters of an hour, and then we
5 will sit again.

6 A. Yeah.

7 LADY SMITH: Very well, let's do that.

8 (1.05 pm)

9 (The luncheon adjournment)

10 (2.00 pm)

11 LADY SMITH: Emma, can I apologise, I'm late, but I pray in
12 aid that I did have two meetings at lunchtime. I'm
13 sorry if that's delayed you as well.

14 A. No, it's fine.

15 LADY SMITH: If you're ready, I'll hand back to Ms Innes.
16 Is that all right?

17 Very well, Ms Innes.

18 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

19 Now, can we go back to your statement, please, and
20 we're looking at paragraph 16. You say towards the end
21 of that paragraph that after Chris -- well, you talk
22 about when Chris left, and you say that you were also
23 abused by your parents.

24 A. Mm-hmm.

25 Q. And you say:

1 "I think Chris had it worst in that age group and
2 when he left I got it instead."

3 A. Yeah. I think that -- I think Chris was kind of
4 a scapegoat when we were growing up. We would all get
5 in trouble, but Chris was picked on more. And when he
6 left, I became the scapegoat.

7 Q. You say he was picked on; by whom?

8 A. By my mum more than my dad, but he was an easy target
9 and he was in trouble more than the rest of us.

10 Q. Okay.

11 At paragraph 17, at the end of that paragraph -- you
12 say in that paragraph something you mentioned this
13 morning, "Children were seen and not heard", and then
14 you talk about your own experience, and then you say:

15 "I don't think my parents liked children."

16 A. Yeah. Roy and I have a lot of children, and as we were
17 having children, it was really obvious mum and dad
18 didn't really want me to be bringing them round. My
19 younger siblings would phone and say, "Hey, bring the
20 kids over", it's like Christmas, and I'd kind of always
21 have to arrange -- even though I only lived down the
22 road and I'd call, and I'd be told, "Maybe another day,
23 we're busy today". But other siblings would be able to
24 go around whenever, they wouldn't have to make
25 an appointment.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I just don't think they really liked children. And if
3 we were with our children at my mum and dad's, they
4 didn't really talk to the children. It was just with
5 the adults.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. The kids were out the way.

8 Q. Okay. Your parents have seven children of their own,
9 so --

10 A. My dad kind of used to joke -- because in Mormonism,
11 it's kind of a belief that you should have a big family.
12 A lot of people don't follow that anymore, but my mum
13 and dad were real believers that that was the way, God's
14 way, and we were taught that, and he kind of would
15 criticise people who didn't have so many and say that
16 they were selfish or -- he just felt that they were --
17 because in some ways my dad kind of felt it was unfair
18 that he was true believing and had all these children
19 and other people didn't follow the same way.

20 Q. Okay.

21 Now, if we can move on to page 5 of your statement,
22 please, at the bottom of that page, at paragraph 22, you
23 talk about food and something that Christopher says.

24 You say:

25 "Christopher says we were starving."

1 You say:

2 "I don't remember that we were hungry. We just got
3 what we were given ..."

4 A. Mm-hmm. I don't really -- I don't think -- what I've
5 learned more recently is I'm quite numb and detached and
6 it's been a behaviour that I've adopted throughout my
7 life, I guess. So I don't really feel and I don't
8 really remember feeling hungry, I don't remember feeling
9 full, I just -- we got what we were given, we didn't
10 make a fuss. One of my sisters kind of was complaining,
11 "Why did mum do that, you know, like give us like Mighty
12 White bread, I didn't like it, I used to bring my packed
13 lunch home and it still had it", and I just thought:
14 I didn't know I was not allowed to not like, I just ...
15 I just did what I was meant to do.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I didn't know I was allowed to feel, so I just didn't
18 feel. (Pause).

19 Q. Right, we'll go on to the next page, and at paragraph 23
20 you say that there were people in the church who were
21 bothered, as you were all "little scraps", you say.

22 A. Yeah. There was one lady in particular. Apparently
23 I heard the story is that in the Mormon church they have
24 a testimony meeting on the first of the month, first
25 Sunday of the month, when anyone can get up and just

1 give ad hoc their beliefs, and this lady, an older lady,
2 would just always use her pointed criticism to somebody,
3 and it was always aimed at my mum and dad, "These
4 parents that don't feed their bairns", and everybody
5 was -- you know, they knew that it was my mum that this
6 was aimed at, and sometimes she would bring around these
7 giant trifles, like, and it was just in this effort to
8 kind of feed us up.

9 And my mum and dad had said, "But what about [REDACTED]?"
10 Like [REDACTED] was a bit more -- not that she was fat, she
11 was more -- she wasn't as tiny as me and my brother, and
12 she says, "Oh, [REDACTED]'s a demanding bairn", so it was kind
13 of -- you know, somehow we were not getting what we
14 needed, but ... yeah.

15 Q. Okay.

16 Now, if we can move down in this page of your
17 statement to paragraph 25, you talk about Chris having
18 a special diet. You can remember him having a special
19 diet.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Did he get the same as you got or did he have special
22 food?

23 A. I only remember him having special bread and special
24 biscuits, and we all got the same meal. But if it was
25 sandwiches, which quite often it was, he would get his

1 tinned bread, which was in a circle and it wasn't very
2 nice. We did try it. It wasn't very nice. Yeah.

3 Q. You say that you can remember that sometimes you would
4 steal his biscuits.

5 A. Yeah. He had -- yeah, I think they were prescribed
6 biscuits, but they weren't unpleasant and we did used to
7 steal his biscuits.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Now, if we can move over the page, please, to
10 page 7, at paragraph 29 you talk about Christopher being
11 treated differently to you, and you talk here about him
12 wetting the bed.

13 A. Mm-hmm.

14 Q. Can you remember that happening?

15 A. I remember -- yeah. I remember in Auchterhouse and
16 I remember -- I think I remember in [REDACTED], but
17 mostly in Auchterhouse, that he was in trouble a lot for
18 wetting the bed.

19 Q. And when you say he was in trouble, how was that
20 obvious?

21 A. I mean, I -- there's no specific incident, but it's the
22 belt and the hitting and ... you know, being not given
23 your tea or not -- it just was all -- just punished for
24 wetting the bed. And I think he poed the bed a couple
25 of times, or -- I don't know. I remember, "He soiled

1 the bed" kind of thing, hearing these things said.

2 Q. Okay. And you talk about him being a constant source of
3 irritation for your mother.

4 A. Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm. My mum, she just -- she found him
5 irritating. I could feel it. He was just always in
6 trouble, no matter what he did. He'd just ... yeah.
7 It's hard to -- she just was irritated by him.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. I think she was irritated with all of us, but I think
10 probably because he wasn't her child, it was easier to
11 be more irritated with him.

12 Q. Okay. And you say that you also had an issue, as
13 I think a teenager or an older -- you talk about 11, 12
14 and through your teenage years, with bed-wetting.

15 A. No, I had a problem wetting myself during the day.

16 Q. During the day, okay.

17 A. I just recently discovered a medical record that said
18 that I started around nine, and I'd been presented at
19 the paediatric clinic having had this problem for three
20 years of just wetting myself. It also said in the
21 paediatric clinic I had a black eye and bruised shins,
22 and the wetting myself at that point was determined to
23 be behavioural. That continued right through into my
24 adulthood, and I now understand it was an anxiety thing.

25 Q. Okay.

1 You mentioned there that the medical report that
2 you'd seen talked about you having a black eye and
3 a bruised shin.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you have any memory of having a black eye when you
6 were a child?

7 A. Yes, yes, I have a memory of having a black eye. I have
8 a memory of having a mark on my face and I was kept off
9 school and told -- I was kept off school and my dad
10 actually -- I remember him, his hands were on my face
11 afterwards, after hitting me, and they were big and they
12 were shaking, and he said, "I've marked your face", and
13 I said, "It's okay, it's okay", and I was kept off
14 school. I have that memory. So it was a separate one
15 to the black eye. Yeah.

16 Q. Okay, so when you say that's a -- you talked about your
17 dad's hands being on your face --

18 A. This was as a teenager in high school.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. And his hands were on my face and they were shaking and
21 he was feeling bad, and he said, "I've marked your
22 face", and I said, "It's okay".

23 Q. So that was one occasion.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. And then there was another --

1 A. The black eye was a separate occasion.
2 Q. How did you get the black eye?
3 A. I don't remember. I just remember having had a black
4 eye. I remember having had a bleeding nose. I remember
5 having had ripped clothes and my shoulder came out and
6 I was uncomfortable. I remember being kicked on the
7 floor. Particularly I remember a specific incident,
8 because I was 18 and had just had a baby two weeks
9 prior, and my mum was kicking me in my tummy and --
10 I mean, she demonstrated this at one point in front of
11 church leaders because we were having some fallouts over
12 whether this had been abusive behaviour in my early 20s,
13 and she showed how she -- she kicked me, showing it to
14 be a tap.

15 And they would say to me quite often in my 20s, when
16 we were kind of talking about this behaviour, they would
17 say, "Emma, we never hospitalised you, you never had
18 a broken bone", and I would think, "Okay, you know,
19 that's fair", and just kind of mess with me that this
20 was normal and this was not abuse and everybody got
21 this.

22 MS INNES: Okay. Now, just staying with something that
23 you've --

24 LADY SMITH: Sorry, can I just ask you something about that.

25 You mentioned that quite often in your 20s you'd be

1 talking about this behaviour.

2 A. Yes. Yes.

3 LADY SMITH: What were the circumstances in which you came
4 to be talking about it?

5 A. Roy and I -- which isn't uncommon in Mormonism -- we
6 married, and then my sister was dating his brother, and
7 my -- I had some problems with my parents. I'd ran away
8 really when I was turning 20 because my dad had slapped
9 me across the face and said, "Don't cross the doorstep
10 again", and I moved away for a year. And then I ended
11 up marrying Roy, another Mormon, and that was
12 acceptable, and my sister was dating his brother, and it
13 had come into a conversation that -- with my
14 father-in-law, "What's Emma's issue with her parents?",
15 and he said, having known some of the things I'd said,
16 particularly about I'd been slapped and I'd left home,
17 he said, "I think Emma was abused", and this went back
18 to my parents.

19 I'd never used the word. I didn't think it was.
20 And this went back to my parents, and then this fallout
21 happened between Roy's parents and my parents, and I was
22 meant to take it back, and so it spilled into the local
23 church and they held meetings to try and get me and Roy
24 and my mum and dad to work this out, and it went on for
25 a period of two years. And my parents, with my younger

1 siblings, would all leave the church out one door and go
2 in the other -- so they didn't have to speak to us. And
3 so it was affecting the local Congregation, so the
4 Mormon church were aware of this over a period of time,
5 and the leaders were trying to make me say, "Oh, it's
6 just a perception", or take it back or -- and I wouldn't
7 take it back. And we ended up moving to America because
8 it was just uncomfortable living there.

9 LADY SMITH: I see. Thank you. I hope it's not been too
10 distressing to explain that --

11 A. Yeah, and at one point --

12 LADY SMITH: -- but I was puzzled as to what that was about.

13 A. Well, they kept saying -- the leaders would say if one
14 of the other siblings would say something then we would
15 do something, and in Mormonism the church is higher than
16 the law, so it is what is more important than anything
17 else. So you look to the church to solve the problems.
18 And so we were -- when I heard -- because we'd just come
19 to a resolution, we were moving to America, and
20 Christopher's -- my mum -- I think it was just my mum
21 got investigated by the police, and I went back to the
22 leaders and I said, "Huh, my mum's being investigated by
23 the police, like, for abuse of the foster child", and
24 the person -- one of the leaders said, "Oh, the
25 Chris Scott thing, that's a red herring", and it was

1 dismissed, and we went to America and nothing happened.

2 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

3 A. And that man was at the trial with my parents saying
4 that, "No, they were great people, they were never --
5 never abusers", having known for years we'd talked about
6 this. And he told me at one point, "Emma, I know your
7 parents, me and my wife distanced ourselves from them
8 a long time ago, I know what they're like."

9 LADY SMITH: Okay, thank you very much, Emma. That helps to
10 complete the picture for me.

11 Ms Innes.

12 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

13 I think you tell us about this conversation later on
14 in your statement where the person said that Chris's
15 story was a red herring.

16 A. Mm-hmm.

17 Q. And I think you tell us in the statement that that was
18 Paul Clancy --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- that person.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And had he been involved in the discussions with you and
23 your parents that you've told us about?

24 A. Yes, yes. My dad had said -- when you're a bishop, the
25 next level is the stake presidency, and the church kind

1 of can -- a lot of the men move through the rolls, and
2 Paul Clancy for a long time was the stake president of
3 Dundee. But at one point him and my dad were on the
4 stake presidency together. My dad also had sent Paul on
5 his mission to France when he was a young teenager, and
6 he had -- you know, they learn skills, like he came back
7 at 20 speaking fluent French, and it just sets you up in
8 a good -- he just had a really good bond with my dad.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Right, if I can take you back to your statement,
11 now, please, and if we can move on to page 9, at
12 paragraph 35 you talk about the time that you spent in
13 the United States, and you say that you met
14 Rosalind Tipping there, so the social worker that we
15 talked about already.

16 A. Mm-hmm.

17 Q. You tell us in this part of your statement about
18 a conversation that you had with her and you told her
19 that the police were investigating your mum, and was
20 this after the initial investigation?

21 A. Yeah, yeah, that I didn't hear anything more about, but
22 I was living in Arizona, and she had moved there with
23 her husband who had some breathing problems, so Arizona
24 was a good place for this, and I was from Dundee and she
25 was from Dundee so sometimes she would come visit, and

1 she was really kind with me and my kids, and I told her
2 of what had happened. And she was aware -- I would talk
3 to her about the fact that my mum and dad were not very
4 grandmotherly with the kids, so what she was doing, like
5 sitting and chatting and playing and having an
6 interest -- I hadn't really had that.

7 And she told me that -- she says, "Oh, I feel really
8 bad, Emma. I -- at one point, somebody, one of your
9 neighbours in [REDACTED] called in and said that
10 they thought there was -- they wanted something looked
11 into around Chris with mum and dad, and they were
12 concerned -- they had concerns around Chris in the home,
13 and she says, "I said, 'I know Dennis and Avril, they
14 wouldn't do anything'", and dismissed that complaint.

15 For me, that was like really: okay -- yeah, because
16 I was still putting together: this was abuse? Wasn't
17 abuse? I wasn't allowed to use that word with my family
18 and with the church leaders. And so when she kind of
19 was saying these things, it helped me understand
20 a little better. And she felt bad, but then if she
21 visited Dundee, she would still go see them. She wasn't
22 like fallen out with them or -- but she's died since.

23 Q. Okay.

24 Then at paragraph 36 you tell us about the end of
25 the time that Chris was living with you, and you say:

1 "I remember I was dying inside from him doing
2 something and it was because of my own fears."

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. And you give a description of something that happened.

5 Can you explain what you mean by that you felt that
6 way at that time?

7 A. I kind of -- he -- did I tell you what he did?

8 Q. So you tell us in the statement that he asked for more
9 food. I think that --

10 A. Yeah. The lady said, "So are you all full? Do you want
11 any more food?", and we would just go, "No, we're
12 absolutely full", that was polite, you would just say --
13 she says, you know, have we all -- "We're full to here",
14 and Chris said, "I'm full to here", and I just knew that
15 that was not okay, he's being rude to this lady, we
16 shouldn't say that, we should say we're full to here,
17 and I was thinking, "Why did you do that? That's going
18 to cause trouble". Like, I mean, I don't know if there
19 was a punishment afterwards. I just knew inside: why
20 would you do that?

21 To me then I guess I was irritated at Chris, but
22 that's the kind of behaviour, I guess, really would
23 bother my mum.

24 Q. Okay.

25 Then at paragraph 38 you talk about there always

1 being people in the house. So in addition to your own
2 family, people would come and visit, I think.

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. And you say that your aunt lived with you for a while.

5 A. I don't know how long, just a very short while, maybe
6 a few months when we were in [REDACTED], when we
7 were just young and Christopher had probably not long
8 been there, I don't know the time or the age, but
9 Christopher and my brother -- I don't know if one or the
10 other, but there was something that happened. I don't
11 know if it was -- they'd done something wrong. Like
12 I don't know if it was that he stole my dad's pen or my
13 brother had stolen my dad's pen or it was missing money
14 or something, but they were in a lot of trouble and they
15 got put in the attic, and my aunt went to the shops and
16 she bought lots of really amazing treats, and we as
17 children down the stairs were going past the Ramsay
18 ladder and shouting up about -- with my aunt and my
19 mum -- "Oh, how amazing, don't you love this comic?"
20 and, "Oh, these are so nice", and we could hear my
21 brother and Chris sobbing, like there was a [sound
22 effect made], that kind of real sobbing.

23 And I felt bad throughout my life about that.

24 I remembered I felt bad that we were doing this. And

25 I recently spoke to my brother about it at one point and

1 he said, "Em, I still remember the feeling", and he was
2 in the attic, so it felt really cruel. We were taunting
3 them.

4 Q. Okay. And I think you say that your mum and your aunt
5 were involved in encouraging that behaviour, you say?

6 A. Yeah -- no, they were -- they were the ones doing it and
7 we were following. "Emma, how is that ice lolly?", or
8 whatever it was, "So amazing". And I guess treats were
9 probably more rare and this was like just -- it was to
10 punish them.

11 Q. Okay.

12 Then you talk about discipline and you talk about
13 a belt being used, and you say that both your parents
14 used the belt; is that right?

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 Q. And did one use the belt more than the other?

17 A. Mm-hmm. My dad used the belt more. It was his belt.
18 He took it off his trousers. My mum would -- did use
19 it, but she wasn't good at getting as nasty a whip, so
20 she'd kind of flail around a bit with it. She wasn't
21 very good at it, but she did use it, as did he. But in
22 these occasions, it was normally -- it didn't really
23 matter who was wrong, everybody was in a line with the
24 pants pulled down and the belt pulled out.

25 And it went right on into puberty. I remember my --

1 I was 16 when I started my period, and it could turn on
2 you. So my brother was 15 and he was getting the belt,
3 and with his pants down, and I remember thinking --
4 I used to think: when is this going to stop? This
5 doesn't feel appropriate. I remember thinking if it
6 turned on me -- I had a sanitary towel, and I was really
7 worried it would turn onto me, and I was 16 when
8 I started my periods, so it was still going on when my
9 brother was 15.

10 Q. Okay.

11 Do you remember your parents hitting you at all
12 as --

13 A. Yes, all the time, yeah.

14 Q. Okay, as well as using the belt?

15 A. Yeah. Yes. Belt, slaps, hairbrush on occasion, you
16 know, whatever they could find. At one point, I was in
17 my 20s, my mum lost her temper, picked up a glass
18 bottle, she threw it past me at the wall, but there was
19 just this real anger, rage, that had to, you know,
20 aggressively act out.

21 Q. At paragraph 41 at the bottom of this page, you say that
22 your memory of being at [REDACTED], the first
23 address that you lived in, you remember being really
24 scared. "Most of my memories centre around bad things",
25 you say.

1 A. Mm-hmm. And my siblings would be annoyed at me because
2 a lot of my memories of anything tended to be negative
3 memories, and so my brother, when these little meetings
4 were happening in our -- in my 20s with the church,
5 Paul Clancy had asked my siblings if they had any
6 memories, and [REDACTED] had said to him, "Emma chooses to
7 remember things, I don't". And I loved him because he
8 didn't deny or say I was lying. He just said, "Emma
9 chooses to remember, I don't choose to remember".

10 So, yeah, but that memory when I was -- my first
11 memory was in -- in [REDACTED] was my brother. We
12 were coming back from school and he was, like, walking
13 on his hands, and he was quite good at it, and a car
14 stopped and we looked over and it was dad, and I just
15 remember being petrified, because we were going to be in
16 so much trouble.

17 Q. Okay.

18 Now, if we move on over the page, please, at
19 paragraph 43 on page 11, you tell us there about some
20 incidents that happened that you told the police about,
21 and I just want to ask you about a couple of them.

22 A. Mm-hmm.

23 Q. So the first one at paragraph 43, you say that there was
24 an incident where you as children said that Chris had
25 told you that he wanted to dress up like a girl.

1 A. Mm-hmm.

2 Q. Can you tell us about that?

3 A. I mean, I don't know how it happened, but Chris was
4 always in trouble, so -- and I guess it deflected from
5 us, but we -- my brother and I, maybe my sister as well,
6 [REDACTED] but definitely [REDACTED] and I, made up a story, and
7 we said to mum that Chris had wanted to dress up like
8 a girl, and I think we kind of wanted to see what she
9 would do. And she said to him, "So why would you say
10 that? Why did you want to -- why did you say you wanted
11 to dress up like a girl?" And Chris said, "I didn't".
12 She said, "You're a liar, why did you say it?", and he
13 said, "I didn't". So she dressed him up like a girl and
14 put kirbies in his hair.

15 And then I don't know when it was after that, but we
16 kind of had got some kind of, "That was pretty
17 impressive, like we got her to do this", and we
18 thought -- so we came up with another one, "Chris says
19 he wants to go outside naked", and, "Why would you say
20 that, Chris, why would you say that?" "I never." "You're
21 a liar, you're a liar, why would you say that?" "I never
22 said it". And we knew we ...

23 And so she put him outside naked and it was snow, so
24 he was outside in the snow. I can't say how long it was
25 for, it wasn't really about that, it was about that she

1 did what we said because she'd determined he was lying.
2 And we later revisited that with my dad and we told
3 him -- because when we first met Chris as adults, me and
4 my brother had to apologise, because we felt guilty, and
5 when the police first investigated my mum back in the
6 1990s -- I'm not sure of the dates -- but I told these
7 stories, because it really had haunted me that my mum
8 had done that and that we had been party to it. And
9 I did kind of wonder how she could do that, but we had
10 a lot of guilt and we told Chris that we should never
11 have done that, but my mum would maintain that he asked
12 to be put outside naked, he had done this, even though
13 we've said it was us, it wasn't him.

14 Q. Okay. And you said that you told your dad about this.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was his reaction?

17 A. Chris arranged a meeting and we spoke to my dad with
18 Chris there and we told of this, and he said, "Well,
19 I've already spoken to your mum about this and she said
20 she put him outside naked, she dressed him like a girl
21 because he wanted to", and me and [REDACTED] sat there and
22 said, "We're telling you we did it", you know, but he
23 just couldn't accept it.

24 Q. Okay.

25 Now, can we please go over to the next page, to

1 page 12 and paragraph 46. You talked already about
2 Chris being in more trouble than you were.

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. And you say here that your dad would lose his temper.

5 A. Mm-hmm.

6 Q. Your mum would complain and get irritated.

7 "She would get my dad to do physical punishments and
8 get the belt out."

9 Can you explain how that would happen?

10 A. She just would -- she would get -- whatever it was, she
11 would get -- rile my dad up, and she could -- sometimes
12 my dad would be on night shift and she would go wake him
13 up, "Oh, Chris is calling me a liar", she's done it with
14 me as well, "Emma's calling me a liar", and he'd get up,
15 and of course he's not slept, and it would be just to
16 hit us or to get more physical with us than she was
17 going to be. He was more powerful than she was, so she
18 would get him to do more -- you know, more powerful
19 hits.

20 Q. Okay. And you said that this also happened to you --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- and you were mentioning being wakened up during the
23 night.

24 A. Yeah, yeah -- no, my dad worked night shifts.

25 Q. I see.

1 A. So during the day she would go wake him up from his
2 sleep to get him to come and deal with us.

3 Q. Right, I see.

4 And so if she says that she wasn't aware of your dad
5 ever hitting you --

6 A. My mum was always there. She was -- it was normally all
7 in the living room. Completely. She was very involved.
8 Quite often she was the one getting dad to do it. She
9 didn't leave the room. She was there.

10 Q. Okay.

11 At paragraph 48 you say that your mum and dad would
12 always be overly critical, and you talk about being in
13 trouble for having poor handwriting and your homework
14 would be ripped up, and you say that Christopher would
15 get the brunt of that as well.

16 A. Mm-hmm. Just -- I mean, like my brother said more
17 recently, when he was kind of being nicer about it all,
18 we were really good kids. We weren't that bad. So the
19 things they were angry about were not normal. So, like,
20 your writing's not good enough; your homework's ripped
21 up. "Sit there until you get it right." Ripped up. It
22 just was really super strict over small things. I had
23 my bedroom tipped upside down, like all the drawers out,
24 all the drawers on top of each other and the mattress on
25 the top of the drawers into like a mountain because they

1 didn't consider it tidy enough. And it would be --
2 I mean, for me, the things I was in trouble about were
3 a messy bedroom or back chat, and that really -- eye
4 rolling, anything like that. I never swore. And it
5 would be the same for Chris. Just -- you know, just
6 little things and it would have an extreme reaction.

7 Q. Okay.

8 Now, I want to move on to page 14 of your statement
9 and ask you about some of the incidents that Christopher
10 told the Inquiry about.

11 So if we go, please, to page 55, you're noting there
12 that Christopher said that he had to stand facing
13 a wall.

14 A. Mm-hmm.

15 Q. Can you remember seeing that happen?

16 A. Mm-hmm. I can -- I remember seeing Chris standing
17 against the wall in [REDACTED] I have a memory of
18 that. And I have stood against the wall as well. I've
19 been made to do that. I wouldn't know how long I was
20 there or he was there, but he was told to stand against
21 the wall. Like, facing the wall.

22 LADY SMITH: How long for?

23 A. I don't know. I just remember seeing him have to face
24 the wall.

25 LADY SMITH: What about when it happened to you? How long

1 would you have to do it for?

2 A. Yeah, I don't know either. I don't know.

3 LADY SMITH: Don't worry.

4 MS INNES: Can you remember if you ever had to go to bed or

5 go to your room without your tea?

6 A. Yeah. Quite often you'd be sent to bed, and I didn't

7 really know -- like I said, I don't really remember

8 feeling hungry, and it was just -- you were sent to bed.

9 And what I do know is no matter what time of day that

10 would be, there would not be a, "Oh, bring Emma down for

11 something to eat", or "Bring Chris down", or someone

12 taking something up. That wouldn't have happened. As

13 an adult myself now and having children, I can't

14 imagine -- I mean, I can send my kid up the stairs, but

15 I would never have been able to miss their food. So,

16 yeah, that could be ...

17 In the court recently, I had found my diaries, and

18 one of them said I'd been in trouble because I'd spent

19 4 pence more than I should have, and mum had found out,

20 and she asked me and -- I'd bought a sweetie or

21 something, and she said -- she'd realised I'd stolen

22 these 4 pence and I lied about it, and she -- it said in

23 my diary that she hit me, she sent me to bed, and dad

24 gave me the belt when he came back, it was for the

25 lying. But it said in there that I was in bed for the

1 whole day, and it said, "I never was so bored, I've
2 never felt so bored". So I think it could be the whole
3 day. It depended the time of the incident that you're
4 sent, but she wouldn't want to see you, so ...

5 Q. Okay.

6 Then at paragraph 56, you talk about Christopher
7 saying that if he didn't eat food that was put in front
8 of him, he would be given it again. Can you remember
9 seeing that happening or not?

10 A. I don't really remember. I mean, I remember all being
11 sat there with this soup that had a layer of grease, and
12 we all had to sit there and just somehow try to stomach
13 it down, and none of us were able to because it was so
14 bad, and we were just sat there thinking: how are we
15 going to do it?

16 I remember at times, like, Brussels sprouts and
17 potatoes or whatever, we all put the Brussels sprouts on
18 my brother who was in the high chair, [REDACTED] he just
19 ended up kind of with a big bowl of Brussels sprouts,
20 because we were all sat somewhere else, I don't know
21 where mum and dad were, but we were kind of hoping that
22 we could just kind of avoid having to eat this.

23 I don't really remember it being replaced back or
24 for how long, I don't.

25 Q. Okay.

1 If we can move on over the page, please, to page 15
2 and paragraph 59. At paragraph 59 you talk about a time
3 that you were living in [REDACTED] and you say
4 Chris got sent to the bedroom to get a nappy.

5 A. Mm-hmm.

6 Q. Can you --

7 A. Yeah, I do remember that. We were in the living room.
8 It was opposite the bedroom, my mum and dad's bedroom,
9 and Chris was sent to go get a nappy, and he went into
10 the room and he came out and, when he came out, it
11 turned out that my dad had been hiding in the wardrobe,
12 and they were annoyed at him because he'd set some money
13 out and they thought he would go and steal the money and
14 he didn't, he just came back with the nappy. So my dad
15 followed Chris and was irritated, and my mum was annoyed
16 because they thought he was going to steal the money, so
17 he got in trouble for not stealing the money, because
18 they'd kind of set him up to do it and, when he didn't,
19 they were annoyed because it would only be because he
20 had known -- they thought he'd seen my dad hiding in the
21 wardrobe.

22 Q. What was your reaction to that at the time, can you
23 remember?

24 A. It was just the way it was. It was just -- that was how
25 life was.

1 Q. Okay.

2 Now, if we go to the bottom of page 15 and

3 paragraph 63, you say that:

4 "Christopher has told the Inquiry that he had to eat

5 soap ..."

6 And you say:

7 "... that definitely happened."

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 Q. Tell us your memory about that, please.

10 A. I have a memory of tasting soap myself, and I can't

11 really remember if I was made to eat it -- I think both

12 Chris and my brother [REDACTED] had swore or said something,

13 and so they were made to eat the soap, and I didn't

14 swear. So I think I tasted the soap because I wanted to

15 taste what it tasted like. But they were forced to eat

16 soap for definite. I saw it and I went and tasted it,

17 just to see what it tasted like.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. I don't know how much of the soap it was, but they

20 definitely were made to eat the soap. "Take a big

21 bite", they were told.

22 LADY SMITH: Do you have any memory of what sort of soap it

23 was?

24 A. I don't.

25 LADY SMITH: Thanks.

1 A. It was the solid bars though.

2 MS INNES: Okay.

3 If we go on, please, to page 16 and paragraph 64,
4 you talk about Christopher leaving. Do you remember
5 Christopher leaving?

6 A. I don't remember the day or really -- I don't remember
7 it happening. I don't remember if we were at school and
8 he left. I don't really remember. We weren't --
9 I don't remember really having a conversation about it.
10 He was just leaving.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. And when did you see him again?

14 A. I don't think I saw him again until we were adults, only
15 recently. There is a talk that he came to the house for
16 a visit at one point but I wasn't there. Whether I was
17 working or -- I just don't remember seeing him until
18 adulthood.

19 Q. Okay.

20 Now, I'm going to move on a little further in your
21 statement, and if we can go, please, to page 20 and
22 paragraph 80. You talk about your father's reaction for
23 you saying that you weren't going to physically punish
24 your children.

25 A. Mm.

1 Q. What was his reaction to that?

2 A. Well, my dad was really annoyed at me when -- I was the
3 oldest, so I was the first having children, and I just
4 remember thinking I wasn't going to do what they had
5 done, but I didn't really have any examples around of
6 what to do. I didn't really understand much about
7 parenting. And I (unclear) to Mormonism, the church
8 ensigns and the church talks of how to raise children
9 without hitting them, and my dad and mum were both
10 annoyed because I remember saying, "How do you get them
11 to not go near the fire?", when my little one was first
12 crawling, and they said, "You just smack them on the
13 hand and tell them" -- and I thought: I don't want to do
14 that. So I kind of taught her about the fire and we
15 didn't need to hit her. And that just went on as, you
16 know, I had children.

17 My children were a bit more kind of like normal kids
18 and they weren't so perfectly behaved at church, and so
19 my dad would tell people, "Emma doesn't discipline
20 her -- Emma and Roy, they don't discipline their
21 children", and it used to really hurt me because I was
22 just doing my best to try and -- I wasn't criticising
23 them for what they were doing, but he was criticising me
24 for not doing as he did.

25 Q. Okay.

1 If we move on to paragraph 82 at the bottom of this
2 page, so you talk here about the difficulties that
3 you've had with your parents and you've told us about
4 them already in your evidence and it's in your
5 statement, and you told us that you moved to America.

6 A. Mm-hmm.

7 Q. Then you say at paragraph 82 that the recent years have
8 been some of the worst of your life, having to deal with
9 all of the issues around your family.

10 A. Mm-hmm.

11 Q. Are issues in respect of your family ongoing?

12 A. Oh, yes. It's just constant.

13 Q. Okay.

14 If we can move on to the next page, please, and to
15 paragraph 84 where you talk about reporting to the
16 police.

17 A. Mm-hmm.

18 Q. So you've already mentioned this, that you spoke to the
19 police about 25 years ago.

20 A. Mm-hmm.

21 Q. And you say this was after Chris first raised the issue
22 of abuse.

23 A. Mm-hmm.

24 Q. How did it come about that the police spoke to you then?
25 Did they approach you or --

1 A. Yeah. I think -- I don't remember, I think they
2 contacted us. I was aware of it -- weirdly, how this
3 happened was the Mormon church had been having these
4 talks about whether it was abuse or not or whether it
5 was just my perception, and they decided that I needed
6 to maybe get some support with therapy, and there's
7 extra complications because I had a baby adopted through
8 the Mormon church and they promised to give a lifetime
9 of therapy for the birth mum, so I said, well -- and for
10 free therapy, and I asked, "Well, will we get the free
11 therapy?" "No, this is not to do with the baby adoption,
12 this is to do with abuse, so you'll have to pay for it".
13 So we didn't have much money, but Roy paid for us -- for
14 me to have this therapy. And I was on my way to the
15 therapist when my mum -- when the police showed up at my
16 parents' door, and I'd been at my parents' house, so
17 I saw the police come to the door, and then I was told
18 that -- and I remember going to the therapist and
19 saying, "The police are investigating my mum", and, you
20 know, we had these conversations.

21 And my mum told us that Chris had been in jail and
22 that he'd had therapy -- once again, you know, therapy,
23 isn't that a good thing? A therapist had kind of like
24 put in his mind that he'd had some abuse, but it was
25 kind of like making me more nervous of Chris again,

1 because he's a criminal and he is bad and -- and they
2 even kind of like tried to tie in that somehow I was the
3 cause of this because I'd been talking for the last few
4 years with the church and now, weirdly, Chris. So they
5 tried to connect Chris with me, which they couldn't.

6 So the boy that had raped me and made me pregnant
7 was known to Chris, so they decided it had been through
8 him and him and I. It messed with my head so much
9 I started to even think: I don't think I've got any --
10 you know, how did this happen? I don't think it was me.
11 I don't have contact with any of these people. But,
12 yeah, it was just to try to make it be as nothing to do
13 with my mum, or that Chris could separately have done
14 it, it had to have come from me, which it hadn't.

15 Q. And had you been in touch with Chris at the time?

16 A. No, I'd never seen him since he left.

17 Q. And then -- so the police spoke to you --

18 A. Yeah, they spoke to me, I think my sister -- I think we
19 both went together to Seymour Lodge, which the police
20 owned, this house on the Perth Road, [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED].

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. And I don't know if we were in the same room, but
24 I remember I told what I remembered, as in the dressing
25 like a girl and him being put out in the snow and that

1 we were belted, and I mentioned to the police -- I don't
2 know if my sister was there, but I mentioned to the
3 police that I'd had some ongoing issues about my parents
4 and I had thought, you know, they perhaps had been
5 abusive, but they were all telling me it wasn't abuse,
6 and I said some of the things, and the policeman said,
7 "Okay, hands and feet involved, that's abuse. If you
8 want to, you could take a separate, you know, thing
9 against them", and I said, "Well, they're my parents,
10 we're moving to America, I probably wouldn't do that",
11 and that's as far as that went.

12 But I remember thinking: oh, the police said that
13 was abuse. But that was -- at that point I kind of was,
14 you know, realising that it had been.

15 Q. Okay. And you didn't hear from the police again at that
16 time?

17 A. No. Yeah.

18 Q. Okay.

19 And then if we go on over the page to page 22 and
20 paragraph 90, you tell us there that you met Chris again
21 about four or five years ago --

22 A. Mm-hmm.

23 Q. -- in Dundee.

24 A. It might be longer than that. Yeah. I'm not sure how
25 long it's been now since we set up the refugee support.

1 The whole Covid thing's just ...

2 Q. Yes. So a few years ago.

3 A. Yeah, a few years ago.

4 Q. A few years ago you saw Chris again by chance in Dundee.

5 A. (Witness nods).

6 Q. I think you then talk about some kind of discussion or

7 discussions with your brother.

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 Q. And then over the page at paragraph 92 on page 23 you

10 talk about your brother setting things up for your dad

11 to apologise to Chris.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Now, you've told us that there was a meeting.

14 A. Mm-hmm.

15 Q. Can you tell us how that was set up?

16 A. My brother set up a meeting -- he'd kind of -- there'd

17 been a little bit -- my dad had had a big fallout with

18 me prior to this, and it just was the usual thing and he

19 was angry, and I was by now in therapy and I was

20 actually at the therapist when my dad wrote this huge

21 letter to me and he put it through the door, and Roy

22 intercepted it, it was like a ten-page letter -- Roy's

23 my husband -- and it was just saying all these negative

24 things about me, and Roy said, "You need to take this --

25 you know, I'm not giving it to Emma, she's in therapy

1 for childhood trauma", and he went insane and he phoned
2 my brother, "What's all this, childhood trauma? What's
3 that? Inferring I sexually abused her?" And he said,
4 "You know, dad". But for the first time [REDACTED] then
5 said, "Dad, we were good kids". He said, "If I look
6 back, you know, we were" -- he says, "When I look back,
7 you'd be hard-pressed to find better kids than us, but
8 you battered us, and that's childhood trauma", and he
9 apparently broke my dad down a little bit to understand,
10 and this is the first he'd ever said anything like this
11 because there'd been this just big problem because I'd
12 spoken up.

13 So my dad kind of then was in a place where [REDACTED]
14 said, "Look, Emma, we're going to meet and I'm going to
15 bring dad to apologise. He's not the same person.
16 You're going to -- mum's a lost cause, forget that, but
17 we're going to work with dad", and so I met with him and
18 my sister and my dad, and my dad somewhat apologised.

19 I was grateful. I cried. I went home and I kind of
20 thought: my whole lifetime, he's called me a liar. Does
21 that mean he's taken it back? So I messaged my brother
22 and he said, "Emma, just make the apology work for
23 whatever you need, I'm done, like I've done what I can",
24 but then he told my dad, "You really do owe an apology
25 to Christopher". And then -- so he set up that my dad

1 was to phone -- he gave my dad Chris's phone number and
2 my dad phoned, and Chris actually phoned me and he said,
3 "Emma, I've got a weird message from your dad". I was
4 like, "No, I think he's trying to apologise", and --
5 yeah. So this meeting was set up.

6 But by then, by the time it happened, my dad wasn't
7 feeling so humble. [REDACTED] had kind of regretted getting
8 involved in it because Chris said he wanted me to be
9 there, which they didn't want because I had my own
10 stuff.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Yeah, so we had the meeting.

13 Q. Okay. And you say that in paragraph 94, that your dad
14 wasn't being humble about things and had come along with
15 an attitude.

16 A. Mm-hmm.

17 Q. And he was telling Chris that he was a tough kid and
18 Chris was agreeing with that.

19 A. Mm-hmm.

20 Q. Then you say:

21 "By the end of it Chris had decided he was going
22 back to the police."

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Then you say the police came to your house to take
25 evidence from you about Chris.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So this was about abuse that Chris had experienced --

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. -- not anything that you'd experienced --

5 A. No.

6 Q. -- is that right?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. And when you spoke to the police at that time, did you

9 tell them about your own experiences?

10 A. I told little bits. Just like we were all belted. We

11 were all eating OXO cubes in the attic. We were --

12 yeah, I told all that kind of thing where it involved

13 all of us. I think I spoke kind of off the record that

14 I had my own stuff with them. But as things unfolded

15 and got worse with my family and -- I just felt it was

16 important to just tell the whole story because it was

17 too complicated to try and keep it separate.

18 And dad was saying -- my mum and dad were going

19 around saying such, like, lies about me and they were

20 making the whole thing that it was me that was doing

21 this. They didn't tell, like, the church people that it

22 was anything to do with Chris, it was I was taking my

23 parents to court, so I just felt it was better to just

24 give the whole story.

25 Q. Okay. So did you do that?

1 A. Mm-hmm.

2 Q. You told the police about the abuse that you'd
3 experienced?

4 A. Mm-hmm.

5 Q. And then we know that there was a court case then and
6 a trial --

7 A. Mm-hmm.

8 Q. -- I think in the spring of this year.

9 A. Mm-hmm.

10 Q. And did you know that your parents had been charged in
11 respect of the abuse that you'd experienced? Were you
12 told that?

13 A. Yes. I was told by the police on the phone that they
14 had been charged with assaults on me at three separate
15 addresses. I think use of the belt, something like
16 that. And that Chris had charges as well. It was kind
17 of like at that level.

18 Q. Okay. Did you ever see the charges or hear the detail
19 of them?

20 A. I never saw -- by the time we were going to court, the
21 precognition lady called to prepare the case. She
22 mentioned some bits of it, for instance my mum had
23 thrown a glass bottle at me, and I was concerned about
24 that, because she hadn't, she'd thrown it at the wall.
25 It was a very scary situation and it involved a lot of

1 complex, you know, argument around it, but I was
2 concerned that that wasn't accurate, and the
3 precognition lady said, "We keep the charges kind of
4 vague so that we can elaborate", so -- because I didn't
5 want to be defending my mum saying she never threw
6 a bottle at me, but yeah, that was kind of -- I wasn't
7 really aware of the specific little charges, just really
8 generally it was the belt and assault and ...

9 Q. Okay. And then you gave evidence at the trial; is that
10 right?

11 A. Yes. The trial was a -- was an awful experience because
12 the whole way through the process, I'd asked if I had to
13 be in the court with my family, who were actively
14 harassing me. My brother ended up being arrested for
15 the harassment he was doing to me. The family were
16 being so -- and it's my family, so it was really hard
17 to -- so they said "No, it's fine, you're going to be
18 a vulnerable witness, you're going in an annex".

19 At every point I got an opportunity to mention, "Am
20 I in the annex?", "Yeah, you're in the annex." Roy had
21 a citation at the same time as me. "Where does he go?
22 How does this work?" "He can come in the annex with
23 you." The night before court, "You're in the annex" --
24 the person that phones to arrange the court. "What time
25 does the annex open?", so that we could figure out how

1 we could both be there on time but Roy could drop me and
2 take the car and then come back. Everything was
3 planned, "Oh, the annex opens, you know, 9 o'clock or
4 9.30". We get there -- I'm to be there by 10.00. We
5 get there and we come around by the annex, and I could
6 see my siblings are sitting on the stairs of the annex,
7 and the annex is ... shuttered up. And we drove around
8 and we waited. When we passed again it was shuttered
9 up. So I don't know what to do. It's like 9.50 and we
10 were going to be late, but I don't know what we're meant
11 to do.

12 So I emailed the precognition lady. She emailed me
13 back, "I'm going to try and contact somebody". I didn't
14 know what to do. So I called Chris, who was in the
15 court, but hadn't gone into court, and I said, "Chris,
16 the annex is shuttered up", and I had trusted the system
17 but didn't really know that I should, and I kept --
18 I kept on asking every time, "Am I in the remote
19 location?" "Yes, you are, you're to go to the annex".

20 So I called Chris, "Chris, the annex is locked,
21 I don't know what to do", so he went to the court,
22 knocked on the court, whatever. The prosecutor then
23 I think came on the call with me, on Chris's call, and
24 she told me I was to come in the main court, and I said,
25 "That's not what was planned." "Don't worry, we have

1 a room set up for you." "I was told even last night --
2 I was told I'm to come to the annex, I've done the court
3 tour visually" -- and at that point I thought: I don't
4 even want to go. I just want to go home. This is not
5 what they said.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And then we got into the annex, they put us in the
8 annex, and then when I went to give evidence, there was
9 feedback on the -- on the --

10 Q. The electronic --

11 A. The electronic --

12 Q. You were giving evidence remotely and there was the
13 feedback?

14 A. Yeah, and if you've, like, been on the phone and you
15 hear yourself after you've spoken and you hear yourself,
16 it's an impossible situation. So I was hearing myself
17 and the -- there were some issues in the court with
18 their audio. So the judge stopped a little and he said,
19 "We're having some audio issues", and so I piped in,
20 because I didn't want to say very much. In my head
21 I was thinking, "I need to go to the court and ask
22 them" -- I need them to put a screen and I'll just go to
23 the court, because this isn't working. But I didn't
24 want my parents to hear me saying that. I didn't want
25 to say that because -- so I was just kind of like

1 a bit -- just doing what I was told. Then he said there
2 were some audio issues, so I said, "I'm having some
3 echo", and they said, "Okay, we'll try and sort this",
4 so it was dismissed, and then they came back and, you
5 know -- and I said to the people in the annex, I said,
6 "I think I need to go over, this is not working, the
7 feedback", and they said, "No, you don't need to do
8 that, we can sort that".

9 So we went back and the judge said, "Hello", or
10 whatever, "Okay?", I said "Okay", I didn't hear the echo
11 at that point, and we moved on, and it just was the echo
12 the whole way through the ...

13 Q. I think you were obviously being asked questions by the
14 Procurator Fiscal.

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 Q. And were there times where you were shut down or told
17 that you weren't allowed to speak about things?

18 A. One of the first questions she asked was something to do
19 with food or something, I can't really remember, but
20 I thought she meant for me to talk about having been
21 eating OXO cubes and dry oats in the attic, and she
22 said, "Did this happen in [REDACTED]", and I said,
23 "No, this was in [REDACTED]", and she said, "I need
24 you to keep your answers to [REDACTED]", so now
25 I'm confused. So that kind of stopped -- that was one

1 of the first questions.

2 Then I was asked about the soap -- well, I was asked
3 about being forced to eat something, and I said,
4 "I think you mean about the soap, I was never forced to
5 eat the soap", and she said, "Okay, have you changed
6 your position on this?", and I hadn't. That was in my
7 statement, it said that I was never forced to eat soap,
8 but I had watched, and I said, "But I saw
9 Christopher --" "You can't tell us what you saw. Were
10 you forced to eat soap?" "I wasn't. I tasted the soap."

11 I think -- then she said to the judge, "I think
12 I need to speak with Emma, I think she's changed her
13 position on this", so it looked like I wasn't being
14 honest when she just ... I don't know what she was
15 talking about.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. She got it wrong and I couldn't put it right. And
18 I couldn't tell her what I saw because she told me to
19 stop.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. And the same with the belt. About the belt, I said,
22 "Yeah, quite often we all lined up --" "You can only
23 tell us about what happened to you".

24 Q. Yes, so she was saying, "You can only tell us what
25 happened to you".

1 A. Mm-hmm.

2 Q. Your understanding rather of what she was saying to you
3 was, "You can only tell us what happened to you, you
4 can't tell us what you saw"?

5 A. What I saw. She'd told me that: I couldn't tell her
6 what I saw.

7 Q. And I think there may have been some confusion, or
8 you --

9 A. Well, I wondered later on, was I being considered that
10 I was there as a witness or as a victim? What was --
11 what had happened here?

12 Also, she -- I mean, I don't know anything. We
13 didn't know much about any of it. I was actually
14 told -- we had a meeting later with the Procurator
15 Fiscal office and they said that, you know,
16 everything -- they'd spoken with her, everything was
17 absolutely fine, the audio had been great and they could
18 hear, and I was like, "But I couldn't hear and I didn't
19 know, I couldn't give my evidence clearly". And they
20 said one of the charges was around being forced to eat
21 soap, and I said, "I don't know the charges, no one
22 tells me the charges, I don't know what they are", and
23 even if it was that I'd heard anything about the soap
24 thing, which I thought was around Chris, it would be
25 kept vague, because the lemonade bottle was not

1 thrown -- you know, my mum never threw it at me, but we
2 keep them -- I don't have any say in how these things
3 are handled, but if they're not clear and they're not
4 accurate and then she's picked that up wrong because she
5 thinks that's a charge of being forced to eat soap --
6 I saw the forced to eat soap, and I look like I'm not
7 being honest or I've changed my position. I started to
8 feel like I was there for the defence rather than to
9 actually tell what I'd seen happen.

10 Q. Okay. And what did you feel overall about the court
11 process, and we know the outcome of the case as well?

12 A. I mean, I heard that the prosecutor that came in --
13 I mean, not being horrible, like, she looked in her 20s,
14 she was very young, and I don't feel that she was able
15 for our case. It was too complicated. There was two
16 accused, there was two -- if you want to call it
17 victims, whatever. Was I a witness? Was I a victim?
18 It just was a shambles. The whole thing was --
19 I couldn't hear myself. Even having a conversation on
20 the phone with a friend and having feedback and it's not
21 important ... this moment for me, after 52 years of
22 life, was so critical for me to be able to explain what
23 had happened, and I was not -- I couldn't say --
24 I couldn't -- there was no opportunity to tell the
25 story. It was just little snippets, jumping from one

1 address to another, not knowing what she's actually
2 asking, and if I did, shut it down. And we were out
3 more than we were in for a point of law.

4 And then I was quite surprised when she said -- I'd
5 also been told I couldn't talk of the fact that I'd had
6 a rape, I'd had a 32-week pregnancy -- obviously my
7 parents weren't the rapists, but a Mormon boy had raped
8 me when I was 17 and I had no voice, I had no one to go
9 to, I didn't tell anyone, I shut down, I didn't
10 acknowledge. They talked about a concealed pregnancy of
11 32 weeks. I was seven and a half months pregnant when
12 somebody noticed. I didn't conceal it; I just didn't
13 even acknowledge it, I just detached.

14 And when my parents -- the church -- someone at
15 church spotted it and asked me about it, and I told who
16 had done it, and the church leader then spoke to all the
17 other girls in the unit and found two other girls had
18 been sexually assaulted by him too, one was 12 and one
19 was 14, and that Sunday night I got taken home and my
20 mum and dad started the process for the baby to be
21 adopted through the Mormon church's adoption agency.
22 I hadn't been to a GP at this point. And the church
23 excommunicated him and called him a sexual predator, but
24 nobody went to the police.

25 I hadn't known the word was rape. My mum told me

1 off and said, "Why didn't you tell us what happened to
2 you? We could have stopped it happening to [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]", so she knew this was not consensual. And just
4 a few years ago he went to jail for raping teenagers in
5 Edinburgh, and --

6 Q. Sorry to cut across you. I think what you were going to
7 say was that you weren't allowed to speak about that or
8 mention that at all during the trial.

9 A. No, I was told I wasn't allowed to speak of this.

10 Q. Uh-huh.

11 A. But then --

12 Q. Did it come up when --

13 A. Yes, the defence lawyer asked -- is it on their -- their
14 questioning? Because I had spoken with the Procurator
15 Fiscal, Charmaine Gilmartin, with WRASAC, the Women's
16 Rape and Sexual Assault -- we had a Zoom meeting to ask:
17 how are we meant to navigate this? This was part --
18 this is the worst abuses my parents made, and to go in
19 there and talk about things -- for instance the bottle
20 story, which there was a charge around, involved my mum
21 in my 20s saying, "We could have thrown you out when you
22 were pregnant". How do I talk about that story without
23 raising that?

24 So WRASAC -- it was just very complicated. So
25 WRASAC were helping me navigate it with Charmaine, and

1 I was told, "Do not say anything about any of this", and
2 then the defence lawyer said, "Emma, I put it to you
3 that your issues with your parents are because your baby
4 was adopted -- because you had your baby adopted", and
5 I said, "I was told I can't speak of that", and, "Who
6 told you you can't speak of this?" I said, "The
7 prosecution". We went to a point of law and I got
8 brought back and the sheriff said, you know, "You can
9 answer the question", and I said, "No, that's not true,
10 there were lots of issues before that", and that was me
11 finished with my story.

12 Q. Okay.

13 So that was the conclusion of the trial, and I think
14 you maybe had a meeting, you say, with the --

15 A. Procurator Fiscal's office.

16 Q. -- Procurator Fiscal to try to talk about some of these
17 issues and your experience of giving evidence in the
18 trial.

19 A. Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

20 Q. Now, we've got your statement, Emma, and I've come to
21 the end of my questions for you, but your evidence and
22 your statement are all part of the evidence to the
23 Inquiry. Okay?

24 A. Thank you.

25 MS INNES: There are no applications, my Lady.

1 LADY SMITH: Thank you. Are there any outstanding
2 applications for questions?

3 Emma, that does complete the questions that we have
4 for you today. Just to explain, there are people
5 connected to the hearing remotely.

6 A. Okay.

7 LADY SMITH: I know it looks a bit odd sometimes, as if I'm
8 speaking to a void, but there are other people listening
9 as well.

10 A. Okay.

11 LADY SMITH: Thank you so much for engaging with us as you
12 have done. As Ms Innes has said, we have your detailed
13 written statement, which is of enormous help for
14 scene-setting, for explaining what happened to you in
15 that environment and for what you saw happening to
16 Chris. It's really valuable evidence, but it's made
17 even more valuable by you having come here today and
18 facing up to once more talking in public about these
19 distressing events from your childhood.

20 I said at the beginning I do realise that it's not
21 easy, it's very difficult and challenging, and that
22 wasn't just a platitude; I know that, and I hope you do
23 appreciate it makes me appreciate all the more that
24 you've been able to do it and come here and give
25 evidence the way you have.

1 A. Thank you. Mm-hmm.

2 LADY SMITH: I'm sure you're exhausted now and ready to
3 leave --

4 A. Thank you.

5 LADY SMITH: -- and get back home, so thank you very much,
6 and you're free to go.

7 A. Thank you.

8 (The witness withdrew)

9 LADY SMITH: Ms Innes.

10 MS INNES: My Lady, we have another witness who will be
11 ready, perhaps if we take the afternoon break.

12 LADY SMITH: We'll take a short break now and then start the
13 next witness after that.

14 Thank you.

15 (3.06 pm)

16 (A short break)

17 (3.25 pm)

18 LADY SMITH: Ms Innes.

19 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

20 The next witness wishes to remain anonymous and has
21 chosen the pseudonym 'Patrick'. 'Patrick' was placed in
22 foster care with FKG and FKA near
23 Stirling from 1979 to 1980. Central
24 Regional Council were responsible for his care and the
25 foster carers.

1 It's understood that Falkirk Council is the relevant
2 successor in respect of 'Patrick's' care. They hold his
3 records, for example. However, there is evidence in the
4 files that the Stirling area fostering team also had
5 involvement with the foster carers and, therefore, they
6 are also a relevant successor.

7 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

8 'Patrick' (affirmed)

9 LADY SMITH: 'Patrick', if you carry on in that good
10 position, you'll find the microphone helps you and it
11 will also help us to hear you properly.

12 A. Yeah, okay.

13 LADY SMITH: The red folder on the table there has got the
14 typed copy of your statement in it, the one you signed.
15 You'll be referred to that in a moment. You'll also see
16 it's coming up on the screen.

17 A. Yeah.

18 LADY SMITH: You might find that helpful too.

19 'Patrick', can I begin with an apology. I know we
20 hoped to get to your evidence earlier this afternoon,
21 and I promise you, despite our best efforts, that has
22 just not been possible. I'm very sorry.

23 A. No, that's fine.

24 LADY SMITH: Let me say at the outset, I'm very sorry if
25 that's been difficult for you. Because, I should add,

1 I do also know that it's very difficult coming into
2 a public forum to talk about things in your own life,
3 your own personal life, to talk about things that
4 happened a long time ago when you were a child, and to
5 talk about things that you may well find very upsetting
6 to have to talk to strangers about. I get that.

7 A. Yeah.

8 LADY SMITH: If you want a break, if you want to pause or if
9 there's anything else I can do to help you give the best
10 evidence you can in the circumstances, please let me
11 know.

12 Otherwise, if you're ready, I'll hand over to
13 Ms Innes and she'll take it from there. Is that okay?

14 A. Yeah, no problem. Thank you.

15 LADY SMITH: Ms Innes.

16 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

17 Questions from Ms Innes

18 MS INNES: Now, 'Patrick', we understand that you were born
19 in 1970; is that right?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Now, your statement, we give it the reference
22 WIT.001.001.1067, and if we can look, please, at the
23 last page of it, at paragraph 73, we see that it says
24 there:

25 "I have no objection to my witness statement being

1 published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry.

2 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are
3 true."

4 And I believe that you signed this statement on
5 23 November 2016; is that right?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Okay.

8 Now, if I can take you back to the beginning of your
9 statement, and at paragraph 2, you tell us that you are
10 from the Falkirk area, and you tell us a little bit
11 about your family. You say that you're the middle son
12 of five children; is that right?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And you have an older brother and an older sister, and
15 then you say that you have a younger brother and
16 a younger sister.

17 A. That's correct, yeah.

18 Q. And then you talk about a stepsister, and you talk about
19 your mother having remarried somebody, your stepfather,
20 and at the time that you signed this statement, both
21 your stepfather and your father had passed away; is that
22 right?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Okay.

25 Now, you then go on to tell us a bit about your

1 family life. If we go to paragraph 5 on page 2 of your
2 statement, you say there that you had happy memories of
3 your birth father, although you remember him smashing
4 your face in a settee, you say.

5 A. Yeah. My memories of him, there's not a lot of them.
6 I do remember having some happy times and some horrible
7 times. Yeah, but I do remember the time he smashed my
8 face, yeah, broke my nose.

9 Q. You then go on at paragraph 6 to say that your
10 stepfather was much worse than your father.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. And he was violent towards your mother; is that right?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Was he also violent towards you as children or was it
15 mainly directed at your mother?

16 A. It was mainly directed at my mother. It was just the
17 fact that it always happened in front of us. He would
18 beat the living daylights out of her in front of us and
19 it was terrifying.

20 I mean, for the purpose of this we're calling him my
21 stepfather, but he didn't even deserve that title, to be
22 honest with you. So just to keep it simple, we'll call
23 him that.

24 MS INNES: Okay.

25 LADY SMITH: So you want me to think of him as your mother's

1 partner, would that be it?

2 A. Yeah.

3 MS INNES: You tell us that there was a time then that you
4 were taken into care. If we go on to page 3, you say at
5 paragraph 9 that at some time all of your brothers and
6 sisters were in care during childhood.

7 A. (Witness nods).

8 Q. And that happened on various occasions, I think. But
9 there came a time that you moved to foster care,
10 essentially, which I'm going to focus on.

11 A. Just to kind of summarise it, I think when my mum's
12 partner met her, I don't think he kind of bargained on
13 getting four kids as well. I think he just -- that's --
14 she kind of abandoned us and left us. So I think after
15 a while she tried to sort of claw us back, and I think
16 he didn't like that, so he would beat her up. We would
17 then get taken into care maybe for a couple of months,
18 then maybe get back again. It was just a cycle where he
19 would just beat her up even worse, then we'd get back
20 taken into care, and I think it just got to a point
21 where they just took us into care permanently to get us
22 away from him. And my mother, probably.

23 Q. You say at paragraph 12 that you and your older sister,
24 I think --

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. -- spent most of your time in care and in foster care
2 together.

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. But your older brother and a younger brother were
5 sometimes with you, but not all the time.

6 A. Yeah. I mean, there was very, very few occasions where
7 we were all together. I think they maybe kept my sister
8 and I together because we were a similar age, we're only
9 a year apart. My older brother, he was like five years
10 older than me, and my younger brother was like three
11 years younger, so he would have been just like a baby,
12 really, very young, so -- I mean, I don't know what the
13 thinking behind it was, but there was times where we
14 went years without seeing each other, you know, and we
15 would cross each other's paths now and again, so ...

16 Q. Okay.

17 So you say at paragraph 13, at the bottom of this
18 page, that in [REDACTED] 1979, you and your sister
19 were placed into foster care with a family, who were the
20 [REDACTED] FKA-FKG

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. Where were your brothers when you were at the
23 [REDACTED] FKA-FKG ?

24 A. They were, I'm sure, with another foster family in
25 Denny. I'm trying to remember the names. I don't know

1 if it's relevant or not, but they were with another
2 foster family in Denny.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. In fact, it was the very first foster family that [REDACTED]
5 and I had went to, and that's who they were with.

6 Q. Okay. So you had spent time with --

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. -- these foster parents before.

9 A. Mm-hmm.

10 Q. But on this occasion -- and when you had been there with
11 your sister before, were your brothers there too or not?

12 A. No. No, it was just me and [REDACTED].

13 Q. Okay. But on this occasion, rather than you going back
14 to the previous foster carers, you went to the FKA-FKG [REDACTED]
15 and your brothers went to these carers?

16 A. Yeah. I mean, at that time, before we went to the
17 FKA-FKG [REDACTED], we were in a children's home in Reading,
18 Reading Home or Reading House, I think it was called.
19 We were all together there, I remember.

20 After I'd read my records, it was made -- well, it
21 was evident that my mother was asked if she wanted us to
22 come back home and she said no, so I think at that point
23 she then lost all her parental rights and they started
24 looking for a more sort of permanent placement for us
25 all.

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. So, yeah, they thought it would be a good idea to send
3 us to the FKA-FKG

4 Q. Okay. And do you know if the idea of you going there
5 was for a permanent placement, as you mentioned?

6 A. At the time, I don't think I was aware of it. Once I've
7 read my records, I could see that that's probably where
8 it was kind of going, because we had been all over the
9 place. I mean, I think, through my childhood, there was
10 probably -- I'd say 13 different primary schools, but
11 that would take into account going to the same primary
12 school four times. So there's maybe about sort of seven
13 primary schools I was at, but a few of them I was there
14 multiple times.

15 So, yeah, I think that was the thinking, that they
16 were going to try and get us a nice family to go and
17 live with.

18 Q. Okay.

19 You tell us at paragraph 13 that FKA-FKG lived
20 on a farm.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Did they own the farm or did they work on the farm?

23 A. I've no idea. I've no idea if they owned it or not.
24 I think -- it seemed it was theirs.

25 Q. Were you living in a farmhouse or in a cottage or --

1 A. Yeah, it was a farmhouse, yeah, (unclear) downstairs.

2 Q. Okay.

3 You say that at the time that you went you would
4 have been about eight and [REDACTED] would have been about
5 nine. That's at the top of page 4.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. And you mention there at paragraph 14 what you've just
8 said in your evidence about your mum having lost her
9 parental duty of care and it being taken over by the
10 social work department.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. At paragraph 15 you say that the social work department
13 asked you and your sister if you would like to live on
14 a farm. Can you remember that --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- discussion?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Can you tell us about that?

19 A. Well, I mean, the whole saga of our early childhood was
20 just really, really traumatic, I suppose, and in and out
21 of children's homes. Sometimes you're in a home and
22 there was like 30 kids in that home, and it was just
23 manic, crazy. And so when they came and asked us, you
24 know, "Would you like to go and live on a farm?", [REDACTED]
25 and I jumped at the chance. We thought this is going to

1 be brilliant. I think we had visions of riding horses
2 and feeding goats and -- you know what I mean, the whole
3 sort of farm image. So, yeah, we jumped at the chance.
4 LADY SMITH: Had you had any experience of being on a farm?
5 A. Never.
6 LADY SMITH: Did the -- it was a social worker --
7 A. I'd never even been to the zoo at that point,
8 Lady Smith.
9 LADY SMITH: It was the social worker that asked you whether
10 you wanted to go to a farm?
11 A. Yeah, it would have been, yeah.
12 LADY SMITH: Did the social worker tell you anything about
13 what it would be like to live on a farm?
14 A. They kind of left it up to us. They said we would have
15 a few visits to the farm. We went and met them. Well,
16 the first time we went, it was only FKA [REDACTED] that
17 we met, and she appeared really nice, she had loads of
18 home baking and things and it was just -- it just seemed
19 great that there was a nice house. We never met their
20 kids at that point. And it just seemed really exciting,
21 and I probably had a vision of family life that we had
22 never experienced. So, yeah, we loved it.
23 Then we went for a couple of weekends, and, to be
24 totally honest with you, on the Saturday morning -- like
25 we maybe arrived there on the Friday night, and Saturday

1 mornings █████ and I would wake up and we'd maybe be
2 giggling and things like that, and then FKG █████
3 would appear in the room, very, very irate, you know,
4 about the noise that was getting made and, you know,
5 "Keep it quiet", and, "One of you was up last night
6 during the night to go to the toilet and you flushed the
7 toilet", and, you know, we were like, "Right". And
8 right then -- you know when you just kind of get this
9 kind of feeling sometimes, you're like just -- this guy
10 seems a wee bit tense, a bit weird. But it wasn't
11 enough to put us off.

12 But we did really -- you know, as soon as he left
13 the room, both of us were looking at each other
14 thinking: this is probably -- just really -- I don't
15 know, weird.

16 LADY SMITH: Ms Innes.

17 MS INNES: Thank you, my Lady.

18 And you say that at paragraph 17 of your statement,
19 'Patrick', where you say that you felt slightly cautious
20 because of the way --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- that Mr FKG █████ was.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. You mentioned that they had other children.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. What other children did they have?

2 A. They had a son called [REDACTED], who was roughly about the
3 same age as [REDACTED]; another son called [REDACTED], who was
4 roughly about the same age as me; and they had a younger
5 daughter called [REDACTED], I think who was about three or
6 four at the time; and one other foster child who they
7 were fostering. She was roughly, I'd say, maybe about
8 two. Her name was [REDACTED]

9 Q. So they already had three children of their own --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. -- and then an adopted --

12 A. I don't know about adopted, but I think fostered, yeah.

13 Q. Adopted or fostered child. Okay. Right.

14 If we can move on, please, to page 5, you say that
15 you and your sister shared a room at the farm.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. And was that the case for the whole time that you lived
18 there?

19 A. Yeah. Yeah.

20 Q. Okay.

21 At paragraph 20, you go on to talk about some issues
22 in relation to contact between your foster parents and
23 your mum.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Once you went to live with FKA-FKG [REDACTED], did you know

1 what the arrangement was about how often you would see
2 your mum?

3 A. I mean, the arrangement before we went to ██████████
4 was that my mum would probably come and visit us once
5 a week. I mean, as a parent myself now, I think she
6 could have maybe pushed it out and maybe tried a couple
7 of other days during the week, but it was just like for
8 an hour on a Wednesday she would come and see us.

9 When we got to ██████████, I can never really
10 remember her being on the farm. Maybe once, I think
11 maybe that she came to visit. But I was aware of the
12 fact that there was some kind of breakdown of the
13 relationship between them and my mother and stepfather
14 because this was kind of being -- coming back to ██████████
15 and I, you know, like they would kind of badmouth us in
16 front of us, they wouldn't let us make phone calls to
17 them and they would -- if my mum did phone, you know, we
18 wouldn't get to take the call and things, and -- so --
19 and then obviously other visits that we did have had to
20 be -- we had to be picked up from ██████████ and taken
21 to -- my brother actually was in a home in Stirling,
22 Culterhove it was called, and you had to be -- I think
23 you had to be at least 14 to be in that home, so it was
24 for older kids, and we would go there and visit, and you
25 could just hear the -- you know, the slagging match

1 going back and forth between my mother and -- she would
2 be sort of telling us, you know, about them and -- and
3 they'd be telling us about her.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. So it seemed that we were kind of trapped in the middle
6 a wee bit.

7 Q. Okay. And when you went to Cultenhove, was that to see
8 all of your family together, so your siblings as well as
9 your mum?

10 A. I think primarily that was just -- that was the
11 agreed --

12 Q. Right.

13 A. Well, no, you're right. It was to see the whole family,
14 because [REDACTED] would then be brought from the [REDACTED],
15 that's who he lived with, and he would be brought there
16 as well, so we would all sort of meet as a family for
17 an hour or so.

18 Q. Okay.

19 You say at paragraph 21 that that again would be --
20 it was about once a week still.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. And you say that when that was going on, you
23 found it very upsetting.

24 A. Well, I mean ... To let you understand, I mean, my
25 mother was never sort of physically or mentally cruel to

1 us. It was basically her life choices, in a sense, that
2 impacted on us greatly. Plus [REDACTED], who was her partner,
3 was just -- just a horrible, horrible man. Just
4 a horrible character. I don't mind saying that I hope
5 he's burning in hell, you know, because he was just
6 a horrible man.

7 Yeah, so -- but we still loved our mum and we still
8 missed her, we still wanted to be with her, and
9 basically every week we'd have to get pulled away from
10 her. You know, we didn't want to go back to [REDACTED]
11 and didn't want to -- didn't want to be in care.

12 Q. Okay. Why was it that you didn't want to go back to the
13 [REDACTED] ?

14 A. Well, I mean, partly because, you know, you want to be
15 with your mum, but also the stuff that was going on at
16 [REDACTED] We would tell our mother what was
17 happening but -- I don't know what she was doing about
18 it at the time. I've had discussions with her in the
19 past, you know, "What were you actually doing about
20 this?" I mean, I put my hand on my heart, if my kids
21 were ever in care and they were telling me the things
22 that I was telling my mother, then my kids wouldn't have
23 went back. I would have made sure they didn't go back.
24 I would have took them and I would have told the
25 authorities, "These kids are not going back, you need to

1 find somewhere else for them". So I don't know how she
2 could let us go back there every week. I don't know
3 what kind of person she is to watch her kids get back in
4 that car and go back to what we were -- what we were
5 going through.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. We felt like probably she was the only one that we could
8 talk to anymore because we had spoke to people in the
9 past and it didn't really work out in our favour, so ...
10 so we were kind of clammed up, if you want. But we
11 would still tell our mother.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. But it would probably have been better talking to
14 a brick wall, to be honest with you.

15 Q. Sorry?

16 A. We'd have probably been better talking to a brick wall.

17 Q. Right.

18 Now, you talk a little bit about things at the
19 **FKA-FKG**, and at the top of page 6 you say that the food
20 was good there, that Mrs **FKA** was a good cook, and you
21 all sat down at a long table to eat with everyone
22 together.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Okay.

25 And then you talk about birthdays and Christmas, and

1 you say that you were treated nicely on your birthday
2 and given a present.

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. And Mrs **FKA** actually said to you that this is the one
5 day you would be left alone. Nothing happens to you on
6 your birthday.

7 A. She said nothing happens to you on your birthday.
8 I can't remember what kind of setting we were in, but
9 she -- she'd probably seen I was on edge, as I always
10 was, and she came up and said to me, "Relax, you're fine
11 today, nothing happens to you on your birthday". That
12 blew my mind. That blew my mind, that somebody could
13 have that level of control over all awareness over what
14 she was doing every other day, but could rein it in just
15 because it was your birthday. And she was as sweet as
16 pie that day, on my birthday, and I just thought: God --
17 it was like a glimpse into what it could have been like.
18 I mean, had that placement worked out, we could have
19 been there when we were 16, 18, she could have adopted
20 us. You know what I mean? It just blew my mind to the
21 fact that she could switch it on and off like that.

22 So she knew what she was doing, to be able to say,
23 "Relax, nothing happens to you on your birthday".

24 I mean, I don't know what kind of level of person that
25 is. I don't know what you call that.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. What kind of madness that goes under.

3 Q. In the next paragraph, at paragraph 25, you talk about
4 running away.

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. And you say that both you and your sister ran away from
7 home, as in from FKA-FKG --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- on several occasions. Now, why was it that you ran
10 away, can you remember?

11 A. Because we had no choice. They were beating us up.
12 They had threatened us. I've not got the specifics
13 exactly what happened on every occasion, but there's
14 times they just made it clear that, you know, things
15 were going to take a turn for the worst, and we just
16 took to the hills. But every time we got caught, we got
17 took back every time.

18 Q. And you say that you were caught and brought back by the
19 police on several occasions.

20 A. Yeah. Yeah, when we were caught by the police, we
21 would -- we would beg them and we would tell the police
22 exactly what was happening. I mean, you kind of -- when
23 you're young, you get brought up like, "Oh, anything,
24 tell a policeman, tell a policeman". Totally useless.

25 LADY SMITH: Where did you run to?

1 A. Just for the hills. We were in the middle of nowhere.
2 Lady Smith, to let you understand, it was literally in
3 the middle of nowhere, and we would just run and hide
4 and we would watch FKG in his van searching for
5 us. We would be hiding behind rocks and trees and just
6 heading for -- possibly heading for home, I think, but
7 you'd only make it so far, do you know what I mean, as
8 a child.

9 I did make it to Denny one day, all the way to Denny
10 myself. I evaded him for the whole day. And, yeah,
11 I was caught by the police. They kind of cornered me
12 and trapped me, and I can remember running over the roof
13 of a car to get away from them and I just -- I just
14 begged them not to take me back, but they did, I think
15 three or four times, they always took us back. And
16 FKA and FKG would always come in, "Oh, oh", and wait
17 for the police to go away, and that'd be it.

18 LADY SMITH: Did anybody at the police ask you why you were
19 running away?

20 A. Yeah, because we told them they were beating us up.
21 That's why we were begging them not to take us back.
22 "Please, please, don't take us back there", but they
23 did.

24 MS INNES: You say at this part of your statement,
25 'Patrick', that the police said that they would have

1 a word with FKA-FKG .

2 A. Yeah, I think I remember that, yeah. Obviously nothing
3 happened. Obviously nothing came of it.

4 Q. Okay.

5 Now, in terms of visits from social work, can you
6 remember having a social worker when you were at the
7 FKA-FKG ?

8 A. Yeah, Jim Roberts, yeah.

9 Q. Jim Roberts, and did he come to see you when you lived
10 at FKA-FKG ?

11 A. Jim Roberts would be the one who would come to pick us
12 up to take us to see our most mother --

13 Q. I see.

14 A. -- and then pick us up again and take us back.

15 Q. Okay. So was he coming every week, then?

16 A. Yeah, yeah, we saw quite a lot of Jim, yeah.

17 Q. Okay. Were you able to tell him how things were at the
18 FKA-FKG ?

19 A. It took us a while to -- I don't know, maybe to feel
20 that we could trust him to tell him. Obviously when
21 you're running away and the police are taking you back,
22 you know, you think the police are there, they're going
23 to save the day, you know, they'll take them and arrest
24 them and put them in jail, you know, that's the way you
25 think when you're eight and nine. It's so disappointing

1 to realise that -- I'm not saying they didn't care, but
2 they never -- they never done anything. So that's
3 a lasting memory.

4 But there was -- when things really started getting
5 nasty with FKA-FKG, I think we felt that we had to
6 tell Jim.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Maybe as a last resort to try and get us out of there.

9 Q. Okay. We'll come back to that in a moment in a bit more
10 detail.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. So at paragraph 26 at the bottom of page 6 you talk
13 about some things initially that you saw, and you talk
14 about the other foster child, the little girl --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- that she couldn't eat a Brussels sprout and she put
17 it into her mouth and started to gag on it.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And you say that Mr FKG hit her with the back of his
20 hand and knocked her off the stool.

21 A. Yeah. I could describe it for you. She was very young,
22 I think probably of an age where they should have been
23 assisting her at mealtimes. But the table, if you
24 imagine, was like a long farmhouse table and you were on
25 sort of wooden stools, and she was sitting here and you

1 could see she was struggling. I think it was, like,
2 Brussels sprouts and that on the plate. It was
3 definitely Brussels sprouts. And she had a spoon, and
4 I don't know if it was a fork and a spoon or a knife and
5 a spoon, but you could see she was clearly struggling to
6 cut her food up or whatever, and I was watching her.
7 And I can remember just sort of glancing and looking at
8 ██████████, and I think a lot of these -- when I think
9 about a lot of these things that happened, I look at it
10 now sometimes through the eyes of being a father myself,
11 not at the time I thought this, but, I mean, when she
12 was struggling like that, you'd think that ██████████ would
13 have been like, "Come here, ██████████, I'll cut this up for
14 you", and cut it up into small pieces for her. But he
15 just -- it's like he had froze in time, and he had sort
16 of like evil, piercing eyes, and I could see him
17 glancing to the side of his eye, watching ██████████
18 struggling to cut this food up, and she'd eventually
19 negotiated the Brussels sprout onto her spoon and she
20 gave it that and got it in, and it was a whole Brussels
21 sprout in her mouth, and she started gagging. And ██████████
22 just -- just dropped his knife and just back handed her
23 clean off the stool. She landed in the corner of the
24 room, screaming, Brussels sprout still jammed in her
25 mouth, and it's like nobody batted an eyelid.

1 I can remember looking at my sister thinking, "What
2 the hell is this?" Because the level of violence that
3 we had witnessed my mother -- we couldn't believe that
4 we just watched a grown man slap a -- back hand a baby
5 in the face and then carry on eating.

6 Q. Okay. So it was the back of his hand rather than him
7 thinking, "Oh, she's choking, I'd better hit her on the
8 back" --

9 A. No, no. No, no. She was sitting right to his
10 right-hand side. He back handed her clean off the
11 stool.

12 Q. Okay.

13 If we go on, please, to page 7 and paragraph 27, you
14 say there that you remember thinking that the mother of
15 the house should be the person to help the child --

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. -- but she didn't do much to help, and in fact, as it
18 turned out, she would become the worst abuser.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. In what way was she worse?

21 A. I don't know. I don't know what was going on in her
22 life, but, I mean, there's cruel and there's probably
23 sick, sick, sick, evil cruel, and that's what she was.
24 She was one twisted human being. **FKG**, he was very
25 similar, but she was a different beast. She was just

1 proper cruel. And I think what I mean by that is that,
2 as a child, I think you would always, I don't know, kind
3 of run to the mother figure for help or you'd think the
4 mother figure would maybe intervene or have some kind of
5 empathy or sympathy or compassion for kids, seeing that
6 she had kids of her own, but no. She were proper evil.

7 Q. You also say at paragraph 28 that FKA-FKG children
8 also got in on the act.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. So what sort of things did they do?

11 A. Well, they were obviously witnessing what was going on.
12 I mean, I don't know if -- I don't think FKA-FKG
13 actually tried to conceal the -- the torment and the
14 violence that was exacted against us, and so the kids --
15 kids see everything. They hear everything. You can't
16 hide nothing from kids if they live in the same house as
17 you. You'll maybe think it'll pass by them and they
18 don't hear, but they do.

19 So, yeah, they kind of got in on the act. They
20 realised very soon that they could -- they could also
21 abuse us with impunity, that nothing was ever going to
22 happen to them, that their parents would always, always,
23 always take their side.

24 Q. In what way would they abuse you?

25 A. Well, I would -- just for one instance, I think it's in

1 the statement that we got dropped off -- we used to get
2 dropped off at the main gate to the farm. There was
3 probably about a three-quarters of a mile walk up like
4 a dirt track before you got to the house, and [REDACTED] and
5 [REDACTED] said to [REDACTED] and I, "Would you -- you know,
6 let's swear all the way home", you know what I mean, we
7 were swearing, "fuck", "bugger", all the way up the
8 road. And when we got home, I think we were only in the
9 house about ten minutes and [REDACTED] and I were getting
10 beaten within an inch of our life for coming up the road
11 swearing. Just things like that.

12 We used to be given 35 pence a day. 20 pence of
13 that was for chips, a bag of chips was only 20 pence
14 back then, and we used to have 13 pence for sweets. But
15 this day was Burns Day, so I decided to go another way,
16 I bought a single haggis for 20 pence and bought -- or
17 sorry. I had 15 pence for sweets and 20 pence for the
18 single haggis, and it was 15 pence for a bag of chips,
19 so I just mixed it up that day and, yeah, I got beaten
20 within an inch of my life for that, because [REDACTED] went
21 back and says -- I don't know how he put it to her, but
22 it was made very, very clear to me that that was
23 a really, really bad thing to do, was not to buy chips
24 and sweets but to buy a haggis and sweets. So, yeah, it
25 was the last time I ever done that.

1 MS INNES: Okay.

2 LADY SMITH: Why was that bad?

3 A. I have no idea. You'd need to ask FKA

4 LADY SMITH: Apart from it not being the greatest thing for
5 your waistline.

6 A. Yeah. Who cares, I was only eight.

7 LADY SMITH: Haggis or chips.

8 A. That was it, yeah.

9 LADY SMITH: Right, okay.

10 A. I used to get a bag of chips from the chip shop and
11 20 pence worth of sweets, you know, for play piece and
12 things. Because it was Burns Day I thought I'd buy
13 a haggis from the chip shop instead, but that was --
14 yeah.

15 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

16 MS INNES: In the next paragraph you talk about an occasion
17 when you were all watching the Poseidon Adventure.

18 A. The Poseidon Adventure, yeah. I don't know why I even
19 named the movie. I think it's just because it's -- just
20 to try and put it in the context of the length of the
21 movie and the length of the time that this issue was
22 still bothering them.

23 We were in the living room, just and me and
24 the other kids, and FKA and FKG I think were in the
25 kitchen, and the film was just starting, and FKG and

1 FKA both came in together, like they were on
2 a mission, and basically said, "Who's farted?", and
3 everybody said, "No, I never, I never", and they were
4 like, "Well, somebody has", and ... everybody denied it.
5 I mean, I couldn't particularly smell that somebody had
6 passed wind, so ... They then said, "Well, that's fine,
7 we'll find out at the end of the movie who did it".
8 I mean, even though I was only eight, I was still
9 sitting thinking: how are they going to -- what method
10 are they going to use here to find out who it was? You
11 know what I mean?

12 So they then disappeared back in the kitchen again
13 and, as I say, the film was probably on for about two
14 hours, and we came -- they put us all to bed, and
15 I went to bed, and they then took their kids up to bed,
16 and then all of a sudden the two of them appeared in our
17 bedroom and shut the door behind them and says, "Right,
18 we've spoke to and and and and they said
19 it wasn't them that passed wind, that farted, so it must
20 have been you or ', and they said, "And we're going
21 to find out". So the first thing they asked us to do
22 was remove our underwear and they inspected our
23 underwear for traces of a fart.

24 Q. And what happened after that?

25 A. Well, I think the evidence was inconclusive so they just

1 beat the living daylights out of the two of us. So --
2 they were convinced it just must have been one of us,
3 for this heinous, heinous crime of passing wind, whoever
4 it was.

5 So that's the kind of thing that I think about now.
6 They were just looking for excuses, do you know what
7 I mean, just to -- I don't know why if you're an abuser
8 that you have to have an excuse to do it, why you don't
9 just do it anyway, but maybe they felt better in
10 themselves if they had an excuse. You know, it probably
11 didn't have much to do with passing wind, it was
12 probably because we were lying, somebody was lying about
13 passing wind. You know, it was definitely me or ██████,
14 and they just totally went to town on us. FKG jumped
15 onto me and he was probably beating me like he was
16 fighting a guy in the pub. He was this big farmer --

17 Q. Was he hitting you with his hands?

18 A. Pardon?

19 Q. Was he hitting you with his hands or with an implement?

20 A. Yeah, fists, hands, throwing me about the room, yeah,
21 sitting on top of me.

22 Q. What about your sister?

23 A. Sister -- I can remember hearing ██████ screaming, and
24 I can remember looking over to my left and FKA ██████ was
25 just ragging on her. She had her by the hair, throwing

1 her about the room by the hair. Yeah, chucking her
2 about. And at one point I could see [REDACTED]'s nose was
3 bleeding, and I can remember FKG getting off of me and
4 grabbing FKA and saying, "FKA FKA that's
5 enough, that's enough, that's enough".

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. That's a nine-year-old girl that she was beating up.
8 For farting.

9 LADY SMITH: Being beaten up by people whose life is the
10 life of sheep farmers --

11 A. Yeah.

12 LADY SMITH: -- and live their working life in animal
13 smells.

14 A. Yeah. And they've put themselves forward to look after
15 us. They're the ones that put themselves forward to
16 look after us. So, yeah, "They'll come here and we'll
17 give them a happy life".

18 MS INNES: Okay. If we move on, please, to page 8 and
19 paragraph 30, you say that you were punished every day,
20 usually with a slap on the head.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. So we might hear evidence in due course from Mr FKG
23 who may well accept that he gave you a clip round the
24 ear.

25 A. Did he!

1 Q. What would you understand by a clip round the ear or
2 what do you mean by a slap on the head?

3 A. A full-blown whack.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. To the point where you thought your eyeballs were going
6 to pop out the front of your head.

7 Q. Would you describe what he was doing as a clip round the
8 ear?

9 A. No. No. I'd just describe it as just brutality,
10 just -- just violence.

11 Q. Okay.

12 You talk about a time, at paragraph 31, that you say
13 that you were out in the field during the lambing season
14 and that Mr FKG said he would have to cut off one of
15 the lamb's heads.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. And you were horrified and tried to walk away.

18 Now, if Mr FKG tells us that it's more likely
19 that you were told about that sort of thing rather than
20 seeing it?

21 A. Again, I just think it's maybe just his twisted mind.
22 For some reason we were walking in the fields in the
23 lambing season, and apparently that's part of the job,
24 that you've got to make sure that the ladies out there
25 are not having any trouble, and we seen a sheep running

1 by and she had two lambs' heads hanging out the back, so
2 █ managed to grab her and pin the sheep down, and he
3 said that the only thing that can happen here is that
4 one of the lambs -- because there's no way of getting
5 two of them back in or getting any of them out whilst
6 it's like that. He says, "So we are going to have to
7 cut one of their heads off", which I was just completely
8 horrified at even the prospect of that.

9 I know the sort of statement says I tried to walk
10 away. I mean, I tried to look away. I told him
11 I didn't want to see that. But it was one of them ones
12 where he grabbed me and sat me down and he made me pick
13 the lamb that was to get it, and I didn't want to do
14 that. And he was sitting there, he had a knife in his
15 hand and he's pointing at me and he says, "You pick it,
16 you tell me which one's to get it". And I just
17 thought -- oh, I mean, I loved animals, you know, and
18 I just thought -- I didn't want to be the one to put the
19 death sentence on a lamb. But he made me pick it.
20 I picked it and that's when I tried to walk away, and he
21 grabbed me back and he says, "No, you'll watch", and he
22 cut the lamb's head off in front of me. I could hear
23 the bones crunching and he cut it off and threw it down
24 next to me and saved the day. He saved the sheep and he
25 saved the lamb.

1 Q. At paragraph 32 you talk about an occasion where you
2 were thrown out into the snow or you were thrown into
3 a snowdrift.

4 A. Mm-hmm.

5 Q. Now, again, if we hear evidence from Mr FKG that this
6 was being thrown into the snow for fun like you'd be
7 maybe thrown into a swimming pool?

8 A. Yeah, I mean, I don't know what he said, but if he did
9 say that, it would be interesting. That day the -- as
10 I say, we were out in the middle of nowhere, and we woke
11 up that day and there was a massive snowfall, so there
12 was no chance was the minibus coming to pick up all the
13 farm kids.

14 So, yeah, I mean, the snow was really, really deep,
15 and I remember just where the front of the building was,
16 there was like a side -- a side building as well, and
17 there was literally a snowdrift from the roof of this
18 building all the way down to the ground. I would have
19 thought like a 10-foot snowdrift. It might have been 12
20 foot. It was a huge just wall of snow.

21 And I remember that day, I was actually running
22 about the house, I had a pair of shorts on, and, I mean,
23 I don't know if it's relevant to this, I had like
24 a skintight silky polo neck on, and I remember FKG and
25 his oldest boy, going out the front door, and they

1 were giggling, and they shouted at me, "Come and see
2 this, come and see this". Right away I knew something
3 was wrong, because there was no sort of laughing and
4 joking when it came to us, and I instantly -- because
5 your senses become really hyper -- hyper-alert, and you
6 just -- I just knew something was wrong. Why are they
7 involving me in any kind of fun?

8 So when I got to the door, he picked me up and he
9 threw me into the snowdrift and it was freezing, you
10 know what I mean. It was actually quite, you know, like
11 a shock. So even when I'm lying there in the snow, sort
12 of part of me didn't want to get out, you know what
13 I mean, I didn't want to climb out. But I did, and
14 I ... stupidly started giggling along with them, you
15 know, just out of sheer -- I don't know, trying to fit
16 in. Do you know what I mean? Just hoping that it's
17 just a laugh, so I'll just laugh along as well.

18 Years and years later, I hate myself for that.
19 I hate myself for going along with it, you know, trying
20 to get on their good side and trying to, you know, just
21 join in the fun.

22 So I then ran towards the door and, as I got to the
23 door, he's picked me up and threw me back in the
24 snowdrift, and I think he done that about three times,
25 and then the third time when I got to the door, he

1 slammed the door in my face and left me out there. And
2 I'm now resorting to shouting through the letterbox to
3 be let in, and I don't know how long it took, but the
4 door opened and they threw a basin of cold water on me
5 and shut the door again.

6 So, yeah, I was outside there, soaking wet,
7 freezing, and I just remember kind of -- I don't know,
8 feeling sleepy and tired. I don't even remember how
9 I got back in the house, to be honest with you. So,
10 yeah, that was that, this wee bit of fun.

11 Q. And then you talk about following that you had a really
12 bad cold --

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. -- to the extent that one day at the table your place
15 was not set, and you were told because you had a cold,
16 you were put out to eat your dinner at the --

17 A. I'll tell you about the background on that. Basically,
18 it was a very bad cold, probably borderline pneumonia,
19 but I had a lot of mucus, if you want, snot and -- I'd
20 go for meals at the table, and I don't know if it was
21 maybe like the steam off the dinner or whatever started
22 to melt the mucus, I don't know, but I'd be sitting
23 there and sort of trying to get some air, and I could
24 see that this was annoying **FKG** and **FKA** and I just
25 thought: this is not going to end well.

1 It started off by them saying, "Right, that's
2 disgusting, when we shout at you to come for your
3 dinner, you'd better go and blow your nose and get that
4 disgusting" -- do you know what I mean, just made to
5 feel terrible. I would run to the toilet before dinner
6 and -- honestly, it was really, really hard to try and
7 blow because it was that blocked that you literally
8 couldn't blow your nose, and I'd be sitting at the table
9 under a lot of pressure. My head would be kind of
10 bowed. I could feel the mucus coming out my nose, and
11 I think -- it probably wasn't hanging out the nose, but
12 it felt like it was, you know, I was scared to lift my
13 head and I was scared to breathe. If you imagine, when
14 you're eating your food, I was having [sound effect
15 made], because I was scared to go [sound effect made],
16 because I just knew it wasn't going to end well.

17 So anyway, I came through for the meal and my place
18 wasn't at the meal -- at the table, sorry, and she says,
19 "Now you, you're going to start eating your dinner
20 through near from now on, your meals through here", and
21 she took me through, it was like an old sort of outhouse
22 toilet that was sort of attached to the kitchen, and my
23 dinner was placed out on the toilet seat.

24 Q. Okay, so was it a toilet in the house?

25 A. It was part of the house, yeah, but it was more probably

1 when -- when **FKG** was coming in covered in sheep dung or
2 whatever, so he could just walk in there and --

3 Q. At the back door?

4 A. Yeah, it was a horrible wee toilet. I mean, the toilet
5 seat on it wasn't like a liftable seat. It was just
6 like a -- I'm sure it was made of metal, this toilet
7 pan, and it had sort of wooden sort of semicircles
8 screwed onto the -- you know what I mean, so there
9 wasn't like a seat that you could lift or anything like
10 that. And, yeah, that's what my dinner was on. It
11 wasn't on a plate, it was placed on the rim of the
12 toilet seat, because I was such a disgusting pig.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I wasn't fit to sit at the table with everybody else and
15 put everybody off their dinner, so that's where I had to
16 eat mine for a couple of weeks. I don't know how long
17 it was.

18 Q. Okay. So it was for -- it wasn't just on the one
19 occasion, it was for a few days after that?

20 A. Oh, yeah. I think it was a couple of weeks, yeah.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I think -- I don't know if I say this in my statement or
23 not, but it was not that I enjoyed it in the toilet, but
24 I felt safe in there. I was ...

25 Q. If we move on to the top of page 9 --

1 A. I wasn't under any pressure then, I could just be in
2 there on my own, able to eat my dinner, although it was
3 on a toilet seat. I wasn't getting picked on. So I was
4 quite happy. I probably -- I'd have probably ate the
5 rest of my meals in that toilet just to get away from
6 them.

7 Q. Okay.

8 Now, at paragraph 34 and 35, you talk about
9 an incident where you and one of the sons had had
10 a disagreement and you ran away.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Again, you were found by the police and brought back.
13 And at paragraph 35 you say that there was a pile of
14 dirty socks found under the bed and you got into trouble
15 for that.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. What happened as a consequence of Mrs FKA finding
18 that?

19 A. Again, a bit of background on it. I just remember her
20 one day coming and saying to me that I was putting too
21 much washing into the basket. I don't know. I don't
22 know what that meant. But to me I was then scared to
23 put dirty washing into the basket, so I'd throw it under
24 my bed. I'd put my socks in there and sometimes pants
25 and things like that under the bed and that's -- yeah.

1 So obviously when I ran away, they were looking for me
2 and looked under the bed and found them. Yeah, so ...
3 she really punished for that.

4 Plus the reason I ran away, [REDACTED] stabbed me with
5 a tent peg. We had a slight argument, as kids do at
6 eight and nine, but he saw fit to stick a tent peg into
7 my stomach, so I punched him. But I knew that that
8 again wouldn't have ended well, so I ran away.

9 I mean, any other situation, the kids could have
10 went to the adult and tried to kind of argue out what
11 had happened, but I just knew that I wouldn't have got
12 that opportunity, so I ran away.

13 Q. Okay.

14 And then at paragraph 36 you tell us about
15 an occasion where you had asked Mrs FKA [REDACTED] -- or she was
16 making chocolate mousse for pudding and you had said to
17 her it was one of your favourites, and you were then
18 given an extra helping, but you say it tasted of bleach
19 and you struggled to eat it?

20 A. I basically just asked her what was for pudding, and she
21 said it was chocolate mousse, and I said it was my
22 favourite, and she said, "Oh, is it your favourite, is
23 it?" And I knew even just by her response that
24 something wasn't right. And so, yeah, we had our dinner
25 and everybody got given a bowl of chocolate pudding,

1 chocolate mousse, and she said to me, she went, "I've
2 given you an extra dollop of chocolate mousse for you,
3 as it's your favourite", she says, you know, "It's your
4 favourite", and I took one spoonful and I could taste
5 bleach. And I said to her, "It tastes funny", and she
6 says, "Well, everybody else has ate it, come on, you
7 said it was your favourite", and she made me eat the lot
8 of it. It took about two hours or something to eat it.
9 I was vomiting, but she made me eat it, yeah. And,
10 I mean, at the time I never really knew it was bleach,
11 but in older life, I'm thinking I think it was bleach
12 that she had in that.

13 Q. Okay. And you weren't allowed to leave the table until
14 you were finished?

15 A. No, no, totally didn't (unclear) because I'd said it was
16 my favourite, and she's went to the hassle of giving me
17 an extra dollop. So, yeah.

18 Q. Okay.

19 You say at paragraph 37 that you had to call the
20 [redacted] Uncle [redacted] and Auntie [redacted].

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. And I think you didn't like that.

23 A. No.

24 Q. And on some occasions did you call them -- did you carry
25 on calling them Uncle [redacted] and --

1 A. No, we had to call them --

2 Q. You had to

3 A. -- Auntie FKA and Uncle FKG.

4 Q. If you called them anything else, what would happen?

5 A. It was a bit of a trade off because they said that they

6 wanted us to start calling them mum and dad, which

7 I thought was a bit weird. Yeah, that didn't last long.

8 It didn't really feel right, and I don't know if they

9 even felt right about us calling them mum and dad.

10 Especially the fact that we probably hadn't even been

11 there a year and saying things like that.

12 So, yeah, I mean, I'm saying a year, but it was

13 probably a lot -- because I always remember calling them

14 Uncle FKG and Auntie FKA, so that incident must have

15 happened quite early on in the placement, you know what

16 I mean. So, yeah, we had to call them Uncle FKG and

17 Auntie FKA.

18 Q. At paragraph 38 you say that they used to tell you to

19 lower your eyes. Can you explain that?

20 A. I mean, I wish they'd explained that to us as well,

21 because I'd never heard of this before. So when they

22 were giving us a row, we had to -- you had to bow your

23 head like this with your eyes looking at the floor, and

24 they says that every now and again you're just to lift

25 your head up like this and look at them and then back

1 down again, and that's lowering your eyes. So we never
2 knew this because they didn't really do that in the
3 homes or in my own house. I'd never ever really heard
4 of lowering your eyes before.

5 The time that I really found out was when I was in
6 the kitchen one time, we were all in the kitchen, and
7 **FKA** was across the other side of the kitchen and
8 she's giving me a row, and I'm looking at her, and she's
9 screaming, "Lower your eyes", and I'm thinking: what is
10 this lower your eyes thing? And she's like, "Lower your
11 fucking eyes", and I'm just terrified at this point.
12 I don't know what to do. I don't know what lowering
13 your eyes is. So I started kind of closing my eyes like
14 this and -- and this was just enraging her, and I just
15 kept getting them smaller and smaller and smaller to the
16 point where she just couldn't take it anymore and she
17 went off like a volcano, and came and just beat the
18 living shit out of me in the kitchen in front of
19 everybody, punching me in the face and, "You insolent
20 little bastard" and things like this, you know what
21 I mean, and just kicking me, and it was when she kind of
22 calmed down she explained to me what the lowering the
23 eyes thing was.

24 Q. Right.

25 A. So I learned that day what it was, yeah, and I did that

1 every time when she spoke to me.

2 Q. And did she do that --

3 A. Until they told me to stop it, because I did it one day
4 and I got a punch in the face because she says, "Stop
5 doing that because it looks like you're giving me dirty
6 looks". So you couldn't win. They could just lead you
7 into situations any time they wanted to. Again, finding
8 that excuse, you know what I mean? They must have been
9 able to go to bed at night and sleep tight because they
10 knew they punched me in the face because I was giving
11 her dirty looks. It maybe made her sleep easy at night.

12 Q. Did she do that lower your eyes thing with her own
13 children?

14 A. I can't really remember her disciplining her own kids,
15 to be honest with you.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Very light discipline, but I never ever seen her giving
18 the lower your eyes thing or lifting a hand or starving
19 them or making them eat their food off a toilet seat or
20 anything like that, no.

21 Q. If we go on to the next page, please, page 10 and
22 paragraph 39, you talk about Mr. FKG taking you into
23 your bedroom to punish you, and this -- the curtains
24 would be closed and the lights would be off. Would it
25 be at nighttime or would this happen during the day?

1 A. Sort of early evening, I can remember sometimes. The
2 curtains would be shut. There was a chair in the corner
3 and -- I mean, listen ... when I look back on this now
4 and think about -- that whole situation is just not
5 right. At the time -- I've never ever claimed to have
6 been sexually abused. I've never claimed it, not even
7 to this day. But the more and more I think about this
8 situation, the weirder and weirder it gets.

9 So I would -- I would be in the house and FKA
10 would come and say that, "Uncle FKG's waiting for you
11 in the bedroom". So I'd go through, and it would be all
12 dark, and sometimes I could hardly even see him, and
13 I had to stand there in front of him, lowering the eyes,
14 and he would say, "What have you done today that's
15 bad?", and I would say, "Nothing, Uncle FKG, nothing",
16 and he would be like, "Surely, surely there must have
17 been something you've done today that was bad, you must
18 have done something bad", because we were such terrible
19 kids, and I would go, "No, Uncle FKG, no, no". He
20 would then stick his hand out and get me to feel his
21 hand, how hard it was and the callouses, and he'd say,
22 "I've been working really hard today on the farm, feel
23 how hard my hand is, this is the hand that's going to be
24 slapping you", and I'd have to stand there and feel his
25 hand until he was satisfied, and then he would then tell

1 me to go and take my trousers and my pants off and lie
2 face down on the bed because he was now going to proceed
3 with the spanking. And I'd lie there and I'd wait for
4 ages. I'd wait for ages. It didn't happen instantly.
5 I'd just lie there and wait and wait. And then all of
6 a sudden it would -- he would start smacking the hell
7 out of me.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Bit weird. And I don't know what was going on whilst
10 I was waiting. As an adult now, I can only imagine.

11 Q. Now, if we move on to page 11 of your statement, at the
12 top of that page, paragraph 44, you talk about something
13 that you mentioned earlier, that it got to a stage that
14 you felt that you had to speak to your social worker --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- about it, and you say that you and your sister tried
17 to tell him what was going on, and you pleaded with him
18 not to tell the family what you had said, but to try and
19 get you away.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. What happened after you got out of the car?

22 A. He basically just told us to make our way in.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And somehow or another, FKG and FKA were, like,
25 standing waiting on us arriving back. I mean, they were

1 probably concerned at the length of time we had been
2 away, you know. I don't know exactly what time it was
3 we used to get back from the visit. Let's say it was
4 8 o'clock at night we get back. It's now 9 o'clock
5 because we've been talking to Jim for, like, over
6 an hour about what's been going on. So I don't know if
7 that's why they were standing at the end of the path
8 waiting.

9 And so as we were going in, Jim was like that, you
10 know, "In you go, go and get yourselves ready for bed"
11 or whatever, and we went into the room, and I can
12 remember saying to [REDACTED] "I hope he doesn't tell them
13 what we've said about them", and we were looking through
14 the curtains and we could see Jim standing there talking
15 to FKG and FKA [REDACTED] for about 45 minutes.

16 After that, FKA-FKG [REDACTED] came into our room and just
17 said, "What have you been saying about us?", and beat
18 the living shit out of us, and that was the last time we
19 spoke to anybody.

20 Q. Okay.

21 You say at paragraph 47 that the result of you
22 telling Jim Roberts seemed to have the desired effect,
23 but at a cost. So I think there came a point after you
24 told him that you were moved; is that right?

25 A. I mean, it's hard to try and, you know, get it all in

1 sort of chronological order. I don't know if it had the
2 desired effect right away, but I think it put the wheels
3 in motion.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. I think maybe they started maybe sitting up and maybe
6 even a tiny bit believing us.

7 Q. Okay.

8 So if we can look now at some records, and we're
9 going to start by looking at FAC-000000104, page 16.

10 A. That's my son's birthday.

11 Q. So this is [REDACTED] 1980.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. So this is a letter, I think, from Mr Roberts to
14 Miss Fox, who is a psychologist, Central Regional
15 Council Child Guidance Service.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Do you remember seeing what Miss Fox said?

18 A. Yeah. I remember Miss Fox, yeah.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. She was brilliant.

21 Q. Sorry?

22 A. She was brilliant.

23 Q. Mr Roberts says in this letter:

24 "I would like to bring you up to date regarding my
25 most recent contact with the children, their mother and

1 also ... the cohabitee."

2 Then there's reference in the next paragraph to the
3 pre-arranged visit to Culthenhove on Wednesday, and then
4 if we go down to the next paragraph, the first part of
5 the next paragraph regarding "[blank]", that's not about
6 you, so if we just go down to the fourth line of that
7 paragraph, "to see him at the foster home around that
8 time", and then it says "concerning", and on the screen
9 you can see "[blank]" and "[blank]".

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. So:

12 "Concerning [you and your sister], they were quite
13 talkative and also a bit upset on the return car journey
14 to the farm on Wednesday, mainly about the FKA-FKG
15 management of them which they seem to view as harsh.
16 For example, they feel that they are always getting
17 rows, even more so than at home. Further, they stated
18 that FKA-FKG two sons often got them into trouble
19 on the farm or blamed them if anything went wrong there
20 or when they were out playing together. The children
21 also felt that FKA-FKG were inconsistent with them,
22 'They fall in with us and they fall out with us'."

23 Is that right?

24 A. Yeah, I'm saying falling in and falling out; I think
25 that's probably touching on them being nice in a sense

1 to try and just find an excuse to then bring it all back
2 down. Just -- aye.

3 Q. Okay.

4 "The former usually when, according to [you and your
5 sister], they are due to see their mother. Further,
6 [you] stated that [you] were frightened to say the wrong
7 thing in the foster home."

8 Is that right?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. "For example, call Mr FKG by his first name, which
11 Mr FKG dislikes, instead of uncle."

12 A. No, sorry, that -- sorry, that is -- we would never call
13 him by his first name. We would always call him
14 Uncle FKG but sometimes you would get a slap to the
15 face because he said you called him FKG He would say,
16 "Yous called me FKG".

17 Q. Right.

18 A. It was another excuse.

19 Q. Okay.

20 "Generally they appear to be unhappy at present
21 although this contrasts with their earlier and
22 apparently happier feelings about the placements and
23 they have even planned to run away, presumably to home.
24 I would be very grateful indeed if at some appropriate
25 time during your sessions with the children you could

1 pursue these concerns of [you and your sister] even
2 further. I have suggested to them that they raise these
3 anxieties not only with myself but also with you. The
4 FKA-FKG have not been informed of the children's
5 comments, which is what the children apparently fear
6 most. It may be necessary, therefore, for you to
7 reassure them that anything they say will remain
8 confidential to be passed on only to myself."

9 So that seemed to be the social worker's --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. -- explanation for what had happened --

12 A. He's a liar, because they came and said to us after that
13 night, "What have you been saying?" So ...

14 Q. Okay. I suppose it's possible that FKA-FKG might
15 have surmised from the length of time --

16 A. Yeah, I'm sorry I called him a liar. You're right.
17 There might have been other things said that -- he's
18 maybe probing them or something, I don't know. But,
19 I mean, he was there for 45 minutes and it just seemed
20 a bit suspect that we had spent the last hour telling
21 him things, and it's maybe unfair for me to assume that
22 that's what he was saying. But they definitely came in
23 and beat us up because they asked us what we'd been
24 saying. So I don't know if they've picked up on maybe
25 something he's said.

1 Q. Okay.

2 Now, if we can move on in this document, please, to
3 page 10, this is a review report, a review form. You'll
4 see Mr Roberts, date of review, 22 May 1980, and if we
5 go on to page 11, please, at (a) it says there:

6 "Although as before this is generally good, [you]
7 have of late indicated to the social worker that [you
8 are] frightened of FKA-FKG and that they are harsh
9 in the way that they treat [you] and also [your sister].
10 For example, he states that they are always getting
11 rows, not always because they start things. Further, he
12 stated that FKA-FKG fall in and fall out with
13 himself and his sister. The former usually relates to
14 the time when they are due to see their mother, and the
15 latter to other occasions."

16 So, again, that seems to be the social worker
17 summarising some of the things that you told him.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Now, if we go on, please, to page 13, at the "Future
20 plans" at the bottom of the page, we see that the
21 outcome of the future plans was:

22 "1. To retain [you] in the present fostering
23 situation;

24 "2. Introduce [you] to Miss Fox, educational
25 psychologist, for weekly sessions, including [your

1 brother and sister], to determine where [you] stand in
2 terms of family identity, personal identity and the
3 meaningful of his relationship with the foster parents."

4 Maybe "the meaningfulness of his relationship with
5 the foster parents".

6 And then there's reference to:

7 "3. Introduction of group sessions with [your mother
8 and her partner].

9 "4. Encourage [you] in the difficulties [you are]
10 experiencing with the foster parents in terms of their
11 interaction and attempt to remedy this where possible so
12 that in the event of him staying the situation can
13 progress but in the event of him leaving, he leaves
14 without guilt."

15 So these seem to have been the conclusions of the --
16 sorry, there's a fifth one:

17 "Try to determine through Miss Fox if [your]
18 difficulty with school work, in particular arithmetic,
19 is a result of [you] operating at a depressed level
20 because of unhappy living circumstances and general
21 emotional pressure."

22 So these seem to have been the things that they
23 decided to look at at that point in May.

24 If I can move back in this document, please, to
25 page 6, this is a meeting on, it says at the very end of

1 the document on page 9, 17 June 1980, and if we stay on
2 page 6, and at the top of the page, it's quite faint,
3 but it seems to be a meeting between Miss Fox, the
4 educational psychologist, somebody who's called
5 an organiser for children's homes, somebody from
6 Cultenhove, Ms Aitken, a senior social worker, and
7 Mr Roberts, who was your social worker.

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 Q. If we go to the bottom of this page, there's a heading
10 that's blanked out, and that's you.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. "In her contact with this child Miss Fox described him
13 as surprisingly adult and reasonable and secure. She
14 also described him as a very sad, troubled wee boy who
15 operated in a restrained, polite way, very aware, very
16 sad, struggling to control his anger and that his recent
17 running away has been very [if we go over the page] much
18 part of this. In her view, FKA-FKG are pushing
19 [you] into the running away situation."

20 And I assume from what you've said in your evidence,
21 you would agree with that.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. You were running away because of them.

24 A. (Witness nods).

25 Q. "He has had enough of FKA-FKG attitude towards him,

1 particularly the son, who really bugs him. Miss Fox
2 felt that [your] anger was just below the surface and
3 that he was likely, unless handled very carefully, to
4 explode. Apparently [you and your sister] are not
5 allowed to tell on the son, who in turn constantly tells
6 on them with FKA-FKG. These two children feel that
7 they have no recourse to justice. Apparently [you] get
8 into trouble from FKA-FKG for even complaining about
9 the son."

10 And I think that's consistent with the sort of thing
11 that you've been telling us about the interactions.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. "Miss Fox explained that [you] expressed graphically
14 that FKA-FKG are always telling [you] what's going
15 on in [your] head, telling [you] what [you're] supposed
16 to be thinking, and that [you are] blamed for what they
17 are suggesting to [you] that [you] might have done.

18 "[You have] worked out that it is better to admit
19 that they are right instead of having them continuously
20 go on at him."

21 Is that again consistent with what you felt at the
22 time?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. It says there you apparently:

25 "... dislike heartily calling FKA-FKG uncle and

1 aunt and this causes additional friction. There have
2 apparently been many threats of being retained in care
3 and smacking is used as a punishment."

4 Okay.

5 If it's okay, I'm just going to carry on reading
6 this.

7 A. Yeah, that's fine, yeah, yeah.

8 Q. I appreciate it's upsetting.

9 "[You] can apparently discuss in great detail the
10 fact that [you've] been to six different schools and
11 every permutation of lifestyle that [you've] been
12 through. On the day that [you'd] last run away from the
13 **FKA-FKG** home [you'd] been fighting with the brother, the
14 son, who had enraged [you] and [you] ran off because
15 [you] knew [you] would get into trouble. [You were]
16 apparently heading for Grangemouth pursued by the police
17 and eventually encouraged to return with a social worker
18 from the emergency duty team who assured [you] that he
19 would see [you] all right, but on their return to the
20 **FKA-FKG** the social worker had left immediately without
21 helping him to explain."

22 So you said in your evidence about the police doing
23 that and --

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. -- here it seems to be a social worker who has gone to

1 the house with you and left.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. "Since the last absconding he's apparently been told by
4 FKA-FKG that if he runs off again they would make
5 him the sorriest boy in the world."

6 Can you remember that --

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. -- type of thing being said to you?

9 "Apparently this boy lives in constant fear of the
10 unknown.

11 "Another incident raised by Miss Fox relating to
12 [you] had been on an occasion when Mrs FKA had got
13 into the car with [one of the sons] and [you] thought
14 [you weren't] getting a lift to school. Mrs FKA had
15 indicated to [you] to move back towards the car and he
16 walked around to the driving side door. At this point
17 she had driven away and left [you] standing."

18 A. (Witness nods).

19 Q. It then goes on that the son sets things up and:

20 "In his view of the son, [you] show a really
21 surprising degree of hatred."

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. "Miss Fox emphasised that this is a very unhappy boy
24 coping with a constantly nagging situation which is
25 always asking too much of him and is one in which he

1 just cannot cope."

2 So that's what this memo says in relation to you.

3 If I can just go on to something on the next page,
4 page 8, in relation to -- so at the top of the page,
5 it's referring to all of you, all of the children, and
6 then it talks about your sister, and there are points
7 there about your sister, and you'll see numbered points,
8 and then there's a paragraph just below the numbered
9 points beginning:

10 "Miss Fox volunteered the information that
11 apparently [your sister] has her face slapped quite
12 a bit and this fact has emerged twice spontaneously
13 while the three of them were working and playing
14 together in the play therapy session and that on one
15 occasion the child had a swollen eye. Apparently the
16 [REDACTED] FKA-FKG are responsible for the slapping."

17 So that seems to have been something that Miss Fox
18 had noticed and raised during a play therapy session --

19 A. Mm-hmm.

20 Q. -- in relation to your sister. And I think you told us
21 earlier in your evidence that you can remember your
22 sister being injured in that incident that you told us
23 about.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. I mean, this is just touching the surface of what went
2 on. This is just like sort of the main points.
3 I remember them humiliating [REDACTED]. She was obviously
4 just like entering puberty, and FKA [REDACTED] made her take her
5 pants down to check for hairs, you know what I mean? It
6 was just disgusting, asking her how many hairs she had.
7 It's just like ... a lot of this statement doesn't cover
8 half of what went on.

9 Q. You'll appreciate I'm just reading out certain aspects
10 of it.

11 A. No, I understand that, yeah.

12 Q. But we do have all of your records.

13 After this -- so we know that you were moved
14 ultimately or you left FKA-FKG [REDACTED] and I think you tell
15 us in your statement that there came a point that you
16 knew that you were leaving but it was delayed, it was
17 going to be in the future.

18 A. Yeah, I remember that night well. I mean, we had a few
19 strange encounters with FKA [REDACTED] There was one
20 night, I think she was clearly intoxicated. She had
21 just received two little kittens, like Siamese kittens,
22 and there was just this night that she had [REDACTED] and
23 I in the kitchen and she was sobbing her eyes out. You
24 know, this was after she had told us that we were
25 leaving. Sobbing her eyes out. And you'd think that we

1 had had the best relationship in the world, you know,
2 and we were leaving and she was so sad, and she says,
3 "These two little kittens are going to remind me of
4 you", and [REDACTED] and I were just looking completely and
5 utterly puzzled as to where this was coming from
6 because -- I mean, I've never thought about it before
7 but God knows what happened to them cats if we were
8 going to remind her of them, you know what I mean?

9 But, yeah, it was really, really bizarre that she
10 was saying this, you know, "I'm going to miss you", and
11 we were just thinking, "God almighty, we cannot wait to
12 get away from here. Why are you saying this when you
13 clearly hate us?"

14 But the night that we were told, she sat us down --
15 it was actually a Wednesday night, we were going to go
16 and visit our mum, and she sat us down and she says,
17 "We've just been informed" -- this was her words -- "that
18 in six weeks' time you are getting moved to
19 Weedingshall, which is a children's home in the Falkirk
20 area, and you are going to visit your mum tonight, but
21 when you come back, it will be the start of the
22 worst -- worst six weeks of your lives". She went, "In
23 fact, I think you'll be lucky to survive".

24 Going by everything that had happened before, we had
25 no reason to believe that she was lying or not telling

1 the truth. We honestly thought that within that six
2 weeks it probably would have been the worst six weeks of
3 our life and we might not have survived.

4 So that was the night that we decided to -- at the
5 point when it was time to get in the car with Jim to go
6 back to FKA-FKG, we just made a run for it. And
7 I was caught first, whereas [REDACTED] was like a whippet,
8 and I think they had to charm her out of the trees, to
9 be honest with you, and just -- I don't know what
10 happened that night. I mean, it was obviously
11 unbeknownst to us, what was going on in the background,
12 but that night they said, "Right, they're not going
13 back", and we went to a home in Bannockburn.

14 So we don't know what -- I mean, obviously you can
15 see what was going on in the background, and that's why
16 we never went back that night, because I think they must
17 have seen how terrified we were, that we weren't lying,
18 and that -- but to be honest, it came as a shock,
19 because why has it worked tonight, but all these other
20 times it hadn't worked? It's not until you look at your
21 records you realise why they never took us back, because
22 they were already sort of making moves and realising
23 that they were no good, these people, so ...

24 Q. I think again if we go back to the very start of this
25 document, to page 1, we see a minute of a case

1 conference. This is 26 August 1980. So this is after
2 you had moved.

3 A. Escaped.

4 Q. If we go to the second page of this and the first
5 paragraph, it says there:

6 "Staff indicated that [you say] nearly nothing about
7 [your] previous experience at FKA-FKG farm. On one
8 occasion when on his own with a member of staff he began
9 to talk about FKA-FKG, only to hear others returning
10 and broke off. Miss Fox indicated that [you live] in
11 constant fear of being returned to the farm and it needs
12 to be constantly reinforced that he will not be sent
13 there."

14 A. (Witness nods).

15 Q. So, again, that's consistent with what you've just
16 said --

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. -- about being terrified of there.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Of the farm. Okay.

21 Now, you tell us in your statement, I think, that
22 you saw a document which indicated that, after your
23 placement came to an end, FKA-FKG were not to be
24 foster parents again on a long-term basis.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. But might still be allowed to take babies.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. I wonder if we can look at that just briefly, please.

4 It's at CFS-000006114. This is a letter from
5 Mr Roberts, your social worker, to a Mr Ferguson,
6 a senior social worker in the Stirling area office,
7 dated 14 July 1980. It refers to FKA-FKG, and it
8 talks about you and your sister being placed with the,
9 FKA-FKG long term, and then there's reference to some of
10 the difficulties that had arisen.

11 If we go down to -- there's a paragraph -- yes, just
12 below the "Parental rights" one:

13 "FKA-FKG offered [you and your sister]
14 a stable, protected and secure home life for
15 approximately 15 months. During this time, the
16 children's school work improved, particularly in [your
17 sister's] case as she achieved a level of functioning
18 relative to her age and nearer to the class average than
19 previously. Further, the children were well cared for
20 physically. Liked the farm environment where they
21 helped with the animals at least once during their stay.
22 Spent a seaside holiday with FKA-FKG, which both of
23 them appeared to enjoy."

24 And then there's reference to you meeting the
25 extended family.

1 Now, I can tell from your evidence you probably
2 disagree with some of the things that are said there.

3 A. Yeah.

4 MS INNES: If we move on to the next section, it says:

5 "Gradually throughout this placement Mr and
6 Mrs FKA-FKG began to emerge as a couple who saw ..."

7 I don't know what the next word is --

8 LADY SMITH: I wondered if it was "preferred", Ms Innes.

9 MS INNES: It might be "preferred", yes:

10 "... fostering as an exclusive relationship with
11 children. Parental contact, while initially just
12 tolerated but hardly at all on latter occasions,
13 appeared to take second place to [you]. For example,
14 FKA-FKG informed me, quite early on in the
15 placement, that they did not wish their weekends
16 disturbed by [your mother] either on the telephone or
17 visiting -- neither did they wish to have visiting at
18 times other than the weekends."

19 So I think that's consistent with what you said
20 about the relationship in terms of contact.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. If we can go on over the page to the next page, page 2,
23 and the paragraph beginning:

24 "Regarding their management of the children, Mr and
25 Mrs FKA-FKG seemed over controlling and punitive. They

1 appeared to take a similar approach with their own
2 children. The report of the psychologist, Miss Fox,
3 which accompanies this memo, gives some examples of
4 [your] approach and [your] reaction and opinion."

5 And there's a report from Miss Fox.

6 And then at the second-last paragraph of the letter,
7 it says:

8 "FKA-FKG, while offering the children
9 a stable, secure if overprotected environment, impress
10 as self-centred, judgemental, opinionated and somewhat
11 authoritarian couple whose self-formulated and narrow
12 view of fostering relegates natural parents to
13 a secondary place in their consideration. Mr and
14 Mrs FKA-FKG also impress as being threatened by change or
15 are unable or even unwilling to adapt to new situations,
16 intolerant of disturbed behaviour in children and
17 somewhat punitive in their attempts to control it. It
18 would appear, therefore, that before this couple are
19 used again, they should be completely reassessed.
20 However, in the meantime and if FKA-FKG agree it may
21 be possible to use them for a pre-adoption placement,
22 babies only."

23 So I think that's the document that you were
24 referring to.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. And it appears that the social worker at the end of the
2 placement expressed some concerns about FKA-FKG
3 attitudes.

4 A. Yeah.

5 LADY SMITH: So have I got this right: a couple who have
6 been assessed as, as it says, authoritarian,
7 self-formulated with a very narrow view of fostering,
8 putting other parents in a secondary position in their
9 considerations and not being prepared to give them any
10 priority, are nonetheless being considered as suitable
11 to take babies pre-adoption, when you need people who
12 understand the importance of children's relationships
13 with those outside their home being built? Have I got
14 that right?

15 MS INNES: That seemed to be the conclusion --

16 LADY SMITH: Oh dear.

17 MS INNES: -- of that letter, my Lady.

18 LADY SMITH: Hm.

19 MS INNES: Now, if we can just move on to -- I'm not going
20 to look at anything else in the records, but I just want
21 to move on to one final topic with you, 'Patrick', and
22 that's the issue of reporting to the police.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. If we look at paragraph 49 of your statement, which is
25 at page 12, you said there that you reported the abuse

1 to the police on more than one occasion.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. And you tell us that on the first occasion you and your
4 sister reported the matter to the local police and you
5 were informed it would be investigated, and what
6 happened with the investigation on that occasion?

7 A. A complete disaster. We -- well, at my home there was
8 two officers arrived from -- I think they were called
9 from the family unit or something from Stirling Police,
10 and they took a statement, a detailed statement, from me
11 and then they took another statement from my sister, and
12 then they said, you know, obviously there was a lot
13 there to look at and they were going to investigate into
14 it, and I remember specifically they said to me, "Look,
15 don't contact us, this is probably going to take
16 anything -- you know, like about a year or whatever, you
17 know, we'll contact you", and I thought: okay, fair
18 enough, this must be the sort of due process.

19 So after about a year and a half, I think,
20 I thought: well, it's been a while. So I then phoned
21 the police and I said, "Look, is there any sort of
22 feedback on that?", and they says, "Yeah, well, the two
23 officers that were dealing with that, they've now moved
24 from the family unit and they're onto something else
25 now", and I went, "Right, so who's dealing with it

1 now?", and they were like, "Nobody", and I went, "So
2 what's being done about it?", and they went, "Nothing."
3 "Oh, right".

4 So, I mean, if I'd waited ten years, you know, it
5 would have taken me ten years to find out nothing had
6 been done, so I'm glad I only left it 18 months. So
7 I think it was at that point they then sent somebody
8 else to take another statement.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. It's quite hard to try and remember how it all went. At
11 that time, my daughter was really ill.

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. So they came and took another statement. But her
14 illness got really bad, so I kind of dropped the baton
15 a bit, you know what I mean, I had bigger fish to fry.
16 She was battling cancer and subsequently never made it,
17 so ...

18 Q. Okay. So there was a time that, after your initial
19 report to the police, you then spoke to them again, but
20 then we know that your daughter was very ill and
21 subsequently died, and you were obviously focusing on
22 that.

23 A. (Witness nods).

24 Q. And there came a time later on you say that you
25 contacted the police, I think, or the Procurator Fiscal

1 in about 2007 to try to find out what was happening.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. And you tell us there that you got a letter from the
4 Procurator Fiscal that said no charges were being
5 brought against you?

6 A. Against me, yeah.

7 Q. Is that what the letter said?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Did you do anything about that at the time or did you --

10 A. Yeah, I ripped the letter up and I think I swore.

11 I told my wife how useless I thought they were. And
12 again, at that point you just feel completely let down.
13 And when you go through this kind of process of
14 reporting and nothing getting done and constantly being
15 let down by people, you kind of get to a point where
16 you've just had enough, and you just -- you just say sod
17 it, you know what I mean? It kind of sucks your energy.
18 It drains you mentally, physically, trying to get
19 something done. So, yeah, I just felt it was a complete
20 and utter waste of time.

21 Again, I think it wasn't until Operation Yewtree
22 with Jimmy Savile -- I watched Jimmy Savile go to his
23 grave without facing justice, obviously, the things
24 didn't come out until after he died. That then sort of
25 re-energises you, invigorates you to go and pick up the

1 baton again and get something done.

2 So, yeah. Then I called the police again and made
3 another complaint and they took another statement. As
4 it turns out, it was the same guy, the same police
5 officer that turned up to take the second statement, and
6 it was on the same date years later, 19 February.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Which was quite bizarre. But -- so he kind of got the
9 ball rolling again, and I was then informed by the
10 police that the first time -- sorry, to let you
11 understand, the first time around, they had actually --
12 I don't know if they arrested FKG, they possibly
13 did, and took him in and charged him with child abuse.
14 They then obviously made their report and sent it to the
15 Procurator Fiscal. And this is -- the letter was about
16 when I was asking what was happening, and basically what
17 did happen was that the fiscal just said there was no
18 further action to be taken.

19 When I then spoke to the police, I think it was
20 in -- was it 2007, was it?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. They said that -- they assured me that the fiscal didn't
23 even look at the evidence. They knew that the fiscal
24 never looked at the evidence and that the decision was
25 just off-the-cuff, because there was no reason why they

1 shouldn't have looked at it, and they says that the
2 amount of evidence that we had against FKA-FKG
3 FKA-FKG they said was ample enough to prosecute
4 them. They says, "You've been completely and utterly
5 let down by the fiscal, your rights have been violated,
6 you never had the right to appeal the decision, they
7 never even had the decency to get back into contact with
8 you". Even though I was trying to contact them, they
9 then sent me a letter saying there would be no charges
10 brought against me.

11 So it was really, really tough, and a bitter pill to
12 swallow, to realise there was enough, sufficient
13 evidence to prosecute, and the fiscal just decided that,
14 no, no further action to be taken, for whatever reason
15 that they chose.

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. So ...

18 Q. And then I think the fact that Mr FKG had been spoken
19 to before then, did that have an impact on the next time
20 that the police --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- there was an investigation and then proceedings?

23 A. He was obviously rearrested again, and I think possibly
24 charged again with child abuse, but then I was actually
25 told by the fiscal, because I was having regular

1 meetings with them, and they did say to me that his
2 lawyer or any lawyer worth their salt will get him off
3 with this because of the delay issue, to the simple fact
4 that he was spoken to -- I think at that point it was
5 like 11 years previous and nothing was done about it,
6 and they says any lawyer worth their salt will get him
7 off with this, and that's exactly what happened.

8 It was deemed it was against his human rights to
9 treat him like that, you know, poor lamb, that, you
10 know, he should be spoken to and charged with child
11 abuse and nothing done about it, then to be spoken and
12 charged again, you know what I mean? It was deemed to
13 be unfair.

14 Q. Okay. So you were told by the fiscal the second time
15 round that that was a possibility?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. And then that happened at the --

18 A. Yeah. He went to court and that's what the judge
19 basically said, that, you know, "It's unfair on you".

20 Q. How did you feel after that decision was made?

21 A. Lady Smith, I'm just going to tone it down because I was
22 absolutely fuming, raging. To let you understand,
23 I mean, as you have probably imagined, from being born
24 to even up to the present day, I've been let down by
25 every single adult in my life, and I thought this was

1 a chance, you know, finally to get him, and completely
2 let down again by the fiscal, by -- yeah.

3 I've had meetings with the fiscal since and they
4 grovel to me. They go, "Oh, we're really, really sorry,
5 you know, we blew your chances and you weren't afforded
6 your rights at the time". But it's now -- I'm left now
7 to carry on with my life knowing full well that
8 ██████████ will never ever be brought to justice for
9 this, because the fiscal screwed it up. They completely
10 and utterly screwed it up.

11 They then -- they were kind of going after ██████████,
12 who now lives in Spain, and they've had an international
13 arrest warrant or extradition notice on her for a few
14 years now, maybe five or six years, and I've then had
15 a letter and a meeting with the fiscal again saying, you
16 know, it's a bit unfair to keep that going on her for so
17 long as well, so they've dropped that as well.

18 LADY SMITH: They dropped it --

19 A. Yeah, they dropped it, yeah, yeah. They say it's kind
20 of unfair to keep it going on, you know, endlessly, you
21 know. Ah, it'll just go on endlessly, you know. But
22 they didn't want her -- they didn't want that hanging
23 over her head. So, yeah.

24 LADY SMITH: Do you have any idea how old she'd be now?

25 A. Pardon?

1 LADY SMITH: Have you any idea how old FKA would be now?

2 A. On the day that FKG went to court, I was told not to
3 attend, but I did, because I thought if I was ever going
4 to face him in court, that I wanted to try and get the
5 measure of him first, just to see what he was like,
6 because in my mind he's a monster, he's a big, big man,
7 and as crazy as this sounds, when you go through
8 an experience like that, you always think in the terms
9 of that wee boy that went through it. You never ever
10 look at it in the sense that you're an adult now and
11 you'd probably be able to strangle him if he came near
12 you.

13 But -- so I wanted to see him and see what he looked
14 like, so I wasn't looking at him -- just like I came
15 here on Monday to have a look at this place to
16 familiarise myself, I just wanted to familiarise myself
17 with him, and just turned out he's a pathetic old man.

18 Anyway, to get to the point, when I looked at his
19 name on the board, he was only sort of mid 60s, which
20 was a big surprise to me, because when I added it up,
21 I thought they must have only been in their early 20s
22 when they fostered us. So assuming that FKA is
23 roughly the same age as him, then I don't even think
24 she'd be 70 yet.

25 LADY SMITH: Right.

1 A. I mean, I'm 52, nearly, and -- I just can't understand
2 how they were only in their 20s.

3 LADY SMITH: I see what you mean.

4 MS INNES: I think that's the most recent contact that
5 you've had with the fiscal, 'Patrick' --

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. -- in relation to their decision in relation to --

8 A. I mean, in my mind, I don't know if I'm finished with
9 him, Ruth. You know what I mean? I don't know if --
10 I was just so completely and utterly let down by them
11 and ... I'm now left to try and muddle on through,
12 soldier on through, and just try and find a way to deal
13 with the fact that I'll never get them to justice
14 because of them. You know what I mean? I'll never get
15 FKA-FKG. But I feel that -- I don't know if I'd
16 have some kind of vengeance on them -- not vengeance,
17 that's a bit of a strong word, you know what I mean, but
18 some kind of -- I don't know, kind of redress or
19 something, I don't know. I'm just -- I'm totally
20 raging, fuming.

21 This letter that I received about her is just like
22 a month ago, so I'm now dealing with the fact that
23 she'll never be -- I mean, I actually said to the fiscal
24 at the time, "So you're now dropping it, so if she'd
25 come into the country yesterday, she'd have been

1 arrested at the airport, but if she comes tomorrow,
2 she'll be fine, you'll just let her go through, because
3 yesterday it was not on but today you're fine, on you
4 go, go and see your family?"

5 Q. And I think you feel that's arbitrary.

6 A. Yeah. Yeah.

7 MS INNES: Well, thank you very much for your evidence and
8 for the evidence in your statement --

9 A. You're welcome.

10 MS INNES: -- 'Patrick'. I don't have any more questions
11 for you and there are no applications, my Lady.

12 LADY SMITH: Are there any outstanding applications for
13 questions of 'Patrick'?

14 'Patrick', that does complete all the questions we
15 have for you this afternoon. Thank you so much for
16 engaging with us as you have done, and I'm well aware of
17 the fact that your statement was given some years ago
18 now --

19 A. Yeah.

20 LADY SMITH: -- to us, and you've had to wait some years to
21 come and give evidence --

22 A. Yeah.

23 LADY SMITH: -- simply because of the order in which --

24 A. No, no, I understand.

25 LADY SMITH: -- we decided to investigate and present

1 evidence on different types of care. That can't have
2 been easy, I get that. But thank you for sticking with
3 us and for being prepared to come here today and make
4 your evidence really come alive. I do appreciate
5 everything you're saying about being angry and let down,
6 and thank you for your clear and difficult descriptions
7 of what happened to you as a child, but the clarity with
8 which you've been able to give them has helped me
9 enormously, so thank you for that.

10 I've kept you an hour beyond when I hoped we would
11 be able to let you go.

12 A. That's fine. I've waited six years. It's fine.

13 LADY SMITH: Well, it's very understanding of you. I am now
14 able to let you go and I hope have a restful evening.

15 A. Thank you very much.

16 LADY SMITH: Thank you so much for everything you've done to
17 help us.

18 A. Okay, thanks.

19 (The witness withdrew)

20 LADY SMITH: Now, a quick name check. Of course we've used
21 [REDACTED] FKA-FKG names. They're the foster carers. The
22 witness used his sister's first name and names of other
23 children in the foster home have also been referred to,
24 but they are all of course protected by my general
25 restriction order and the identities are not for

1 repetition outside this room.

2 Now, Ms Innes, I think we've finished the evidence
3 for today?

4 MS INNES: We have, my Lady. Apologies that we've gone well
5 beyond the normal closing time.

6 LADY SMITH: That's quite all right.

7 MS INNES: Tomorrow we start with a witness giving evidence
8 by WebEx.

9 LADY SMITH: Yes.

10 MS INNES: And then we have two other oral witnesses, all of
11 whom are applicants.

12 LADY SMITH: Very well.

13 I'll rise now until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

14 Thank you all.

15 (5.06 pm)

16 (The Inquiry adjourned until 10.00 am
17 on Thursday, 11 August 2022)

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